

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

Minutes of Meeting

November 9, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Community Room of Beulah Presbyterian Church, following the Public Hearing that began at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, November 9, 2015 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. McAbee, Law, Yankes, Messrs. Jurewicz, Riehl and Collins. Mayor McKenna 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. Law and unanimously approved that the Workshop Minutes held October 5, 2015 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2015 be approved as previously presented.

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 304 ("Zoning") - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Ms. McAbee to amend Chapter 304 ("Zoning") of the Code of the Borough of Churchill by amending and restating Section 304-37 ("Gas and Oil Well Production") in order to prohibit gas and oil well production and related activities in Residential Zoning Districts and C-2 Commercial Districts within the Borough. Discussion ensued among some members of Council and Solicitor Robb gave a brief overview of Pennsylvania's Act 13 of 2012 regarding gas and oil well production. A Roll Call Vote was as follows: McAbee - yes, Riehl - yes, Yankes - yes, Collins - abstained, Law - yes, Jurewicz - yes and Dworin - yes. Motion passed by Majority Vote.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins 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 22 calls for the month and the total year-to-date is 199. October was Fire Prevention Month and the department had activities in the schools. They also participated in the Woodland Hills High School homecoming parade and were out on patrol on Halloween evening. There were no major incidents in the Borough.

Under the Manager's Report he reported leaf pick up continues. We have some sewer work being done to prepare for next year's projects. Home construction for the house that was destroyed by fire earlier this year on Kingsdale Road is progressing with installation of the

foundation. There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Ms. McAbee 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 \$3,023.32 plus penalties of \$302.33 for a total of \$3,325.65. The balance collectable is \$38,790.50.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of October 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	1,400,025.56	589,099.49	1,027,797.02	961,328.03
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,638.50	1.31	-0-	158,639.81
ROAD & HIGHWAY	160,350.94	1.20	105,000.00	55,352.14
SEWAGE AGENCY	230,089.55	226,946.82	184,581.58	272,454.79
SPECIAL ACCT.	11,290.28	345.15	740.20	10,895.23
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,259.20	217,421.56	220,680.76	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	874.70	38,139.70	39,014.40	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	3,150.00	3,150.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of October 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 \$29,960.42 for the month of October.

Deed Transfer Tax collection was \$2,390.45.

Jordan Tax Service collected delinquent real estate tax in the amount of \$673.12.

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

**CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** - Mr. Dworin acknowledged the C.A.E.C. meeting minutes of September 21, 2015.

**LISTEN TO VISITORS** - Elizabeth Czekanski of 2516 Creekedge Drive thanked Council for their due diligence and hard work on the gas and oil production issue. Moving forward she is looking forward to working to ensure Churchill maintains the type of community it is now.

Lorraine Rice of 66 Churchill Road spoke about the fracking noise and she was under the impression, as a resident, they have a right to quiet enjoyment. She expressed concern about the Westinghouse site if fracking did take place there with regard to the hot cell that is located there. She also inquired what the acreage is on this site.

A resident of Garrick Drive expressed concern about the speeding issue and was wondering if an updated report could be given.

Tara Reis of 19 Garden Terrace spoke as a Woodland Hills School Board member. She encouraged Council to send a response as to any ideas they may have for future use of the vacant Shaffer School and Administration Buildings.

Alex Ducruet of 100 Thornberry Road stated there was another car accident on Beulah Road. He received information from PennDot stating that the residents have to work with the Borough to submit a letter to them with all the concerns.

**ANNUAL AUDIT PROPOSAL** - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to accept the three-year proposal from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP to perform the annual audit of financial statements of the Borough for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

**FIRST READING OF 2016 BUDGET** - Mr. Riehl read the proposed 2016 Budget and it showed anticipated revenues of \$2,550,108 and anticipated expenditures of \$2,550,108. This budget was read with a millage rate of 5.98.

**BUDGET INSPECTION AVAILABILITY** - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to advertise the 2016 is available for inspection.

**MILLAGE RATE ORDINANCE** - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance to set the 2016 millage rate.

**BILLS** - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$191,344.95. There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to pay the bills.

**AROUND THE TABLE** - Mr. Collins urged everyone to come to the next meeting to convey their thoughts and suggestions regarding the budget.

Ms. Law thanked Pastor Cynthia Reyes Fillmore for her generosity to allow the Borough the use of the Beulah Presbyterian Church meeting room.

She thanked everyone for the attendance at all the meetings and their input regarding the fracking issue.

She also encouraged everyone to express their viewpoints on how money should be spent in the Borough.

Ms. Yankes also thanked everyone for their input and hard work that was involved with the fracking issue and she further thanked Mr. Dworin for management of the meeting and providing clear explanation of the issue.

Mr. Riehl thought the most important thing accomplished this evening was the budget even though he knows others would disagree. He stated our roads are in dire need of paving and the increased rate in millage is a prime proposed reason. However, he would like to hear input from the residents about their thoughts.

Ms. McAbee feels the deer situation needs to be discussed again.

Mr. Jurewicz would like to see residents become engaged with projects within the Borough such as the garden club and Blackridge Civic Association memberships.

He stated we are far behind with our road resurfacing program. The Borough Manager had a road study performed and rated on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the best. Most of our roads rated in the 3 to 4 range.

He answered the question about the Westinghouse property and informed that when the subdivision occurred the lab/office area portion is 12.9 acres and the remainder of the property is 135.1 acres. He further informed Council had taken a tour of the hot cell site a few years ago and explained the process and safety measures that are taken.

Mr. Dworin advised the traffic calming issue will be addressed on Garrick again, as well as with the rest of the Borough.

He said the fracking issue has been a difficult one, but everyone has been very respectful and this is how our community operates. The issue will be on-going and we will continue to take it seriously and work together.

He further stated the issue of taxes and roads and how we spend your money is very important and this body has the privilege and pleasure of serving the community.

**ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.**

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**