

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

April 10, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 and was called to order by Robert L. Ferry at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Ferry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ms. McAbee, Mrs. Pantlik, Messrs. Lepidi, Kline, Dworin and Jurewicz. Also present were Mayor McKenna, Robert W. Goehring, Police Chief Park, Daniel Duerring and Donna Perry.

SPECIAL MINUTES – There was a motion made by Ms. McAbee and seconded by Mr. Kline that the minutes of the Special Meeting held March 5, 2012 regarding the Westinghouse subdivision be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Kline and seconded by Mrs. Pantlik that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 13, 2012 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR – There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. Lepidi to accept the report. The motion was unanimously approved. Mayor McKenna briefly discussed the shooting that occurred at the Blackridge Civic Association during a recent birthday celebration. Council was presented with a modified list of guidelines for the rental contract. Chief Park stated that he met with representatives of the BCA to help formulate the new rules. Also, he advised the Fire Chief is going to perform an inspection for safety in regard to maximum capacity of occupancy and have it posted inside the building and to establish a fire lane for emergency vehicles. Ms. McAbee stated the one new guideline that needs to be changed is that if the police are called for any reason other than a medical emergency the \$500 damage deposit shall be forfeited. She cited there are other valid circumstances whereby the police would need to be called.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Robinson stated the Fire Department had 19 calls in March making the year to date total 55. One significant call was at the corner of Greensburg Pike and Margate Road. A vehicle lost control on Greensburg Pike and hit the front of the house.

A newsletter will be released in May and we will highlight the road and sewer work projects scheduled for the summer. Also, general reminders regarding garbage can storage, grass cutting, property maintenance issues, etc. will be addressed.

There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that these reports be accepted and filed as presented.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Duerring reported that real estate taxes at face for the month of March were \$255,095.87, less discounts of \$5,101.67 for a total \$249,994.20. The balance collectable is \$1,106,831.00.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Duerring read the following report for the month of March, 2012. It showed the following:

<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>O/S CHECKS AND DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>ENDING CASH BALANCES</u>
REGULAR ACCOUNT	749,988.11	743,797.62	646,257.20	847,528.53
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,334.80	10.39	-0-	158,345.19
ROAD & HIGHWAY	134,136.50	138,839.56	69,717.92	203,258.14
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	64,038.53	256,482.25	264,135.31	56,385.47
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	10,908.78	1,661.87	100.74	12,469.91
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,242.68	3,086.00	6,328.68	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	854.62	840.76	1,695.38	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	580.73	90.00	-0-	670.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,850.00	1,850.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month of March and have it reproduced in the minutes.

**EARNED INCOME TAX
DEED TRANSFER**

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX – Mr. Robinson reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector reported the collection of \$21,777.62 for the month of March.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$2,182.04 for the month of March.

There were no delinquent taxes collected in March.

There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved that the reports be filed.

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Prior to listening to members of the audience, Mr. Ferry advised that Sid Schreiber passed away recently. He served as Assistant Treasurer for the Borough and was a fixture at our meetings, including the workshop meetings. His input on various issues was always appreciated. He will be missed and a proclamation will be prepared and presented to his family.

Mr. Gottlieb of Marbury Road stated about a week ago there was a raccoon that was shot by one of our police officers. He questioned if they just assume the animal is rabid because it's acting strange. Chief Park responded that there is an alert out regarding rabid raccoons and the Allegheny County Health Department wants them destroyed and sent to them to be tested.

Mrs. Gottlieb of Marbury Road stated she was a little disappointed that Council was unable to establish a precedent for some contribution from the employees for the employee health benefits package during the police negotiations process.

She also noted that the newsletters have been outstanding, but noted that the Easter bunny route in the last newsletter did not include her street.

The Redd-Up at the park is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 and everyone is invited to attend.

The Churchill Area Environmental Council scholarship winner was Rebecca Love from Forest Hills. She noted she would like to see a student from Churchill win the award in the future.

Mr. Jurewicz commented on the raccoon issue that Mr. Gottlieb addressed. He informed that he and a couple neighbors hired a professional exterminator last year to trap nuisance animals, specifically skunks at the time. They didn't get any skunks, but did capture about 12 raccoons and a couple ground hogs. He stated the Allegheny County Health Department requires that the animals be euthanized. Mr. Robinson further noted that raccoons are nocturnal and if you see one during the daylight there is something wrong with them.

PAY THE BILLS – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$281,822.18. There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4231 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mayor McKenna advised that the Bunny Parade was very successful. They

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had an abbreviated tour route this year. The Fire Department was unable to participate and that was disappointing, but Officer Kujava was able to help on the tour route by leading the procession.

The Mayor thanked the road crew for cutting down the grasses at the Churchill Commons lot. The first weeding battalion gathered on March 31 and they got a good start on getting the lots ready.

Mr. Jurewicz extended kudos to the Recreation Board on the Bunny Parade. He participated in the parade and rode in the car with the Mayor. He also noted that contrary to some beliefs that Churchill is a retirement community, we do have a lot of children.

Mrs. Pantlik thanked Linda Steed from Hampstead Drive who serves as the bunny and does a fabulous job. She further thanked Officer Kujava and admired the manner in which he interacted with the children. The Recreation Board not only passed out candy, but also passed out plastic eggs that contained a coupon for the child to receive a free book from the CC Mellor Library. She informed that Recreation Board President, Diana Yankes, will be posting pictures from the day on their facebook page.

She encouraged everyone to participate in the community service day to clean up Bullock Pens Park.

Mr. Kline addressed all the advertising signs that are posted in yards and Borough right-of-ways. He stated we need to clamp down on this issue.

Mr. Lepidi thanked Mrs. Gottlieb for her comments on the police contract. He expressed his opinion that Council needs discussion from the taxpayers on issues. He encouraged the residents to attend the Council meetings.

He noted that Sid Schreiber attended the meetings on a regular basis and always stated his opinions politely and succinctly.

Mr. Ferry informed that he will be out of the country for the May meeting and that Council Vice President Mr. Lepidi will be chairing the meeting.

Mayor McKenna advised that Bill Henninger will be doing a presentation on the history of Kennywood and encouraged everyone to attend. He asked everyone to promote this event to their neighbors because it is very interesting and informative.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, May 7, 2012.

CRAIG A. ROBINSON, SECRETARY