

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, February 11, 2019 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, Greco and Yankes, and Messers. McDowell, DeFranco and Collins. Also present were Manager Donna Perry, and Solicitor David Mongillo. Mayor Gamrat was absent.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Greco that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of January 7, 2019 and the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. Collins that the Mayor’s report be accepted and filed. The motion was approved unanimously.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Zatlin, read the Fire Department report. There were 30 calls for the month. Under the Manager’s report, Ms. Perry said that she is meeting with Waste Management tomorrow regarding the pamphlet that was sent to residents, unbeknownst to the Borough office. On March 7, 2019 she is meeting with representatives from Allegheny County to discuss the future potential improvements to Churchill Road for pedestrians and bicyclists. She is also working with the engineers to advertise the road paving project for this year. There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Yankes that the Manager and Fire Department reports be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Ms. Perry read the Tax Collector’s report. Taxes collected from December 31, 2018 through January 14, 2019 were \$5,874.00 plus penalties of \$587.00 for a total collection of \$6,462.00.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of January, 2019 was previously presented to Council. 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 | 504,785.14 | 309,555.43 | 406,698.21 | 407,642.36 |
| CAPITAL RES. ACCT. | 309,048.81 | 13.12 | .00 | 309,061.93 |
| ROAD & HIGHWAY | 102,455.33 | 4.31 | .00 | 102,459.64 |
| SEWAGE AGENCY | 225,689.49 | 309,259.62 | 219,826.26 | 315,122.85 |
| SPECIAL ACCT. | 21,997.44 | 16,998.18 | 36,227.81 | 2,767.81 |
| POLICE PENSION FUND | -0- | 3,515.67 | 3,515.67 | -0- |
| EMPL. PENSION FUND | -0- | 927.44 | 927.44 | -0- |
| EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P. | -0- | 1,400.00 | 1,400.00 | -0- |

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, and seconded by Ms. Yankes that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurer's Report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

EARNED INCOME TAX

DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Ms. Perry reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$29,171.68 for the month of January, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$7344.12.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$10,201.57 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Don DeFranco, seconded by Ms. Greco that the Earned Income Tax, Deed Transfer, and Delinquent Real Estate Tax reports be filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Danielle Weaver of 880 Graham Blvd. asked if she could still feed the birds after the wildlife feeding ban ordinance is passed. She also wanted to know if there is a plan to have lines painted in the upper parking lot. Ms. Weaver asked about improving communication. The recreation board activities are not being communicated to the residents and wanted to get an L.E.D. sign in the Borough.

Lowell Mate of 27 Churchill Road asked about the deer survey. Will there be a motion to put a culling plan in place and if so when will it be done?

R.F. Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road thanked everyone who showed up to talk about the Churchill Charter School.

April Kline of 18 Holland Road thanked the police for their increased presence. She congratulated them on the behavior at the high school and wanted to know if the high school still has a private security force. She is glad we are having a meeting with Waste Management and wanted to know how many residents use the electronic waste program. With regard to the glass recycling issue, will residents have the option to opt out of the recycling program.

Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road talked about articles in the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal regarding chronic wasting disease of deer. She also talked about keeping incidents at the school quiet.

Ken Balkey of 2007 Hampstead Drive said that he saw trash on Lewin Lane that sat for several days. He suggested putting something on the website saying if you see it pick it up. He said the solicitors put together a proposed ordinance for the tree committee and he sent it to the Zoning Committee and Borough Manager. He also wanted to clarify that it is for public right of ways not private property.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 747 TO PROHIBIT WILDLIFE FEEDING – A motion was made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt Ordinance No. 747 creating a new Chapter 133 of the Borough of Churchill code to prohibit feeding wild game. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6-1 with Ms. Law dissenting.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4461 – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Resolution No. 4461 authorizing an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

A discussion took place regarding hiring a planning consultant for a zoning analysis.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$218,169.41. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell to adopt Resolution No. 4462 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$36,019.23 (January road maintenance), American Rock Salt - \$21,711.07 (salt). The motion was approved unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. McDowell said that regarding the wildlife ordinance, it is a balancing act. We would be willing to amend it if it becomes a problem but we need this.

Ms. Yankes discussed the wildlife feeding ban ordinance.

Ms. Greco said the new principal at the high school is changing the dynamics and doing good things.

Mr. DeFranco said it's going to take years to fix the problems at the school and feels that the SRO's are building trust. He also said after seeing the deer survey, most of the residents want something done. We have to be careful what we do and how we do it.

Mr. Collins said that the deer survey shows that something has to be done. We need resolutions, an ordinance or an action plan specifying what to do. We need something specific to vote on by next meeting. As far as the questions and concerns about the SRO's and the liability, it needs discussed and debated.

Ms. Law talked about communication and moving to some sort of interactive system. She said that with regard to the SRO's, we spend an enormous amount of time on school issues. We continue to provide a leadership role within the 12 municipalities and continue to have meetings. Ms. Law said she has issues with the deer survey and the tax dollars spent on this.

Mr. Dworin said his daughter is passionate about trees and wants to speak at our next meeting. Regarding the deer, we will find ourselves needing an action and a plan. You can't just do a culling. There is a constant ongoing effort with this Council regarding the school. We are working on interacting with our officers and we continue to do everything we can to improve things.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. McDowell to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary