

**BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235**

Minutes of Meeting

September 13, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 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 Mrs. Mozer, Ms. McAbee, Messrs. Lepidi, Farrell, Kline and Dworin. Mayor McKenna was absent. Also present were Robert W. Goehring and Police Chief Park.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mrs. Mozer and seconded by Mr. Farrell that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 9, 2011 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR – There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor’s Report be accepted and filed as presented.

At last month’s meeting, Mr. Lepidi noted that police activity has been down especially due to school being out for the summer. He questioned Chief Park how the first couple weeks have been at the school and the Chief reported things have been quiet.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Robinson stated the William Penn Highway project should be completed by next Friday. They completed storm sewer work, concrete was poured today and then the topping of asphalt will be done.

There was a water line break on Holland Road and the temporary repair of the road was unacceptable. He explained he did contact Wilkesburg-Penn Joint Water Authority about this condition and was assured the permanent restoration would be done soon.

The Fire Department had a quiet month with only 9 calls in August compared to 31 calls in July.

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

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Mr. Robinson reported that the amount of real estate taxes collected at face for the month of August were \$1,692.24, plus penalties of \$169.22, for a grand total of \$1,861.46. The balance collectable is \$182,704.55.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of August, 2011. 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	1,270,058.06	448,970.35	439,121.25	1,279,907.16
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,217.22	18.86	-0-	158,236.08
ROAD & HIGHWAY	141,745.61	16.78	-0-	141,762.39
BUDGETARY RES. FUND	9,828.12	1.17	-0-	9,829.29
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	56,769.26	106,065.58	123,222.45	39,612.39
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	17,543.51	4,886.50	4,885.00	17,545.01
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,265.85	3,174.42	6,440.27	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	840.76	851.85	1,692.61	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	700.73	-0-	300.00	400.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,700.00	1,700.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mrs. Mozer and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector’s Report and Treasurer’s Report for the month of August 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, Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co., reported the collection of \$48,071.90 for the month of August.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$1,612.10 for the month of August.

Jordan Tax Service collected delinquent real tax in the amount of \$10,781.83 for the month of August.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS – NONE

AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT EARNED INCOME TAX –

There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote, with the exception of Mr. Farrell who was absent from the room, to enter into an agreement with PA Municipal Service Co. to collect delinquent earned income tax for 2011 tax year and prior.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO. AT THE DELINQUENT EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTOR –

There was a motion by Mr. Dworin and seconded by Mr. Lepidi to adopt Resolution No. 4208 designating PA Municipal Service Co. as the collector for delinquent earned income taxes for the 2011 tax year and prior. Roll Call Vote was as follows: Mozer – Yes, McAbee – Yes, Dworin – Yes, Kline – Yes, Farrell – Abstained (re-entered room during motion), Lepidi – Yes, and Ferry – Yes. Vote passed with majority vote.

BILLS – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they total \$317,979.04. There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Farrell and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4209 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mrs. Mozer mentioned that everyone should be receiving their newsletter shortly. The Churchill Chargers Team will participate in the Alzheimer’s Walk at the Pittsburgh Zoo on Saturday October 1. If successful, they plan to continue to support a charitable organization each year thereafter.

Mr. Lepidi spoke on the past, current and future financial condition of the borough. Our two largest revenue items are real estate tax and earned income tax. With the unresolved countywide assessment it is somewhat difficult to obtain a valid assessed valuation of the whole borough for budget purposes. A five-year summary for these two items shows that there has not been much fluctuation. (Summary is a permanent part of the minutes.)

The current three-year police contract expires December 31, 2011 and negotiations have been underway.

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Over the past five plus years any surplus we had has been greatly diminished. For 2011, we borrowed \$550,000 via a tax anticipation loan and may have to borrow even more for 2012. With reduced surplus, increased borrowing, and a possible increase in a new police contract, Council may have no choice except to increase millage.

In summary, Council's budget decisions in the next few months will have a big impact on the Borough's financial situation.

Mr. Ferry basically concurred with Mr. Lepidi's assessment that hard decisions will have to be made.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, October 10, 2011 at 7PM.

**CRAIG A ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY**