

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

Minutes of Meeting

November 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 and was called to order by Robert L. Ferry at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was not present and the only additional member of Council present was Mrs. Mozer. Ms. McAbee and Messrs. Lepidi, Farrell, Kline, and Dworin were absent. Also present were Robert W. Goehring, Craig A. Robinson and Donna J. Perry. Mr. Duerring was also absent.

Since there was a concern that Council would not have a quorum at this regular meeting, Council conducted various actions of business at the Workshop Meeting held on Monday, November 7, 2011 in order to comply with the Borough Code requirements to adopt the 2012 Budget in a timely manner in December.

MAYOR'S REPORT – It was a quiet month for the most part, including activity at the high school.

Unfortunately, on Halloween there was a death in the Borough and since the Police Department usually has extra men on duty during this evening, it continued to be a safe night for the children.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson reported that the road crew has been busy picking up leaves and we are also getting ready for winter. He cautioned everyone to be careful with the increased deer activity.

Mrs. Mozer questioned the remaining scheduled timing for leaf pick and was informed that Monday, November 7, 14 and 21 are the last three dates.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Jack Reilsano of Creekedge Drive has been a resident for 35 years. He addressed the recent Republican Committee flyer that was mailed to residents and stated there were things he didn't like about it. He voiced his opinion that Churchill and Sewickley Heights have the two best police departments in the country. He stated he has a heart condition and several years ago the police department saved his life during a snowstorm by leading the way to Shadyside.

He further stated the other services in this borough are wonderful. He had another incident in the past whereby a tree from the Blackridge Civic Association property fell down across the front of his home blocking the driveway on a Sunday. Craig Robinson and

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his men came down and removed the tree. He commended everyone that is a part of the service providers in this community.

Henry Beamer of Churchill Road requested Council consider the possibility of installing a street light at the curve on Churchill Road whereby the road begins to descend to the stop sign at Nottingham. He stated people travel this area at high rates of speed noting that school buses are some of the worst offenders. Discussion ensued and Council agreed to investigate this situation.

Joan Gottlieb questioned the tax implications to the Borough with the Westinghouse sales agreement. Mr. Ferry stated that the Borough received deed transfer tax amounting to approximately \$55,000. Westinghouse eventually wants to subdivide the property. Right now there is a lot of speculation. The property is currently assessed at \$22,000,000 and we could lose some of that depending on a potential reassessment. Council is keeping a close eye on the situation, but we have to wait and see what their plan will be.

Milton Gottlieb questioned how the property is zoned. He was advised that it is currently zoned Commercial 1 and we always continue to control the zoning.

FIRST READING OF 2012 BUDGET – Mr. Ferry read the first reading of the Proposed 2012 Budget. It showed anticipated revenues of \$2,317,702 and expenditures of \$2,422,263 for a deficit of \$104,561 that would be covered by the anticipated cash balance of \$342,654.

Mr. Ferry discussed a few items and stated that at this point with the budget, Council wants to keep the millage at its current rate, but a millage increase of one mill would cost the residents approximately \$10 per month. This budget includes the elimination of one police officer. We have been in negotiations with the police and things are moving slowly.

Mrs. Mozer felt that an increase in millage is not the end of the world and if it means not eliminating an officer she would be in favor of it.

ADJOURN – Mr. Ferry adjourned the meeting.

CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY