

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

August 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, August 13, 2018 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, Greco and Yankes, and Messers. DeFranco, and Collins. Mayor Gamrat was absent. Also present were Officer in Charge William Pleins, Manager Donna Perry and Solicitor David Mongillo.

Mr. Dworin read a proclamation for Raymond G. Jurewicz.

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 July 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 July 9, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat was absent. Officer in Charge William Pleins talked about police activities of interest and importance for July 2018. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Yankes that the Mayor's Report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Under the Manager's report, Ms. Perry gave an update on the road paving. Longbow Drive was budgeted for \$67,000 and is now costing \$175,000. It is tentatively scheduled to be done next week. The road crew is still performing patch work on our streets. The ADA project is near completion and the automated system for the doors will be installed next Monday. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the workshop meeting will be on Monday, September 10, 2018 and the business meeting will be held Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department report. There were 25 calls for the month and 205 for the year. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes 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 Collector’s report. Taxes collected at face were \$31,124.00 plus penalties of \$246.63 less exonerations of \$394.73 for a total collectible of \$30,975.90.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of July, 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	1,642,799.90	304,826.87	384,762.98	1,562,863.79
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	208,989.13	9.16	.00	208,998.29
ROAD & HIGHWAY	249,399.32	10.89	.00	249,410.21
SEWAGE AGENCY	227,956.43	245,994.77	203,008.46	270,942.74
SPECIAL ACCT.	26,750.96	4,502.86	8,626.70	22,627.12
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,291.38	.00	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	713.90	713.90	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, and seconded by Mr. Collins 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 \$23,199.32 for the month of July, 2018.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$9,844.10.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$2,606.06 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Greco 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 – Chad Blair of 1625 Old Beulah Road asked about the status of the Peoples Gas property, when the bus shelter on Beulah Road would be complete, the cans that are still at the Westinghouse property and the status of the tree trimming project. He also said the water runoff on Beulah Road has stopped.

Ken Balkey of 2007 Hampstead Drive complemented everyone on the Recreation Board for the recent Community Day event. He said it was very successful.

Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road donated a wireless microphone to the Borough and talked about the deer problem.

R.F. Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road talked about the paving work done on Nottingham Drive and asked for an update on the deer situation and the hiring of a new superintendent for the school.

April Kline of 18 Holland Road spoke of the passing of Raymond Jurewicz, the bioswale, paving of upper Holland Road and drains clogged on the parkway.

Ilona Tassone of 3314 Scathelocke Road talked about the candidate for the open Council seat.

Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road spoke about Raymond Jurewicz and his dedication to the Borough and would like to start a fund in his honor to beautify the Bullock-Pens Park.

Michael Beckadic of 2215 Harmain Road spoke of the Code Enforcement Officer and the condition of the houses on Harmain Road.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR OPEN BOROUGH COUNCIL SEAT – There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to advertise that Borough Council will be accepting letters of interest and resumes from residents who are interested in serving on the Borough Council for the unexpired term of Raymond G. Jurewicz by August 24, 2018.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR SPECIAL MEETING – There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to advertise a special meeting that will be held on September 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to interview and subsequently appoint the person thereafter to fill the vacant Borough Council seat.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$190,170.63. There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt Resolution No. 4452 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month was Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$21,658.48 (July Road Maintenance). The motion was approved unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE – Ms. Greco acknowledged Ken Balkey on the tree commission project.

Mr. DeFranco said that the Recreation Board did a tremendous job on Community Day. He said that Raymond Jurewicz cared about the community and fought hard for what he believed in. He was an inspiration to all of us. He said that he was originally against the deer culling and now has an open mind about it and is awaiting the survey results.

Ms. Law said that Raymond Jurewicz served on a number of committees and was the most formidable debater. She is grateful to him and his commitment to this community and said that he will be greatly missed. She said that the tree committee is doing a beautiful job. She said that the Recreation Board did a remarkable job with the Community Day.

Mr. Collins said that Raymond Jurewicz is really going to be missed. He was an initiator of new ideas and going forward will be hard to replace. With regard to the Code Enforcement Officer, unfortunately the people we had were lacking and he is hoping the new one will work with us to correct some of these issues. We are trying but have to stay within the limits of the law.

Ms. Yankes said that the Community Day was awesome and was a dream of Raymond Jurewicz.

Mr. Dworin said that the Community Day was amazing. He spoke about Raymond Jurewicz and said he always had a plan. He wanted recycling from day one. He said that he was a friend to many and his partner on Council and will be missed.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary