

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL  
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

April 14, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, April 14, 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. McAbee and Yankes, Messrs. Jurewicz, Collins and Riehl. Ms. Law was absent. Also present were Mayor McKenna, Police Chief Park, Borough Manager/Secretary Craig Robinson, Solicitor Gavin Robb and Donna Perry. Real Estate Tax Collector/Treasurer Daniel R. Duerring was absent.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 11, 2014 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR – Mayor McKenna stated there was one police car taken out service and it is irreparable. There were nine incidents at the high school with five criminal complaints.

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 17 calls for a total of 52 year-to-date. Some significant calls in the Borough included a car through a structure on Marbury Road and a kitchen fire in the 1400 block of Beulah Road. There was also a significant apartment fire in Wilkins Township at the Briaridge development.

Under the Manager's Report Mr. Robinson stated the street sweeper was in the Borough last week. The road crew has been busy performing pothole patching. Leaf bags are scheduled to be picked up April 21, 28 and May 5. A new service for picking up yard waste is scheduled for May 19, June 2, 16 and 30. There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that these reports be accepted and filed.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Robinson stated real estate tax collections were \$266,462.51, less discounts of \$5,329.19, for a total of \$261,133.32. The balance collectable is \$1,097,119.80.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the Real Estate Tax Collector's Report and the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2014. There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by

Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Real Estate Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of March and to have copies of these reports attached to the minutes.

**EARNED INCOME TAX**

**DEED TRANSFER**

**DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX** – Mr. Robinson reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$70,784.56 for the month of March.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$5,386.81.

There were no delinquent real estate taxes collected.

There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved that the reports be filed.

**LISTEN TO VISITORS** –

Lawrence J. Lepidi of 2027 Hampstead Drive spoke as Vice Chair of the Republican Committee and thereby was appointed to speak on behalf of the group for ten minutes. Mr. Lepidi commented on the Borough's purchase of a police car and budget issues.

James DiPerna of 1616 Branning Road commented on public records and open government.

Wendy Mate of 27 Churchill Road commented on Borough taxes.

Margie Darbut of 1503 Williamsburg Place commented on the Borough's financial matters.

Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road commented on invasive plants and congratulated Jacob Burke on his receipt of the Churchill Area Environmental Council Scholarship and his work on the Bullock Pens Park kiosk.

**ZONING HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENT** – There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4299 to appoint Christopher J. Mitchell to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term to expire April 30, 2017.

**ALTERNATE ZONING HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENT** – There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4300 to appoint James W. Pierce as an Alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term to expire April 30, 2017.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR 2014 ROAD PAVING PROJECT – There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise for bids for the 2014 Road Paving Project.

ADVERTISE INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE POLICE PENSION PLAN – There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance to update the Police Pension Plan.

PAY THE BILLS – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$199,233.74. There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4301 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. Collins reported he contacted a representative from Wilkensburg-Penn Joint Water Authority who stated the authority has been fined \$300,000, but they are in the process of appealing.

Mr. Jurewicz listed some reasons why people should move to Churchill that included low taxes, good security, excellent public works crew, our location in the east, and recycling service. Also, we did have a significant decrease last year for health care costs though they did significantly increase this year. Council will be diligently working to address the contribution by employees to contribute to health care costs and the number of members of the police force.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Ms. Yankes to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY

**FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF**

**MARCH 2014**

GENERAL FUND-REGULAR ACCOUNT	\$652,024.34
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	\$12,466.49
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	\$178,552.92
EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST FUND	\$0.00
WELFARE BENEFIT FUND	\$1,390.73
SECT. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN	\$0.00
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$158,551.25
ROAD & HIGHWAY	\$177,452.18
POLICE PENSION FUND	\$0.00

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

Millage

5.48

4.23

**MARCH 2014**

**2013**

TAXES COLLECTED AT FACE FOR MONTH	\$266,462.51	227563.52
PLUS PENALTIES	\$0.00	0
LESS DISCOUNTS	<u>\$5,329.19</u>	<u>4537.53</u>
TOTAL CASH COLLECTED	\$261,133.32	\$223,025.99
BALANCE COLLECTABLE END OF MONTH	\$1,097,119.80	\$1,109,006.30