

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

April 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, April 8, 2019 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, Greco and Yankes, and Messers. McDowell, and DeFranco. Also present were Manager Donna Perry, Mayor Gamrat and Solicitor David Mongillo. Mr. Collins was absent.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. McDowell that the minutes of the Churchill Environmental Council Meeting on April 23, 2018, the Workshop Meeting of March 4, 2019 and the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read his report for March, 2019 regarding police activities of interest and importance. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Greco 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 35 calls for the month and 92 for the year. Under the Manager's report, Ms. Perry said that the sewer projects have begun, CCTV work and manhole to manhole lining. Sealing and striping of both parking lots will start in early May. There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. McDowell 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 read the tax collectors report. Taxes collected at face were \$317,580.00 less discounts of \$6,331.00 for total collections of \$311,250.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The following report for the month of March, 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	323,159.11	691,254.90	556,189.40	458,224.61
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	309,193.31	277.56	.00	309,470.87
ROAD & HIGHWAY	102,586.25	106,195.99	.00	208,782.24
SEWAGE AGENCY	371,056.83	72,282.83	165,067.65	284,272.01
SPECIAL ACCT.	2,767.81	60.00	60.00	2,767.81
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,146.89	3,146.89	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	927.44	927.44	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-

There was a motion by Ms. Law, and seconded by Ms. Greco 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 \$71,315.94 for the month of March, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$1,517.73.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$1,879.92 in delinquent real estate taxes.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road spoke about information she received from R. F. Culbertson regarding low school district scores.

Ken Balkey of 2007 Hampstead Drive said he wanted to thank everyone for the work they did on the tree ordinance and talked about educating the citizens on this.

Sharon Portser of 1529 Williamsburg Place said that since her street is going to be paved this year she is concerned about Peoples Gas doing any work on it. She asked if we knew if any work was scheduled.

MOTION TO AWARD 2019 ROAD PAVING BID – A motion was made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. McDowell to award the 2019 road paving bid to El Grande Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$381,882.50 for the base bid and \$85,337.50 for the alternate 2 bid for Thornberry Drive for a total of \$467,220.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO REAPPOINT DANIEL ZAJDEL TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to reappoint Daniel Zajdel to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term, expiring 04-30-2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE INTENT TO ADOPT A TREE COMMITTEE – A motion was made by Ms. Greco and seconded by Ms. Law to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance establishing a tree committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISEMENT OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 188 (“FIREARMS”) - A motion was made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to approve the advertisement of an ordinance amending Chapter 188 (“Firearms”) of the code of the Borough of Churchill to update regulations regarding firearms and hunting. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING AND PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NOTICES FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 304 (“ZONING”) – A motion was made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. McDowell to schedule a public hearing and provide the required notices for an ordinance amending chapter 304 (“Zoning”) of the code of the Borough of Churchill to add provisions designating unlisted uses in the zoning ordinance to be permitted as conditional uses and establishing associated criteria. The motion was approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$185,505.63. There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Resolution No. 4464 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$21,845.22 (March road maintenance), The Gateway Engineers - \$15,002.00 (prof. serv., road pavement and consent order). The motion was approved unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE – Ms. Greco thanked Ken Balkey for all of his work on the tree committee. She said she is encouraged by big and small development in the school district and the plan is encouraging.

Mr. DeFranco said that regarding the schools, it is a good sign that we are proactive now. He said it won't be an overnight process. He thanked Ken Balkey and the education committee.

Mayor Gamrat thanked everyone for coming out tonight and especially Ken Balkey for his work on the tree committee. He said that the school testing scores that were talked about are not always accurate and combined with all education levels.

Mr. McDowell thanked Ken Balkey and the tree committee. He said a lot of hours and research went in to this. Regarding education, he said that from everything he is hearing and seeing, we are moving in the right direction.

Ms. Yankes said there are a lot of good things happening in the Borough. She said there is a facebook page for the Bullock Pens Park and suggested everyone take a look at it and use the sight to post positive things.

Ms. Perry said that on Garden Terrace the gas company is replacing gas lines and the water company is doing that next. The road paving bids came in higher than we expected. All of our balances will be depleted.

Ms. Law said that regarding the schools, we are not the school board but it is important for us to be involved. She urged that residents go to the Woodland Hills School District website and read about the plan for the district. She complimented Chief Akerley on the drug bust at Pace school and said it was really great work. She said we made a good choice in choosing him for the position.

Mr. Dworin commended the hard work of the community. With regard to the school, he said that we have spent quite a bit of time with them and he feels encouraged. Their forthrightness on information is new and hope it translates into improvements. We have three major parcels to be developed and the future of Churchill will be a part of this. We are hoping to see quality development. We are still working on a park.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Greco to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary**