

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

June 12, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, June 12, 2017 and was called to order by Mr. Jurewicz at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Jurewicz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, Yankes, Moore, Mr. Collins and Mayor Gamrat. Mr. Dworin was late and arrived after the acceptance of the meeting minutes. Mr. DeFranco was absent. Also present were Police Chief Kujava, Manager/Secretary Donna J. Perry and Solicitor Gavin Robb.

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Yankes to accept the Public Hearing Minutes of May 1, 2017 held at 6:30 p.m. regarding an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to signs. Mr. Jurewicz abstained and the remaining members of Council voted to accept and be approved as previously presented.

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Moore to approved the Workshop Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Jurewicz abstained and the remaining members of Council voted to accept the minutes and be approved as previously presented.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Ms. Moore to accept the Special Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing candidates to fill the council vacancy. Mr. Jurewicz abstained and the remaining members of Council voted to accept the minutes and be approved as previously presented.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Jurewicz abstained and the remaining members of Council voted to accept the minutes and be approved as previously presented.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Ms. Law to accept the amended Special Meeting of Minutes of May 26, 2017 to appoint a council member to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Riehl. Mr. Jurewicz abstained and the remaining members of Council voted to accept the amended minutes. There was an error in the originally prepared minutes regarding the vote of Mr. Dworin. His vote was recorded as a no for Mr. Kline, but was actually a yes.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor's Report be accepted and filed as presented.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Fire Chief Zatlin stated there were 31 calls for the month and the year-to-date is 104. There was a significant alarm on Burnaby Drive and showed very high carbon monoxide readings. A new fire truck was ordered and should arrive in April, 2018.

The Borough Manager reported we had two unanticipated catch basin replacements; one on William Penn Highway and the other on Black Forest Drive. Preconstruction meetings are scheduled for the 2017 sewer projects. We received a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$43,287 for handicapped improvements to the Municipal Building entry.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Ms. Perry read the Tax Collector's Report. Taxes collected at face were \$135,526.37, less discounts \$2,406.60 for a total of \$133,119.77. Balance collectable is \$139,922.57.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The following report for the month of May, 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	1,604,152.98	591,349.43	502,476.24	1,693,026.17
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	440,790.89	19.92	-0-	440,810.81
ROAD & HIGHWAY	195,630.52	8.80	-0-	195,639.32
SEWAGE AGENCY	108,622.49	164,497.13	109,481.98	163,637.64
SPECIAL ACCT.	13,598.33	0.39	-0-	13,598.72
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,180.73	3,180.73	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	738.16	738.16	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,950.00	1,950.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of May, 2017 and have it reproduced in the minutes.

EARNED INCOME TAX

DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Ms. Perry reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$52,985.41 for the month of May, 2017.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$12,854.70.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$6,104.09 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved that the reports be filed.

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Former Mayor, Paul McKenna, of 24 Holland Road congratulated Chief Kujava on his promotion. He will be moving from the area tomorrow and wanted to say goodbye. He served as Mayor for 19 years and expressed his thoughts about the new council person selected to fill the recent vacancy which makes the entire council Democratic. He doesn't feel the decision was necessarily the best and felt council should have diversity. He further stated Mr. Kline knows more about sewers, budget and roads and hopes he is consulted in the future.

A new resident, Mr. Paul Smith of 3442 Ridgewood Road, had questions. He is concerned about the sewage billing and wanted to know why the Borough is charging more than Alcosan. He wanted to know if the records from the sewage collection are open to the residents. He further asked if any members of Council, School Board or any other Commission are paid. He hoped that the Mayor or other members of Council represent the Borough at the school board meetings.

Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road questioned is there are any imminent plans for the recently demolished properties that include the former Woodland Hills School District Administration Building or the former Churchill Valley Country Club properties.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXCAVATIONS AND OPENINGS - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Collins, and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 264, Article 1 of the Code of the Borough of Churchill ("Excavations and Openings") to add new definitions and to establish additional requirements for the restoration of street openings and excavations.

INTENT TO ADOPT FEE SCHEDULE - There was a motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance to set fees for street restorations and excavations.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY CDBG & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Moore, and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4409 authorizing the Borough of be included in the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Programs from July 2, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

TRESCO PAVING CORPORATION SETTLEMENT - There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz, and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to approve a settlement with Tresco Paving Corporation regarding the 2017 road paving bid.

AWARD 2017 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM - There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz, and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution 4410 to award the 2017 Road Program bid to A. Folino Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$309,580.30.

AUTHORIZE POLICE CAR PURCHASE - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Moore, and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4413 to authorize the purchase of a 2017 fully equipped Ford Explorer police car in the amount of \$40,430.

POLICE CHIEF SALARY - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Ms. Law, and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to adopt Resolution No. 4413 to set the salary of the Chief of Police.

JULY 2017 MEETING DATE CHANGE - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Collins, and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise a change in the July meetings to Monday, July 10 for the Workshop Meeting and Tuesday, July 11 for the Regular Meeting due to the July 4th holiday.

PAY THE BILLS - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$293,729.70. There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moore to adopt Resolution No. 4412 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 were to Alcosan for sewage service in the amount of \$111,259.57 and to The Gateway Engineers for professional services in the amount of \$16,190. Motion carried by unanimous Roll Call Vote.

AROUND THE TABLE - Mr. Collins addressed Mr. Smith's question regarding the water/sewage bills. He explained that we are under a federal mandate to perform work on both storm and sanitary sewers and the cost is very high. Unfortunately, there is no sign of relief in the future. He informed Mr. Smith he would have further discussion with him after the meeting.

Ms. Law further explained to Mr. Smith that the problems with school district are complex and we are trying to address a multitude of issues. She further noted that all of our records for the sewer collection/expenses are open to the public.

Mr. Dworin addressed Mr. Smith's question regarding the school district and advised him this is a district comprised of 12 municipalities and it has its challenges. Both the school board and council members are unpaid volunteers.

As for the former school district administration building that Pace School acquired and demolished, the only plan we know of right now is that it will be used as green space. As for the former Churchill Valley Country Club we have not had any formal plans submitted, but have heard it may be developed for multi-family use.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Ms. Yankes and approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

DONNA J. PERRY
BOROUGH SECRETARY