

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

February 8, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, February 8, 2016 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, Yankes, Moore, Messrs. Jurewicz, Collins, and Riehl. Mayor McKenna was absent. Also present were Police Chief Allen Park, Borough Manager/Secretary Craig Robinson, Solicitor Gavin Robb, and Donna Perry.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mr. Dworin informed that an Executive Session of Council was held prior to the start of the Regular Meeting to discuss the Westinghouse real estate tax appeal.

ORGANIZATION, WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Organization Meeting and Workshop Meeting held January 4, 2016 and the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2016 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Mr. Riehl, 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 - Mr. Robinson reported the Fire Department responded to 23 calls and there was nothing of significance in the Borough. Last night they assisted Wilkins Township with a significant house fire.

Under the Manager's report, he reminded everyone to lock their car doors. He also stated there are scam calls being received whereby the person claims they are from the IRS. He noted that the IRS will never contact you by telephone.

There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that these reports be accepted and filed.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR - Mr. Robinson reported real estate tax collections at face in the amount of \$7,827.58, plus penalties of \$782.76 for a total of \$8,610.34. The balance collectable is \$24,717.37.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of January 2016. 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	460,593.99	818,874.38	638,944.25	640,524.12
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,642.50	6.29	-0-	158,648.79
ROAD & HIGHWAY	55,353.06	2.16	-0-	55,355.22
SEWAGE AGENCY	134,357.23	150,945.52	152,236.86	133,065.89
SPECIAL ACCT.	10,828.33	1,026.23	438.00	11,426.56
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,623.18	3,623.18	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	932.64	932.64	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	3,150.00	3,150.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of January and have it reproduced in the minutes.

EARNED INCOME TAX

DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX – Mr. Robinson reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$26,439.88 for the month of January.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$3,582.14.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$2,290.04 in delinquent real estate tax.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Woodland Hills School Board Member Mike Belmonte addressed Council and distributed a handout outlining "Fiscal Year 2015-16 Factors Impacting Our Budget". A question and answer period followed his presentation.

Ilona Tassone of Scathelocke Road and a real estate agent stated people with children contemplating moving into the area look at state school ratings and our district's rating is very low. She suggested the school district promote all the good things available through the district and advised YouTube is a free site that can be utilized.

Steve Jurman of Yorktown Place stated he is looking forward to working with the Council Committee to update the ordinance on the fracking issue.

Moni Wesner of Henley Drive requested an update on the fracking issue.

She also stated that she would like to someday have school funding removed from the responsibility of the taxpayers.

Ken Balkey of Hampstead Drive stated he appreciated the update on the school district.

He advised in December Dr. Kisloff of Thornberry Drive has joined his campaign on picking up litter. They picked up a large amount of litter on the hillside off Lewin Lane and stated only a few days later another large amount accumulated. Since he retired he picks up litter every couple days on various streets throughout the Borough. He said there is a serious problem with this issue.

Mr. Balkey also expressed concern about group homes. He stated there has been one on his street for about the past ten years and recently found out another one is coming. He has a relative with special needs and certainly appreciates the fact that they exist, but he questioned the number of groups homes permitted in one area. His neighbors also have a concern. He noted that most of these homes are tax exempt and there is no real estate tax income to the Borough nor the school district.

TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL SETTLEMENT - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, and seconded by Mr. Riehl to approve the settlement of tax assessment appeal for the property located at 1332 Beulah Road. Roll Call Vote was as follows: Law - yes, Riehl - yes, Moore - yes, Collins - yes, Yankes - abstained, Jurewicz - yes and Dworin - yes. The motion passed by majority vote.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SEWER WORK TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM - There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Moore and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise for bids for CCTV inspections and repairs to the sanitary sewer system.

APPROVE THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY 2016 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - There was a motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4359 to approved the Allegheny County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official hazard mitigation plan of the Borough of Churchill.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SEEK A GRANT FOR A MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4360 to authorize the Borough to seek a grant to fund costs

associated with the development and adoption of a multi-municipal comprehensive plan and allocating the required matching funds.

EXONERATE THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for adoption of Resolution No. 4361 to exonerate the tax collector from 2015 unpaid real estate taxes in the amount of \$24,717.37.

NEW HEALTH CARE PLAN - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of a new health care plan.

BILLS - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$231,732.53. Mr. Dworin stated there were two bills this month that totaled \$15,000. or more and they were Cargill Incorporated \$28,529.47 for road salt and Vigliotti Landscaping & Construction \$\$34,053.05 for January road maintenance. There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4362 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE - Ms. Law stated she was appointed to the Police and Fire Committee. She had an informative meeting with Fire Chief Ralph Zatlin and stated that we are very fortunate to have such a remarkable team.

Mr. Dworin stated the Zoning Committee is working on the framework for updating the ordinance with respect to fracking.

With regard to group homes, he explained that communities do not have the power to create any type of zoning or do anything in an attempt to prohibit in any way a group home. This would be a violation of the Fair Housing Act. If individuals were to have a discussion and promote the movement of people from the community based upon a group home coming or to dissuade people from moving to a community based on a group home, this would also be a violations of the Fair Housing Act under the provision of blockbusting. He stated our ability is to make sure our community is a great and strong community, either with or without group homes.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY