

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

OCTOBER 12, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, October 12, 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 and Riehl. Mr. Collins was absent. Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary, Craig A. Robinson, Solicitor Gavin A. Robb, Police Chief Allen L. 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, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved that the Workshop Minutes held September 8, 2015 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2015 be approved as previously presented.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Ms. Law, 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 had 22 alarms in September for a total of 177 year-to-date.

There was nothing of any major significance under the Fire Department report. They held their open house on September 12 and they had lots of nice demonstrations.

Under the Manager's Report, Mr. Robinson reported leaf pick up will begin October 19 and continue every Monday for six weeks. Polling places are changing due to closing of the Administration Building and District 2 and 3 will be voting at St. John Fisher. Halloween will be celebrated on October 31 and the Fire and Police Departments will be out. Demolition began at the house on Kingsdale that had the fire earlier this year and they will be building a ranch home on the site. Sewer work is still continuing. There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the reports.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR - In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Mr. Robinson reported real estate collections at face were \$10,804.00 plus penalties of \$1,080.00 for a total of \$11,884.00. The balance collectable is \$41,813.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of September 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 | 1,355,783.00 | 620,968.04 | 581,153.27 | 1,395,597.77 |
| CAPITAL RES. ACCT. | 158,637.00 | 1.30 | -0- | 158,638.30 |
| ROAD & HIGHWAY | 160,349.63 | 1.31 | -0- | 160,350.94 |
| SEWAGE AGENCY | 283,015.81 | 152,535.94 | 205,462.20 | 230,089.55 |
| SPECIAL ACCT. | 11,260.23 | 60.05 | 30.00 | 11,290.28 |
| POLICE PENSION FUND | -0- | 3,259.20 | 3,259.20 | -0- |
| EMPL. PENSION FUND | -0- | 874.70 | 874.70 | -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. McAbee and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of September 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 \$72,530.79 for the month of September.

Deed Transfer Tax collection was \$4,030.25.

Jordan Tax Service collected delinquent real estate tax in the amount of \$4,981.04.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Elizabeth Czekanski of Creekegde Drive requested a list of resources used by Council to reach their decision on the fracking issue.

Mr. Ducruet of 100 Thornberry Drive expressed concerns about safe driving speeds on Beulah Road. There was another accident this past weekend. He would like the speed lines reinstated. He also asked for consideration of installing stop signs and/or traffic signals. Chief Park stated the police have written more speeding tickets on Beulah Road this month than were written all year. Other than having a police officer being there 24 hours a day, seven days a week, it would be impossible to control the speeding. We, however, cannot install stop signs or traffic

signals since it is a state road. There is currently an officer assigned to monitor the speeding for two hours per day. Chief Park would like to see vascar used.

CHURCHILL BOROUGH POLICE AGREEMENT - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, and seconded by Ms. Law to approve an agreement with the Churchill Borough Police for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018. Discussion ensued by Council prior to a Roll Call Vote which was as follows: McAbee - yes, Riehl - no, Yankes - yes, Law - yes, Jurewicz - yes and Dworin - yes. Motion passed by Majority Vote.

APPOINT PNC BANK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE PENSION PLANS - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4348 to appoint PNC Bank, National Association, as the trustee for the Borough's General Employee and Police Pension Plans.

BILLS - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$913,213.25. Mr. Dworin noted payment of bills to vendors which were \$15,000 or more: Vigliotti Landscaping & Construction - \$24,249.350 for September road maintenance; Principal Financial - \$38,139.70 - Employee Pension Plan; Principal Financial - \$217,421.56 - Police Pension Plan; American Rock Salt - \$22,978.091 - road salt; Alcosan - \$24,663.50 - sewage service; and A. Folino Construction - \$144,276.61 - road paving. There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4349 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE - Ms. Yankes and Mr. Riehl addressed the gas and oil well drilling issue. Ms. Yankes reminded everyone that a public hearing will be held on November 9. Mr. Riehl informed that Council is looking at Supreme Court decisions as well as state and local laws.

Ms. McAbee addressed Mr. Ducruet and the speeding issue on Beulah Road. She advised there is a Traffic Calming Committee and urged him to look into serving on this committee.

Ms. Law stated that in the upcoming future months Council can look at the Planning Commission and get them more involved in recent matters such as bees and chickens.

She further stated that Churchill is not alone with speeding problems. Many of our neighboring communities are facing the same problem. We need to look at measures on how to slow down drivers.

Mr. Jurewicz stated while we did have difficult arbitration proceedings, we love our police and live in a very safe and secure community. He also urged Mr. Ducruet to get involved on the Traffic Calming Committee.

Mr. Dworin addressed the earlier request of Elizabeth Czekanski to provide resource information used by Council to conclude how they will vote on the gas and oil drilling issue. Mr. Dworin stated he felt it inappropriate to ask each member of Council their resources and provide a list and this will not be done. Council will be held responsible for the votes that are made.

He also felt, as well as Ms. McAbee, that we should go back to the state for a possible solution to the speeding on Beulah Road. In addition education is one of the number one things you can do to achieve traffic calming.

Lastly, the police contract is a four-year agreement and there were no great winners at the conclusion.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY**