

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

March 9, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, March 9, 2015 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. McAbee, Law, Yankes, Messrs. Jurewicz, Riehl and Mayor McKenna. Mr. Collins was absent. Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary Craig Robinson, Solicitor Gavin Robb, and Police Chief Allen Park.

WORKSHOP MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. Riehl that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held February 2, 2015 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. McAbee that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 9, 2015 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. McAbee 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 had 16 calls in February for a total of 45 year-to-date. There were two serious motor vehicle accidents in the Borough. Their annual fund drive is underway.

The road crew is tired after the long winter and they are now in the process of patching pot holes.

Street cleaning will be conducted April 15, 16 and 17. Leaf bag collection will be held April 13, 20, 27 and May 14. Yard waste collection, by appointment only, will be held May 18, June 1, 15, and 29. Everything must be in paper, biodegradable bags for both the leaf bag and yard waste collections. Future summer projects include sewer work and road paving.

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

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Mr. Robinson reported the 2015 real estate tax statements were mailed at the beginning of the month.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of February 2015.

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	588,042.77	251,643.26	341,426.38	498,259.65
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,617.51	6.09	-0-	158,623.60
ROAD & HIGHWAY	79,406.02	3.00	-0-	79,409.02
SEWAGE AGENCY	212,394.04	76,964.54	49,374.23	240,524.35
SPECIAL ACCT.	12,926.61	1,341.30	2,482.00	11,785.91
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,190.67	3,180.69	6,371.36	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	879.75	882.63	1,762.38	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	3,050.00	3,050.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, 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 February and have it reproduced in the minutes.

EARNED INCOME TAX

DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Mr. Robinson reported the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$32,574.10 for the month of February.

Deed Transfer Tax collection was \$818.30.

There was no delinquent tax collection by Jordan Tax Service.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road informed that the new Churchill Area Environmental Council advisor has been completed and should be available for distribution in early April. This advisory focuses on the sewage overflow problem that we have been dealing with for the past decade. It emphasizes Alcosan's role because they are now coming on board and it will help our residents understand why their bills are going up so sharply.

Secondly, she advised the Churchill Area Environmental Council's scholarship deadline is March 31. Only seniors at Woodland Hills High School may apply. Applications may be downloaded at the CAEC website.

Mrs. Gottlieb asked where the yard waste collections go. Mr. Robinson informed that our new road contractor has a site where it is unloaded and he somehow reuses it.

Moni Wesner of 3844 Henley Drive addressed the condition of the house at 3849 Henley Drive. While she acknowledged the fact she is unclear how the legal system works, she suggested the Borough acquire the property, tear it down and sell the lot.

Chief Park advised they are trying to set up meetings with the Woodland Hills School District to discuss the influx of the addition of 7th and 8th grade students that will be attending the high school next year. An assessment of safety and security issues will be addressed.

David Mongillo from the law firm of Tucker Arensberg introduced himself and stated he would be attending the Workshop Meeting next month in the absence of Solicitor Gavin Robb.

ORDINANCE NO. 726 ADOPTION - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Ordinance No. 726 establishing regulations for the use of portable storage containers, temporary dumpsters, and other refuse containers within the Borough and adding Article IV ("bulk containers") to Chapter 252 ("solid waste") of the Churchill Borough Code.

2015 SEWER WORK ADVERTISEMENT - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise for bids for CCTV, Open Cut and Lining Repairs for the sanitary sewer lines.

PAY THE BILLS - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$316,135.99. Mr. Dworin reported the following bills for payment in excess of \$15,000: Vigliotti Landscape - \$59,848.50; American Rock Salt - \$24,887.44; and Alcosan - \$89,072.00. There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4332 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE - Solicitor Robb addressed the property at 3849 Henley Drive and informed that all three taxing bodies have filed paperwork to start tax sale proceedings. The process can take up to a few months or possibly even more. The bank will often step in to protect its interest and be the high bidder. Sometimes there are two rounds of bidding. Whoever the successful owner ends up being, they will be responsible to bring the house into compliance with the property maintenance and building codes of the Borough.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Dworin announced that an Executive Session will be held immediately following adjournment to discuss personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - The session began at 8:20 p.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY**