BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL 2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting <u>December 9, 2019</u>

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, December 9, 2019. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - COMCAST FRANCHISE RENEWAL - Transcript attached.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of November 4, 2019 be approved as previously presented. There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Greco that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 11, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motions were unanimously approved.

<u>MAYOR</u> – Mayor Gamrat read his report for November, 2019 regarding police activities of interest and importance. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. McDowell 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. The tower located in the rear of the building had to be removed due to extreme wind on November 27th. The tower toppled oven and caused approximately \$4,000 of damages to the Borough Building. All the sewer work in the borough has been completed and a storm drain on Nottingham Drive needs to be replaced at a cost of \$40,000.

Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department Report. There were 21 calls for the month, 361 for the year and only one assist to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Company at a house fire.

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.

<u>REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR</u> – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Ms. Perry read the tax collector's report. Taxes collected at face were \$3,501.15, less discounts of \$42.89, plus penalties of \$135.69, and less face exonerations of \$535.25. Total net collected was \$3,058.70.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The following report for the month of November, 2019 was previously presented to Council. It showed the following:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	RECEIPTS	O/S CHECKS AND DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING CASH BALANCES
REGULAR ACCOUNT	\$801,363.01	\$1,087,198.49	\$1,141,003.75	\$747,557.75*
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	\$208,868.03	\$144.52	\$.00	\$209,012.55
ROAD & HIGHWAY	\$210,059.34	\$145.35	\$.00	\$210,204.69
SEWAGE AGENCY	\$299,951.96	\$70,990.70	\$29,123.34	\$341,819.32
SPECIAL ACCT.	\$2,388.32	\$.00	\$500.00	\$1,888.32
POLICE PENSION FUND	\$.00	\$3,349.46	\$3,349.46	\$.00
EMPL. PENSION FUND	\$.00	\$781.18	\$781.18	\$.00
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,800.00	\$.00

There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurer's Reports be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was unanimously approved. (*R.E. Tax Deposit of \$3,058.70 was included in Tax Collector's November Report, but did not clear at PNC Bank until December 2, 2019 – November Regular Account Cash Balance - \$750,616.45.)

EARNED INCOME TAX

DEED TRANSFER

<u>DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX</u> - Ms. Perry reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$53,593.44 for the month of November, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$8,124.20.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$13,216.52 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco 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 unanimously approved.

<u>LISTEN TO VISITORS</u> – Mr. Brian Sinciline of 3315 Scathelocke Drive and his two sons, Rocco and Harris attended the meeting as a requirement of earning a Merit Badge from their Boys Scout Troop.

<u>BUDGET HEARING</u> – Mr. Dworin announced that the Regular Meeting would be recessed to conduct a Budget Hearing for the 2020 Budget. A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to recess the Regular Meeting to open the Budget Hearing at 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Collins read the 2020 Proposed Budget. The amount appropriated for various functions were as follows:

	NET ANNUAL REVENUES	
1.	R.E. TAX - CURRENT, PRIOR & LIENED	1,834,347
2.	·	585,000
3.	R.E. TRANSFER TAX	40,000
4.	LOCAL SERVICES TAX	25,000
5.	MISC. SOURCES (FINES, PERMITS, INTEREST, ETC.	200,430
6.	LIQUID FUELS TAX REIMB. (STATE)	101,201
7.	GRANTS, GIFTS, TRANSFERS, CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>314,700</u>
	TOTAL REVENUES	3,100,678
	EXPENDITURES	
1.	PAYROLL	1,050,151
2.	EMPLOYEE FRINGE BENEFITS	593,406
3.	COMPENSATION (AUDITORS, TAX	14,048
4.	DEBT SERVICE	6,000
5.	OPERATING EXPENSES & SUPPLIES	172,614
6.	GARBAGE AND RUBBISH COLLECTION	41,000
7.	SNOW AND ICE CONTROL	130,000
8.	MAINTENANCE (STREETS, BUILDING, CARS, ETC.	290,100
9.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	259,000
10.	RENTALS - SEWERS, HYDRANTS, STREET LIGHTS	19,800
11.	POLICE CARS AND EQUIPMENT; FIRE TRUCK	57,000
12.	CONTRIBUTIONS - FIRE CO., AMBULANCE, COG	16,350
13.	CAPITAL OUTLAYS (ONE-TIME)	<u>743,000</u>
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,392,469
	EXCESS (SHORTAGE) REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES	(291,791)

There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt the 2020 budget. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 753 SETTING THE 2020 MILLAGE RATE – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt Ordinance No. 753 to set the 2020 millage rate at 7.48. Ms. Law commented that it has become necessary for the increase in the millage due to the infrastructure, road paving, and the new boiler. Mr. Collins commented that we need to work on the future of the Westinghouse Property to help increase the tax base. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to close the Budget Hearing at 7:25 P.M. and proceed with the Regular Meeting.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2020 – A motion was made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to advertise the 2020 meeting dates. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO RE-APPOINT RICHARD KERCHNER – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Resolution No. 4483 to re-appoint Richard Kerchner to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term to expire December 31, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO RE-APPOINT KELLY STOUFFER – A motion was made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. McDowell to adopt Resolution No. 4484 to re-appoint Kelly Stouffer to the Recreation Board for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO RE-APPOINT SCOTT STONEBRAKER – A motion was made by Ms. Greco and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Resolution No. 4485 to re-appoint Scott Stonebraker as Emergency Management Coordinator for a 2-year term to expire December 31, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND ZONING OCCUPANCY PERMIT FEES AND BUILDING PERMIT FEES – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Greco to adopt Resolution No. 4486 to amend Zoning Occupancy Permit Fees and add an Administrative Fee to the Building Permit Fees. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO APPOINT ANGELA O'TOOLE – A motion was made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Ms. Law to adopt Resolution No. 4487 to appoint Angela O'Toole to the Civil Service commission for a 6-year term to expire December 31, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE BOILER – A motion was made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Collins to re-advertise for bids for the boiler replacement for the Borough Building. The motion was approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell to adopt Resolution No. 4488 to pay the bills in the total amount of \$559,686.83. Mr. Dworin stated that following bills in excess of \$15,000 or more for the month of November were Alcosan (Sewer Service) in the amount of \$138,374.64, El Grande (Road Paving) in the amount of \$67,606.15, HUB International HDH (Police Professional & Public Officials) in the amount of \$18,766.00, Insight Pipe Contracting (Sewer TV & Cleaning) in the amount of \$31,844.62, Soli Construction (Excavation Sewer Repair) in the amount of \$81,570.69, and Vigliotti Landscape & Construction (Nov. Road Maint.) in the amount of \$16,694.03. The motion was unanimously approved.

AROUND THE TABLE - Council thanked all the visitors for attending the Council Meeting and hoped to see them return in the future. Council commented on the tax millage increase for the Budget, which is due mainly to the declining infrastructure, road improvements, sanitary & sewer repairs, and the boiler replacement. They feel if they stay on a steady track to make necessary repairs each year, it will pay off in the future. Also, Council wished a Happy Holiday to all.

<u>ADJOURN</u> - There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 P.M. The motion was unanimously approved.

Donna J. Perry Borough Secretary

1	BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL, PENNSYLVANIA
2	PUBLIC HEARING
3	RE: COMCAST CABLE)
4	FRANCHISE RENEWAL)
5	PUBLIC HEARING in the above-entitled matter
6	recorded by Theodore E. Wawrzyniak, Registered Merit
7	Reporter-Notary Public, at the Borough of Churchill
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9	Pittsburgh, PA 15235 on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00
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3	ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL:
4	JAY H. DWORIN, PRESIDENT
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7	DONALD B. DeFRANCO, MEMBER
8	NORMA A. GRECO, MEMBER
9	ADAM P. McDOWELL, MEMBER
10	DIANE J. YANKES, MEMBER
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13	DAVID J. MONGILLO, SOLICITOR
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MR. DWORIN: Okay. If we can stand for the 1 pledge of allegiance, please. 2 3 (Pledge of allegiance recited) 4 5 MR. DWORIN: Welcome to the holiday season 6 meeting today because it is December. Tis the season. 7 Tis the season. Welcome everybody. 8 We're here for the December meeting. Let's 9 get to some regular business at this time regarding some 10 meeting minutes. I'm sorry. I'm so off my base. 11 So we're going to go straight to a public 12 hearing and I apologize. 13 This is first on the Comcast franchise 14 renewal, am I correct? 15 MR. MONGILLO: That's right. 16 MR. DWORIN: So if we could enter in, I will 17 turn to you for any description, what we got to do and 18 what we have. 19 MR. MONGILLO: I quess to make a motion to 20 open a public hearing. 21 MS. LAW: So moved. 22 MR. DWORIN: Entertain a motion to open the 23 public hearing? 24 MS. LAW: Right. 25

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The Borough has hired Cohen Law Group to review the public comments and respond appropriately.

We will now open the hearing to citizen comments.

MR. DWORIN: Solicitor, at this time we would open the hearing so we can hear any comments regarding the Comcast franchise renewal.

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(No response)

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MR. DWORIN: Let the record show that there are no comments from the public today.

MR. MONGILLO: All right.

MR. DWORIN: At this point we then --

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> MR. DWORIN: Okay. At this time I entertain a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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MR. DWORIN: Thank you, Ms. Law. Is there a 24

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MR. COLLINS: Second. MR. DWORIN: Thank you, Mr. Collins. And as such do we require a vote? MR. MONGILLO: I think we're good with that. (Public Hearing concluded at 7:05 p.m.)

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) 1 County of Westmoreland 2 I, Theodore E. Wawrzyniak, Registered Merit 3 Reporter-Notary Public, in and for the Commonwealth of 4 Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the Public Hearing 5 was taken at the time and place stated herein; and that 6 said Public Hearing was recorded stenographically by me 7 and then reduced to typewriting under my direction, and 8 constitutes a true record of the statements given 9 herein. 10 I further certify that I'm not a relative, 11 employee or attorney of any of the parties, or a 12 relative or employee of the Borough of Churchill, and 13 that I am in no way interested directly or indirectly in 14 this matter. 15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my 16 hand and affixed my seal of office this 26th 17 2019. 18 Theodore E. Wawrzyniak, Notary Public-Registered 19 Professional and Merit Reporter. 20 21 22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal Theodore E. Wawrzyniak, Notary Public Westmoreland County 23 My commission expires November 7, 2023 Commission number 1175230 24 Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

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BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL, PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC HEARING

RE: COMCAST CABLE

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MR. DWORIN: Thank you, Ms. Law. Is there a

I further certify that I'm not a relative, employee or attorney of any of the parties, or a relative or employee of the Borough of Churchill, and that I am in no way interested directly or indirectly in this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my 16 hand and affixed πy seal of office this ____ day of ___, 2019. 18 19

Theodore E. Wawrzyniak, Notary Public-Registered Professional and Merit Reporter

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