

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

March 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, March 11, 2019 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, and Yankes, and Messers. McDowell, and Collins. Also present were Manager Donna Perry, Mayor Gamrat and Solicitor David Mongillo. Ms. Greco and Mr. DeFranco were absent.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of February 4, 2019 and the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read his report for February, 2019 regarding police activities of interest and importance. There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Mayor’s report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Zatlin, read the Fire Department report. There were 27 calls for the month and 57 for the year. Under the Manager’s report, Ms. Perry said that the Borough building needs a new boiler. The estimated cost is between \$25,000 to \$30,000 dollars and was budgeted. There was a motion by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Manager and Fire Department reports be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Ms. Perry said there was no Tax Collector’s report because the bills just went out.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of February, 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	411,405.07	1,122,994.38	1,215,021.95	319,377.50
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	309,061.93	131.38	.00	309,193.31
ROAD & HIGHWAY	102,459.64	46.62	.00	102,506.26
SEWAGE AGENCY	315,122.85	71,952.86	16,018.88	371,056.83
SPECIAL ACCT.	2,767.81	2,767.81	2,767.81	2,767.81
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	927.44	927.44	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	3,312.79	3,312.79	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, and seconded by Mr. McDowell that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurer's Report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

EARNED INCOME TAX
DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Ms. Perry reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$54,975.92 for the month of February, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$2767.67.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$2,565.26 in delinquent real estate taxes.

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

ACTION ITEM – Diana Yankes talked about the progress of the deer study and a proposed timeline.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Lowell Mate of 27 Churchill Road asked if Edgewood Country Club was on the schedule for a public deer hunt. He talked about the Churchill charter school and played audio from the President of Braddock Borough Council regarding another charter school that was approved in the district.

Ken Balkey of 2007 Hampstead Drive spoke on the tree committee and their progress with the proposed ordinance.

R.F. Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road talked about a need for a change in communication to be proactive instead of reactive.

Mike O'Brien of 2326 Marbury Road spoke on behalf of the recreation board. He talked about the Savvy Citizen app as a means of communication.

Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road talked about communication during the recent snow/wind storm and a Waste Management problem with bulk pick up.

Danielle Weaver of 880 Graham Blvd. asked if we would be painting lines in the upper parking lot.

Angelo Bordogna of 3320 Longbow Drive came to discuss a problem with the Tax Collector not depositing his tax payment in a timely manner.

Chad Blair of 1625 Old Beulah Road talked about four houses including his that have been impacted by water.

Keith Carlson of 1913 Beulah Road asked about a warming center the next time the power is out.

Lynn Szurelej of 1629 Old Beulah Road said that water is coming inside and outside of her house. She said any help she can get would be deeply appreciated.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$365,332.06. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell to adopt Resolution No. 4463 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$23,159.94 (February road maintenance), The Gateway Engineers - \$21,711.07 (prof. serv., road pavement and consent order), Alcosan – \$149,572.48 (sewage service). The motion was approved unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. McDowell said that he was disappointed to hear about the basketball game incident at the school but thanked the police for taking care of it. He thanked the citizens for coming out and said there were a lot of important things discussed.

Ms. Yankes thanked the residents for coming out and speaking up and was moved hearing the audio on the charter school.

Mayor Gamrat publicly thanked everyone for the well wishes when he was ill. He applauded Lowell Mate for his efforts with the charter school. He said communication is a problem and we all have to work on it. He also said that it's been great working with the new Police Chief, Ron Akerley.

Mr. Collins thanked everyone for coming out. With regard to the tax situation, it is something we have to deal with. The police and fire departments were very busy with the recent wind storm. We have to do a better job getting out information on emergencies.

Ms. Law thanked everyone for coming out tonight. She thanked Ken Balkey for his work on the tree committee. Ms. Law said that we have to address the water situation on Old Beulah Road and that communication has been an issue for a while and we have to work through it. Regarding the tax collector, we don't have power over other elected officials. We will be addressing these things. With regard to the charter school situation, what goes on at the school board is not our jurisdiction.

Mr. Dworin said it is wonderful to have citizens here at the meetings. He talked about the proposed Churchill charter school and the recreation board budget. Mr. Dworin said the recreation board is doing a great job and all are looking forward to the upcoming community day. He suggested scheduling a meeting with the Old Beulah Road residents experiencing the water problem.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary