

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

September 12, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 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. Yankes, Law and Moore, Messers. Collins, Jurewicz, and DeFranco. 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 Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of August 7, 2017 be approved as previously presented. There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2017 be approved as previously presented. The motions were unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat was not present. His report was drop boxed to council. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor’s Report be accepted and filed.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department report. Fire Department: 23 calls for the month, 185 year-to-date. There was one significant call – fully involved car fire at the old Westinghouse property on the Parkway.

Under the Manager’s Report, Ms. Perry said that the road paving project is almost complete. They are finishing the ADA ramps. The sewer open cut repairs will be starting in the next two weeks. Duquesne Light will start the replacing of service lines and transformers on Garrick Drive, Henley Drive, and Burnaby Drive within the next two weeks. Street sweeping will be finished tomorrow. The new police car arrived. There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. DeFranco 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 \$7,977.93, plus penalties of \$797.80, for a total of \$8,775.73. Balance collectable is \$56,671.44.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The following report for the month of August, 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	1,319,551.71	306,909.24	442,746.58	1,183,714.
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	440,847.65	18.72	-0-	440,866.37
ROAD & HIGHWAY	195,655.58	8.27	-0-	195,663.85
SEWAGE AGENCY	155,998.23	360,084.60	385,338.13	130,744.70
SPECIAL ACCT.	13,599.43	.37	-0-	13,599.80
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,489.84	3,489.84	-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 Ms. Law, and seconded by Mr. Collins 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 \$35,237.24 for the month of August, 2017.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$7,759.18.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$6,663.17 in delinquent real estate taxes.

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

CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL - Ray Jurewicz acknowledged the Churchill Area Environmental Council minutes of April 24, 2017.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Dolores Patterson of 2525 Greensburg Pike is concerned about the asbestos dumping by Jain Company. She asked if we knew where this is being dumped.

Tara Reis of 19 Garden Terrace complimented Nick Ginter, our Code Enforcement Officer. He helped her with an issue with her neighbor's property. She also wanted to know where we were with designating the school zone in front of the high school. She also said there is a drug problem in Churchill and wants to know how this is being handled.

THE POLLUTION REDUCTION PLAN - Ms. Moore made a motion to adopt 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, Ms. Law seconded it, and it was unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM – Mr. DeFranco made a motion to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance establishing a volunteer service credit program authorizing local tax credits for volunteer members of volunteer fire companies and establishing administrative procedures and appeals. Mr. Collins seconded it and it was unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

ADOPTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE – Ms. Law made a motion to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance amending chapter 192 of the code of the Borough of Churchill by adopting the provisions of the 2015 International Fire Code. Mr. DeFranco seconded it and it was unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

FIVE-YEAR WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT – Mr. Collins made a motion to award a five-year waste collection contract to Waste Management of PA, INC and to include the alternate bids for electronic waste, yard waste and a 20 yard cardboard container. Mr. DeFranco seconded it and it was unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote.

RESIGNATION OF ANGELA O'TOOLE – Ms. Yankes made a motion to accept the resignation of Angela O'Toole from the Civil Service Commission effective August 24, 2017. Ms. Moore seconded it and it was unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

REAPPOINT SHARON PEDROTTI – Ms. Moore made a motion to reappoint Sharon Pedrotti to the recreation board for a three year term to expire August, 2020. Ms. Law seconded it and it was unanimously approved by Voice Vote.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$196,737.60. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Resolution No. 4420 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were \$18,274.05 - Vigliotti Landscape & Construction and \$15,664.05 - Insight Pipe Contractors. Motion carried by unanimous Roll Call Vote.

AROUND THE TABLE – The Council as a whole thanked Mr. Jurewicz and his committee for the great job on the waste collection contract. Al Pasquarelli, the Municipal Coordinator for Waste Management introduced himself as our contact person. He is looking forward to starting the electronic waste collection in the borough.

Roch Kujava addressed the drug issue. It is a problem throughout the country. The police carry Narcon. It is a huge problem everywhere and he feels we have less than most communities. Regarding the lights at the school, it is an ongoing discussion with the school and county and state.

Mr. Robb commented on the asbestos problem at Westinghouse. There is currently an investigation underway by the county and we are not privy to the location of dumped asbestos.

Ms. Law said we are on top of the asbestos problem and are very concerned about it. With regard to the speeding near the school zone she said we have the best police force around and that if we were to add more officers it would cost the tax payers more money.

Mr. Collins said the asbestos is a real concern but he is fully confident the ongoing investigation is thorough.

Ms. Yankes said the opioid issue is a national one. She addressed getting rid of unused drugs at designated drop boxes.

Mr. Jurewicz said that the opioid problem is bad and physicians are doing their part to try and control Dr. shopping. With regard to the school zone and the cars speeding, it is a concern. We have no crossing guards. He said the school can take care of the cost of the lights if they choose to do so.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary