

**BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235**

Minutes of Meeting

July 13, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, July 13, 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. Law, Yankes, Messrs. Jurewicz, Riehl, and Mayor McKenna. Ms. McAbee and Mr. Collins were absent. Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary, Craig A. Robinson, Solicitor Gavin A. Robb, Police Chief Allen Park, and Donna J. Perry. Tax Collector/Treasurer Daniel R. Duerring was absent.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Ms. Yankes that both meeting minutes held June 1, 2015 and June 8, 2015, respectively, be approved as previously presented.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Riehl 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 20 calls in June for a total of 123 year-to-date.

The Fire Department participated in the Blackridge Civic Association community garage sale by setting up a table to promote membership, had two practices, and assisted with the HBO Banchee burning of a set.

Under the manager's report, Mr. Robinson informed that a PennDot paving project of Beulah Road from Frankstown to the Tri-Boro Highway will start this Thursday. Folino Construction is the contractor and they were also awarded our paving project this year. Soli Construction will be starting the sewer excavation project in conjunction with Roto Rooter who will be doing the televising inspections.

There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Law 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 real estate collections at face were \$30,149.07. The balance collectable is \$108,340.92.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of June 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	1,475,305.14	345,684.57	364,877.81	1,456,111.90
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,633.11	1.39	-0-	158,634.50
ROAD & HIGHWAY	160,345.52	1.40	-0-	160,346.92
SEWAGE AGENCY	340,103.26	329,474.75	461,543.15	208,034.86
SPECIAL ACCT.	11,370.07	0.05	-0-	11,370.12
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,160.37	3,218.15	6,378.52	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	874.70	874.70	1,749.40	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	3,050.00	3,050.00	-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 June 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 \$68,841.50 for the month of June.

Deed Transfer Tax collection was \$5,489.74.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$3,253.46 in delinquent real estate taxes.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Peter Wray, 110 Royal Oak Avenue, stated he is a member a local Allegheny Group called the Sierra Club. He had several questions regarding the over population of deer in the Borough.

Peggy Hill of 60 Churchill Road expressed concern about the size of our police department and questioned if the Borough is being adequately protected.

Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road questioned the deadline for the next newsletter and was informed it is September 15. She stated she would be willing to write an update regarding information from the last deer advisory, which was in 2007, so it can be put in the newsletter.

She stated they are still working on securing a new polling place for Districts 2 and 3 and will keep Council updated with any new information.

She also thanked Council for the prompt removal of two trees that had fallen down and narrowly missed hitting the new roof at the Biber shelter at Bullock-Pens Park.

Derek Kerfoot of 104 Kingsdale stated he is a new resident of the Borough and was under the impression that Churchill had an excellent police force and hopes the high standards continue.

2015-2016 WINTER ROAD SALT BID - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 4342 to award the 2015-2016 salt bid price of \$69.29/T to Cargill Salt.

PAY THE BILLS - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$220,473.45. Mr. Dworin informed the two bills in excess of \$15,000 were Vigliotti Landscape - \$20,539.00 for June Road Maintenance and Alcosan - \$24,125.36 for sewage service. There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 4343 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE - Ms. Law stated we have been very fortunate with the quality of our police force and there is a constant review of our needs in this area. There will be another Resource Officer hired at the high school with the addition of two more grade levels.

Mrs. Yankes responded to adequate police coverage concerns by stating that Council reviews police patrol activity reports every month and can assure residents that any rise in trend of criminal activity would be swiftly addressed.

Mr. Riehl stated that we do not have a solution for the deer problem.

Mayor McKenna stated there have been 44 dead deer in the Borough over the past year. He also extended thanks to all the volunteers for their help at the gardens.

Mr. Jurewicz complimented Ralph Zatlin, our road supervisor, for all his work on restoring our historic Churchill sign that has now been relocated to the Churchill Commons lot at the corner of Churchill and Beulah Roads.

Mr. Dworin stated that we have a great police force and Council makes sure that the police coverage is adequate.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

CRAIG A. ROBINSON, BOROUGH SECRETARY