

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

January 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, January 8, 2018 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Yankes, Greco, and Law, Messers. Collins, DeFranco, and Mayor Gamrat. Mr. Jurewicz was absent. Also present were Police Chief Roch Kujava, Manager Donna Perry, Fire Chief Ralph Zatlin and Solicitor Gavin Robb.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Law that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of December 4, 2017 be approved as previously presented. There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Law that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2017 be approved as previously presented. The motions were unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read his report for December regarding police activities of interest and importance. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco, and seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor's Report be accepted and filed.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department report: 19 calls for the month, 285 year-to-date. That is 25 more than last year. There were two significant incidents – A Duquesne Light utility truck into a house on 3848 Henley Drive and a vehicle accident on the parkway with entrapment.

Under the Manager's report, Ms. Perry said that the blue recycling bins from Allied Republic will be collected this Saturday, January 13, 2018. If you still have your bin please put it out at the curb on Friday night. We will have a bid opening for the borough building handicap entrance project at the TCVCOG Office Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. If anyone has anything to submit for the spring newsletter, the deadline to forward information to the Borough is February 28, 2018. There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. DeFranco and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Manager & Fire Department reports be accepted and filed as presented.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Ms. Perry read the Tax Collector's Report. Taxes collected at face were \$9,492.64 plus penalties of \$927.63, for a total of \$10,420.27. Balance collectable is \$35,389.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The following report for the month of December, 2017 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	781,487.83	347,158.26	429,687.46	698,958.63
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	240,921.06	9.57	.00	240,929.63
ROAD & HIGHWAY	144,688.05	5.75	.00	144,693.80
SEWAGE AGENCY	225,543.92	267,911.11	420,019.14	73,435.89
SPECIAL ACCT.	13,327.00	.33	0.00	13,327.33
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,629.48	3,629.48	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	904.80	904.80	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	3,629.48	3,629.48	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, and seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Real Estate Tax Collector & Treasurers Report be accepted and filed as presented.

EARNED INCOME TAX
DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Ms. Perry reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$66,608.45 for the month of December, 2017.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$2,836.61.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$1,890.67 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Earned Income Tax, Deed Transfer, and Delinquent Real Estate Tax reports be filed.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Cathy Youngo, 2427 Greensburg Pike read a letter stating her dissatisfaction with the new garbage and recycling contract.

Margie Darbut, 1503 Williamsburg Place voiced her concern about not being able to place loose garbage bags out for pick up with Waste Management.

April Kline – 18 Holland Road said that the roll out of the new garbage and recycling services was not handled properly and she has several issues with it. She also said that there is no dialogue between the council and residents during the listening to visitors part of the meeting.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4432 - Solicitor Robb said this resolution ensures compliance with Emergency Management procedures. Ms. Law made a motion to adopt Resolution 4432 implementing the National Incident Management System. Mr. DeFranco seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous Voice Vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4433 - Ms. Law made a motion to adopt Resolution 4433 approving Mary Lou Duerring as Deputy Tax Collector for Churchill Borough. Mr. DeFranco seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous Voice Vote.

MOTION TO RATIFY THE BILLS – Mr. Collins made a motion to ratify the bills in the amount of \$201,105.75 that were paid after the December 11, 2017 meeting. Ms. Law seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous Voice Vote.

MOTION TO AMEND THE EXONERATION AMOUNT OF THE UNPAID 2017 REAL ESTATE TAXES – Mr. DeFranco made a motion to amend the exoneration amount of unpaid 2017 real estate taxes from \$41,464.52 to \$35,386.23. Mr. Collins seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous Voice Vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4435 – Ms. Yankes made a motion to adopt Resolution 4435 expressing opposition to House Bill 1620 entitled the “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill”. Mr. DeFranco seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous Voice Vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4434 – Ms. Greco made a motion to adopt Resolution 4434 securing a bond for the Real Estate Tax Collector. Ms. Yankes seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous Voice Vote.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE ASSISTANT TREASURER – Ms. Law made a motion to accept the resignation of the Assistant Treasurer, Harry J. Tuminello, effective Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Ms. Yankes seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous Voice Vote.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$243,490.85. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Resolution No. 4436 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were \$16,725.91 – Vigliotti Landscape & Construction for December road maintenance, \$29,444.83 – Alcosan for sewage service. The motion was carried by unanimous Roll Call Vote.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. Collins thanked the residents for coming and airing their concerns regarding the Waste Management roll out. He said it will take some time to work itself out and it is worth our while to listen to the complaints. He hopes to open the dialogue with the residents more.

Ms. Yankes thanked Cathy Youngo for her letter addressing the garbage.

Mr. DeFranco said that we're all dissatisfied with the transition of the garbage but we are working on it. He addressed April Kline's comments regarding the dialogue with residents during the meetings. We will continue to try and have a more open discussion.

Ms. Law said that she lives in Blackridge and reiterated that we can't discuss details on a crime when it is still under investigation. She said the roll out of Waste Management was very difficult but that we will work it out. Ms. Law said that everyone on our council and staff is approachable at all times. She said we don't deserve to have people talking on social media about problems in the borough without talking to council or the office administration first. It's a disservice to this community and it doesn't help when we are trying to attract investors and new home owners to the Borough and increase property values in the area. She mentioned a long time resident, Michael Parniak, who passed away December 23, 2017. She said he volunteered his time and service to the Borough and we are all grateful and extend our condolences to his family.

Mayor Gamrat said he is glad the residents came out to voice their concerns about the garbage. He said this did not roll out well. The staff is addressing the concerns and eventually we will have it all ironed out. Regarding the police incident, we can't publicly talk about it, while it's under investigation. The chief has assured him that this was not a random act. He thanked Mr. Zatlín for taking control of the roads during the bad weather.

Mr. Dworin addressed the Blackridge police situation saying he was also told it is under investigation and he will not violate that by talking about it. With regard to the garbage he said he was not happy with the roll out; but, we do not have a dishonest agenda that we are not sharing. He said we are doing the best we can to get you what we think is best for the community. He said the bids are public and that we are also upset when things don't go as planned. Mr. Dworin also said that people who have a disability and are not able to bring their garbage bins to the curb should call the Borough office and let them know. He also said that there will be a town hall meeting on February 15, 2018 at the Borough building at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Greco and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary