

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

August 14, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, August 14, 2017 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Yankes, Law and Moore, Messers. Collins, Dworin, Jurewicz, DeFranco, and Mayor Gamrat. 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. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of July 10, 2017 are approved by majority vote as previously presented. During the voice vote, Mr. Jurewicz abstained. There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2017 are approved by majority vote as previously presented. During the voice vote, Ms. Law abstained.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read the July monthly report regarding police activities of interest and importance. Chief Kujava commented on the complaints in Blackridge regarding the extreme amount of traffic on Collins Road. He said there was an average of 300 cars per day on that road. He suggested putting vascar lines on the road or a “no left turn” off Beulah Road to Forest Drive. Mr. Jurewicz said that Thornberry Road has more than 300 cars traveled as well. Chief Kujava said that signs don’t really work and he felt the police monitoring and giving warnings or tickets prove to work better. He also said he has computer data to support the car volume and with school starting soon this is a concern. There was a motion made by Ms. Law, seconded by Ms. Moore and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor’s Report be accepted and filed as presented.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department report. Fire Dept: 24 calls for the month, 162 year to date. There were three significant calls. A 24 ft. box truck rolled over and there was entrapment - Churchill Road @ Holland; Porch Fire - Henley Drive; Mr. Zatlin mentioned that Officer Lewandowski put the fire out and saved the house from burning; and a kitchen fire – Marbury Road.

Under the Manager’s report Ms. Perry said that the road paving project is almost complete. There was unforeseen base repair work that is going to be an added expense. The road crew is working three days a week on major cutting and patching of roads. The sewer lining is complete.

The sewer open cut repairs will be starting in the next two weeks. She mentioned that this will be our Interns last council meeting. His last day is Aug. 23, 2017. She and Mr. Zatlin attended the LGA Municipal Intern recognition luncheon this past week. September 15, 2017 is the deadline to get newsletter information to Ms. Perry. There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Ms. Yankes 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 \$31,167.35, plus penalties of \$937.36, for a total of \$32,104.71. Balance collectable is \$62,670.58.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The following report for the month of July, 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	1,727,529.11	672,082.72	1,082,232.63	1,317,379.20
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	440,828.93	18.72	-0-	440,847.65
ROAD & HIGHWAY	195,647.32	8.26	-0-	195,655.58
SEWAGE AGENCY	115,907.38	219,152.25	179,061.40	155,998.23
SPECIAL ACCT.	13,599.07	.36	-0-	13,599.43
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,197.75	3,197.95	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	904.82	904.82	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,950.00	1,950.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, and seconded by Mr. DeFranco 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 \$43,398.68 for the month of July, 2017.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$9,728.46.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$2,694.16 in delinquent real estate taxes.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Joseph Rettger of 65 Garden Terrace said that the curb at corner of Garden Terrace & Rural Court needs to be repaired. He wants to know when it will be fixed or cleaned up.

Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road said that the 4th Monday in Oct., the Churchill Area Environmental Council will be discussing what Council would like the advisory organization to work on next. She said a recycling project, any specific local environmental concerns and suggested Asbestos, Lead or Radon. She also said she remembered a man from Branning Road coming to a meeting who was interested in his sewage bills. If council could find out who he is she has the answers to his questions.

Milton Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road noticed that the Code Enforcement doesn't come around any more like they did in the past. He said he sees a lot of infractions and none addressed.

Raymond Cunningham, our Intern said that this would be his last council meeting while still an intern for the borough. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to work here and to keep moving this great borough forward. He said Churchill has a bright future ahead of it thanks to the great work everyone does for the community. He said that this summer he knocked on over 570 residents doors and got responses from 105 households. While this is not the response rate he hoped for he is confident that the information he gathered will provide us with key insight into resident's thoughts. He said he was proud to announce the borough will be launching the new communication network tomorrow with around 250 households participating so far. He hopes that number will increase over time as more residents learn about this new service.

BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL PHASES OF GARBARGE REMOVAL - Mr. Jurewicz made a motion to approve and advertise Management Waste and Bid specifications. The bid specs will be made available for contractors on August 18, 2017. Mr. DeFranco seconded the motion. Mr. Robb said there were some points that needed clarification and clean up a few issues. Motion carried by unanimous Roll Call Vote.

ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE POLLUTION REDUCTION PLAN - Ms. Law made a motion to advertise that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 11 for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the Pollution Reduction Plan as required by the PA DEP that outlines potential activities and projects that reduce pollution caused by sediment and/or nutrients in receiving streams, Mr. DeFranco seconded it, and it was unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$376,152.65. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Jurewicz to adopt Resolution No. 4416 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were for Day Ford - \$40,430 for the new police vehicle, Vigliotti Landscape & Construction – July road maintenance \$19,675, Cargill Salt - \$15,412 and Alcosan – sewage service \$125,901. Motion carried by unanimous Roll Call Vote.

AROUND THE TABLE – The Council as a whole thanked Joan Gottlieb for her work on the Churchill Area Environmental Council and thanked Raymond Cunningham for a job well done and wished him good luck in the future.

Mr. Collins said the road crew did a great job on Homer Drive.

Ms. Yankes thanked Ralph for the road work on Homer Drive. She said it makes a big difference.

Ms. Perry reminded everyone that the September Council meeting will be as follows: Workshop September 11 and Council September 12 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Mr. Jurewicz said that Code Enforcement is still struggling. He said that the Code Enforcement Officers number and cell number is on the website. He has future hopes with a CMU project to track resident calls for code enforcement violations. Mr. Jurewicz hopes to go around and address infractions to the codes and bring to the officer's attention.

Mr. Dworin addressed Mr. Rettger's concerns about the broken curb. He said it will be done before fall. He is on the commission for the school district and said they are trying to affect change. Restorative justice for the kids, discipline and academics are being recommended.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Collins and, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary