

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

Minutes of Meeting

January 13, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, January 13, 2020. The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, Yankes, Greco, and Messrs. Collins, DeFranco, and McDowell. Also present were Mayor Gamrat, Manager Donna Perry, Chief Ronald M. Akerley, and Solicitor David Mongillo.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of December 2, 2019 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motions were unanimously approved.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read his report for December, 2019 regarding police activities of interest and importance. Mayor Gamrat informed Council of the letter Officer Shell received from a resident for his professionalism and compassion he demonstrated during an incident at their home. There was a motion made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Mayor’s report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Ms. Perry gave the Manager’s Report. She stated that Duquesne Light Company will be replacing the transformer in the rear of the borough building and the work in progress will be in effect for several months.

Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department Report. There were 15 calls for the month, 376 for the year and 22 more calls than the previous year. There were no significant calls for the month of December.

There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Ms. Greco that the Manager and Fire Department Reports be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Ms. Perry read the tax collector’s report. Total taxes collected for December to January 12, 2020 at face were \$16,101.10, plus penalties of \$1,488.67, and less face exonerations of \$51.19. Total net collected was \$17,540.54.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of December, 2019 was previously presented to Council. 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	\$754,996.64	\$458,045.44	\$514,680.40	\$698,361.68
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	\$209,012.55	\$155.21	\$0.00	\$209,167.76
ROAD & HIGHWAY	\$210,204.69	\$126.28	\$67,606.15	\$142,724.82
SEWAGE AGENCY	\$341,819.32	\$79,525.15	\$272,511.61	\$148,832.86
SPECIAL ACCT.	\$1,888.62	\$5,000.00	\$4.01	\$6,884.31
POLICE PENSION FUND	\$0.00	\$3,463.31	\$3,463.31	\$0.00
EMPL. PENSION FUND	\$0.00	\$835.76	\$835.76	\$0.00
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00

There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Law that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurer’s Reports be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

EARNED INCOME TAX
DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Ms. Perry reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$68,332.85 for the month of December, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$52,509.38. Mr. Collins stated the reason for the increased amount collected for the Deed Transfer Tax included the sale of Westinghouse property at 1310 Beulah Road.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$662.70 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Yankes that the Earned Income Tax, Deed Transfer, and Delinquent Real Estate Tax Reports be filed as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Mr. Greg Halemba, 1059 Black Forest Road, questioned Council as to where we stand pertaining to the storm water issues and if there is any progress with Gateway Engineers for a plan to address these issues. Council concluded that the Borough Office will contact Gateway Engineers and organize a meeting to establish a plan in the near future.

MOTION TO AWARD THE BOROUGH BUILDING BOILER BID – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to award the Borough Building Boiler Bid to East West Manufacturing & Supply Company in the amount of \$67,200, based upon recommendation from Gateway Engineers and review by our solicitor. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO EXONERATE THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR - A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes to adopt Resolution No. 4489 to exonerate the Real Estate Tax Collector in the amount of \$47,894.05 for 2019 Unpaid Real Estate Taxes. The motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS – Ms. Perry read the bills for January, 2020 totaling \$222,724.66. A motion was made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt Resolution No. 4490 to pay the bills. Mr. Dworin stated there was only one bill in excess of \$15,000 or more for this month and it was Alcosan (Sewage Service) in the amount of \$33, 325.08. The motion was unanimously approved.

AROUND THE TABLE – Each member of Council expressed their concerns to Mr. Halemba pertaining to the storm water issues. Also, Council wanted to congratulate Officer Shell for a job well done on assisting a resident in need.

ADJOURN – There was a motion made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Ms. Law to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. The motion was unanimously approved.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary