

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL  
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

November 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, November 12, 2018 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in a moment of silence for the Tree of Life Synagogue and then the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law and Yankes, and Messers. McDowell, Collins and DeFranco. Ms. Greco was absent. Also present were Mayor Gamrat, Manager Donna Perry and Solicitor David Mongillo.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat talked about police activities of interest and importance for October 2018. He also thanked Scott Stonebraker for putting together the new sound system. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Law 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 said that the new bus shelter at Beulah and McCrady roads is complete. We appreciate and would like to thank Robert Amore for paying for the labor and materials for the foundation and pad for the bus shelter that was provided by Port Authority. We would also like to thank Beulah Presbyterian Church for allowing the installation on their property. The road crew is working on the roads with the leaf vac truck. In the absence of Mr. Zatlín, Mr. Stonebreaker read the Fire Department report. There were 27 calls for the month and 299 for the year. There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins 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 \$3,021.63 plus penalties of \$240.53 less exonerations of \$1,156.69 for a total collectible of \$2,105.47. Balance to be collected is \$46,127.00.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - The following report for the month of October, 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	1,539,646.44	456,848.41	817,898.32	1,178,596.53
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	209,015.18	9.45	.00	209,024.63
ROAD & HIGHWAY	224,429.74	10.10	224,439.84	224,439.84
SEWAGE AGENCY	253,367.47	165,482.87	114,510.98	304,339.36
SPECIAL ACCT.	22,502.76	.79	.00	22,503.55
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	194,081.46	194,081.46	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	194,081.46	194,081.46	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-

There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, and seconded by Mr. McDowell 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 \$26,485.99 for the month of October, 2018.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$313.65.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$1,469.80 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, seconded by Mr. Collins 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** – William Crowley of 3 Lear Drive said there is a coyote problem in the Borough. He wanted to alert Council and residents and see what could be done about it.

R.F. Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road wanted to know where we were with the deer situation.

Lowell Mate of 27 Churchill Road wanted to know where we were with the Human Relations Commission. He asked how many members would be on the commission, would there be interviews and what would the process be. He also asked about the title for the Shaffer school.

April Kline of 18 Holland Road talked about the progress of the rain garden and thanked Donna Perry for her help and support with it. She also talked about cars speeding in Churchill, especially Churchill Road and the deer problem.

Wende Mate talked about the deer problem and asked if we could put something on the website regarding both the coyote and deer problems. She also asked how the stormwater management ordinance will affect property values.

OFFICER HENZLER 25 YEARS – The Mayor read a proclamation for Officer Jeffrey G. Henzler in recognition of 25 years of service as a police officer in the Borough.

MOTION TO ADOPT A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt Ordinance No. 745 to update the Stormwater Management plan . The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT AUDITORS PROPOSAL FOR A 3 YEAR CONTRACT – A motion was made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt the three year contract with Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood to conduct the annual audit for 2018, 2019 and 2020. The motion was approved unanimously.

FIRST READING OF THE PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET – Mr. Collins gave the first reading of the proposed 2019 budget.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THAT THE PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to advertise that the proposed 2019 budget is available for public inspection. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE 2019 MILLAGE RATE – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance to set the 2019 millage rate. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO SET POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION RATE – A motion was made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Ms. Law to set the police pension contribution rate at 5% for 2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE A TCVCOG MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR POLICE – A motion was made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve a memorandum of understanding to participate in active shooter training for police from TCVCOG. After discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Yankes to table the said motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$304,423.08. There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt Resolution No. 4456 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$20,957.37 (October Road Maintenance). The motion was approved unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. McDowell said thank you to the residents for coming tonight. He said a special thank you to the Police and to Mr. Crowley for letting us know about the coyote problem.

Ms. Yankes said that they are working on a wildlife feeding ban ordinance and that it will help to address some of the deer issues. She said they are also working on the deer study and that deer crossing signs have been ordered. They can only be put on Borough owned roads.

Mr. DeFranco said he is thrilled that the resource officers have had two months without an incident at the school, hats off to them. He also asked, regarding the deer situation, can we coordinate with neighboring communities on this and likes the idea of having a police car on Churchill Road.

Mayor Gamrat thanked April Kline for her work on the rain garden. He said that he is aware of the coyote problem but hasn't seen them and hopes we can move forward to control this. Officer Pleins took him over to the school recently and they did a walk through. It seemed very calm and orderly. He looks forward to more good reports.

Mr. Collins thanked Scott Stonebraker on the new sound system, the police on a job well done and April Kline for her efforts on the rain garden. He didn't realize about the coyote problem but agreed we have to do something on this. He urges Council to move forward on the deer problem.

Ms. Law said she is grateful to Mr. Crowley for bringing the coyote problem to our attention. She did not know about it. We will do our own research on how to deal with this and let residents know. She also thanked Lowell Mate for letting us know about the title research for Shaffer school and thanked April Kline for her work on the rain garden.

Mr. Dworin thanked everyone for coming and to all his fellow veterans. To April Kline's point, Government grinds slow. He said to be patient with us, we will work on the coyote problem as quickly as we can.

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

Donna J. Perry  
Borough Secretary