

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

February 11, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 and was called to order by Jay H. Dworin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law and Yankes, Messrs. Lepidi, Jurewicz, and Collins. Ms. McAbee was absent. Also present were Mayor McKenna, Assistant Police Chief Kujava, Tax Collector/Treasurer Daniel R. Duerring and Donna Perry.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 14, 2014 be approved as previously presented. Mr. Lepidi was the only dissenting vote to accept them. Therefore, the minutes will be filed as presented.

MAYOR – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor’s Report be accepted and filed as presented.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Mr. Robinson advised he did not have a Fire Department report for January.

Under the Manager’s Report, Mr. Robinson reported we are using a lot of salt this year. We have already used as much as was used for the past two years.

There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that this report be accepted and filed.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Duerring reported that the taxes collected at face for the month of January were \$2,017.56, plus penalties of \$201.75, for a total of \$2,219.31. The balance collectable is \$36,546.87.

Solicitor Robb informed that there is a conciliation hearing scheduled for March 4 and settlement will be discussed for the Churchill Valley Country Club.

He further advised Westinghouse is still in discovery. There is still one parcel that is under appeal and a conciliation hearing will be held.

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TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of January 2014. 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	368,720.78	991,742.09	775,888.49	584,574.38
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,531.71	6.73	-0-	158,538.44
ROAD & HIGHWAY	123,442.36	5.20	-0-	123,447.56
SEWAGE AGENCY	99,399.79	153,985.76	120,918.34	132,467.21
SPECIAL ACCT.	12,575.54	1,469.32	584.00	13,460.86
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,637.46	3,505.44	7,142.90	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	853.38	887.36	1,740.74	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,300.73	-0-	-0-	1,300.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's 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 \$41,510.34 for the month of January.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$950.85.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$3,051.15 in delinquent taxes.

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

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LISTEN TO VISITORS – Joan Shaw of 818 Brown Avenue stated she has been a resident since 1950. She questioned if Churchill Valley Country Club and Westinghouse still pay taxes to the Borough. Solicitor Gavin explained the situation on both issues.

Wendy Mate of 27 Churchill Road questioned if the minutes are posted on the website and said she was confused about an earlier comment that the full minutes are not recorded. Mr. Dworin stated the minutes are on the website and explained that the full context of every word said by every person is not recorded.

Dolores Patterson of 2525 Greensburg Pike thanked Mr. Robinson and the road crew for the good job they have been doing with the weather conditions.

Tara Reis of 19 Garden Terrace voiced her opinion that it is tragic that Mr. Lepidi is resigning from Council. Mr. Dworin stated it is a loss that Mr. Lepidi is resigning and he did have a conversation with him. He further stated that people make choices in life and this is one he chose.

Margie Darbut of 1503 Williamsburg Place stated in the last newsletter there was little information given on the increased tax millage rate. In the future, she would like to see more clarification when it comes to financial matters.

Mr. Duerring stated that the Borough not only suffers from the loss of real estate tax from the Westinghouse property, but also from revenue of local services tax income. In addition, they were big in the community with donations and helped significantly with the Fire Department.

Also, he asked that Council closely follow the outcome of the significant fine that the Wilkinsburg-Penn Joint Water Authority is expecting. He suggested that our board representative come to a meeting and explain how this fine is going to be paid.

Marlene Rebb of 2178 Beulah Road had a concern with the home across the street from her with regard to the number of cars parked in their driveway and in front of the home. Also, at night they sometimes park a car in front of her home and questioned if this was legal. Officer Kujava advised her to call the police when this occurs and it can be addressed to ascertain if it's legal or not. There is no overnight parking on any street in the Borough and it is definitely enforced between 2-4 a.m. Mrs. Rebb stated she felt the police could do a better job monitoring the street at night.

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FILING LIENS - 2013

EXONERATE THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – The Real Estate Tax Collector reported \$36,546.87 outstanding in 2013 unpaid real estate taxes. There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4291 exonerating the Real Estate Collector of any further responsibility for the collection of 2013 real estate taxes and authorizing the Solicitor to file liens on the respective properties.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR BOND – There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4292 to secure a bond for the Real Estate Tax Collector.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND TOURISM FUND GRANT – There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4293 to apply for a Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund Grant for a Joint Municipal Pump Station replacement in conjunction with the Borough of Wilkinsburg.

CHANGE OF BOROUGH MEETING DATES – There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to change the 2014 Workshop and Regular Meeting dates to the first and second Monday of each month, respectively, beginning April 2014. The exception will be the September meetings due to the Labor Day holiday. These meeting days will be the second and third Monday.

HEALTH PLAN CHANGE – There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Ms. Law to select the PPO Savings Rx Silver Health Plan from UPMC Health Plan effective March 1, 2014, contingent on the agreement of the Police Association to contribute to premium and deductible costs in excess of the benchmarks as set forth by the Collective Bargaining Agreement and in the alternative, if no agreement is reached with the Police Association on or before February 19, 2014, the Borough shall select the PPO Premium Platinum \$250 Plan and the Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to make such election.

FOREST HILLS TROOP 90 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT BULLOCK PENS PARK – There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to

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authorize the Borough Manager to coordinate with Forest Hills Troop 90 in the development of improvement projects in Bullock Pens Park.

VACANCY BOARD APPOINTMENT – There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4294 to appoint Joan E. Gottlieb to the Vacancy Board for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2014.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT – There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4295 to appoint Diane E. Law to the Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire February 28, 2018.

PAY THE BILLS – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$194,368.01. There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4296 to pay the bills.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN LAWRENCE J. LEPIDI – There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. Lepidi to accept Mr. Lepidi's resignation. Messrs. Jurewicz and Dworin were the two dissenting votes. The motion passed by Majority Vote.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7pm.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY**