

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

May 14, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, May 14, 2018 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Yankes, Greco, and Law, and Mr. Collins and Mayor Gamrat. Mr. DeFranco and Mr. Jurewicz were absent. Also present were Officer in Charge William Pleins, Manager Donna Perry 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 April 2, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Greco that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Public Hearing of March 5, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Town Hall Meeting of March 27, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICER CHRISTOPHER SHELL – Mayor Gamrat performed the swearing in of Officer Christopher Shell.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read his report for April, 2018 regarding police activities of interest and importance. There was a motion made by Mr. Collins 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 23 calls for the month and 110 for the year. There were two significant calls, a roll over at William Penn and Graham and a two alarm structure fire on Ivy Street in Edgewood. Under the Manager's report, Ms. Perry said there are two projects going on at the Borough building that will prohibit entrance to the front of the building. There will be signs posted to direct visitors to use the rear entrance. This will be ongoing for about three to four weeks. The specs for the road paving project should be in at the end of the week. We will be ready to open and award bids in June. The

road crew is doing hot patch and it is ongoing. There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Manager report 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 Collector’s report. Taxes collected at face were \$1,076,986.00 less discounts of \$21,540.00 with an overpayment of \$785.00 refunded for a total of \$1,056,231.00. The balance collectable is \$265,358.90.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of April, 2018 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	630,438.92	2,091,288.57	1,155,398.63	1,566,328.86
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	240,960.67	10.23	.00	240,970.90
ROAD & HIGHWAY	249,368.35	10.55	.00	249,378.90
SEWAGE AGENCY	145,341.91	236,937.39	173,469.59	208,809.71
SPECIAL ACCT.	13,218.37	55.35	.00	13,273.72
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	4,208.86	4,208.86	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	927.44	927.44	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	2,050.00	2,050.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, and seconded by Ms. Law that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurers 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 \$22,657.00 for the month of April, 2018.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$2,621.00.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$10,267.00 in delinquent real estate taxes.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road asked about the fire sirens. She heard them all weekend and wondered why they were going off.

Ruth Anne Balkey of 2007 Hampstead Drive asked about the removal of oak trees on Royal Oak Manor. She asked if council would consider instituting a permit process before any trees are removed.

April Kline of 18 Holland Road complimented the office staff on the use of email to alert residents for different things going on in the borough and also thanked Mr. Zatlin for filling the potholes on her street. She also mentioned that the Route 30 closure has increased traffic in Churchill and would like to see speed monitored, especially school buses and garbage trucks. She asked about the rain garden project, where it was located and is the person it was awarded to experienced with rain gardens.

Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road said that the Bullock Pens park road has been patched. If weather is permitting, Saturday May 19th is the park event. It is 11:00-1:00 with a walk on the park trail and a hot dog lunch.

Margie Darbut of 1503 Williamsburg Place said McCrady Road has so many holes in the right lane that people are forced to drive in the left lane. It is not on the list for paving projects.

Andy Blenko is not a Churchill resident but wanted to let everyone know that David Blausen, a former volunteer ambulance attendant with Wilkins-Churchill Rescue One who died in the line of duty, will be inducted into the National EMS Memorial in Oxon Hill, MD on May 19, 2018. He also asked that we remember and say thank you to the EMTs and paramedics that serve our communities during EMS week, May 20-26, 2018.

Michael Beckadic 2215 Harmain Road talked about the house at 2244 Harmain Road. He said that cars are constantly parked on both sides of the house, trash on the street, 15 cars on the property, just a mess and was hoping the Borough could do something about it.

Bill Henninger of 15 Holland Road said that he appreciated all the work that Council does for the Borough. He would like to have a deer committee update. Where do we stand with this now?

MOTION TO APPOINT APRIL KLINE AND NORMA GRECO TO SERVE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL FOR A SIX YEAR TERM – There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to appoint April Kline and Norma Greco to serve on the Environmental Council for a six year term. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 52 (“HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION”) – There was a motion by Ms. Greco and seconded by Ms. Law to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance establishing a new Chapter 52 (“Human Relations Commission”). The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 4443 FOR THE SALE OF THE 2009 DODGE CHARGER TO THE CITY OF MCKEESPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,500 - There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Law to adopt resolution 4443 for the sale of the 2009 Dodge Charger to the city of McKeesport in the amount of \$10,500. The motion was approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$216,317.51. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Greco to adopt Resolution No. 4444 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were \$16,258.76 - Vigliotti Landscape & Construction for April road maintenance, \$32,000.00 – W.S. Darley and Company for the new fire truck. The motion was approved unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. Collins said there is an opening on the planning commission. We want to get resumes to get this going.

Ms. Yankes said the deer sub-committee met in May and recommended we do a cost estimate for a feasibility study. She gave a report from the CONNECT annual meeting held in April. Pertinent resolutions include: creating a dedicated staff to aid in the opioid crisis, and improve outreach services to local residents, especially the elderly shut-ins. Another resolution addresses the increased violence, using lethal weapons that is eroding trust in our institutions and which unaddressed, will further overload our first responders. A working group has been formed to keep tabs on the problem of dramatic decrease of qualified emergency and fire personnel including volunteer and paid. Finally is CONNECT’s endorsement of tree ordinances, particularly our rapidly diminishing shade trees or canopy throughout the County.

Ms. Greco said she is not able to open her windows because of the numerous loud and speeding trucks, particularly Waste Management garbage trucks.

Mayor Gamrat thanked the residents for coming and voicing their opinions. He has been in touch with the code enforcement officer regarding the situation on Harmain road. He thanked Mr. Zatlín for his crew's work in the Borough and William Pleins for taking over as Officer In Charge. He also thanked Mr. Henninger for his help picking up trash on the roads, cutting grass, etc.

Ms. Law said we hear the roads are a nightmare. It takes money and is very frustrating. Please understand we are working to do everything we can about the roads. Norma Greco is our new education committee chair and will have input in hiring the new school superintendent.

Mr. Dworin said thank you to everyone for coming out and that he values all of you.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary