

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

Minutes of Meeting

July 08, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, July 08, 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, and Greco, and Yankes and Messers. Collins, DeFranco and McDowell. Also present were Manager Donna Perry, Mayor Gamrat and Solicitor David Mongillo.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of June 3, 2019, and the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read his report for June, 2019 regarding police activities of interest and importance. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Greco that the Mayor’s report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department report. There were 34 calls for the month and 203 for the year. Under the Manager’s report, Ms. Perry said that the road paving will be starting in two to three weeks. There was a motion by Mr. Collins 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 collectors report. Taxes collected at face were \$54,474.00 less discounts of \$25.00 and penalties of \$134.00 less exonerations of \$3,176.00. The total net collected was \$51,407.00.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of June, 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	1,645,592.34	801,022.32	626,583.97	1,820,030.69
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	310,003.83	260.16	.00	310,263.99
ROAD & HIGHWAY	209,124.96	175.50	.00	209,300.46
SEWAGE AGENCY	387,003.09	77,381.12	148,897.29	315,486.92
SPECIAL ACCT.	214.86	.00	117.00	97.86
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,779.16	3,779.16	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	1,108.33	1,108.33	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, and seconded by Mr. Collins 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 \$79,504.00 for the month of June, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$6,507.00.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$2,622.00 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. McDowell, and 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 – Peter Wray of 110 Royal Oak Avenue asked Council if they had any thoughts on climate change. There is a town hall meeting at Soldiers and Sailors Hall on August 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. with Congressman Mike Doyle regarding the climate crisis. He is hoping someone from Council could attend.

R.F. Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road thanked everyone who came out for a hearing for the Churchill Charter School.

April Kline of 18 Holland Road said that the Holland Road island was hit by a truck. Next to the island, water is still leaking and needs to be fixed. The hydrant between 15 Holland Road and 17 Holland Road ran for several hours and made a mess. She also said that the lawn at the Borough building looks too good. She asked if we were using weed killer on the grass.

Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road talked about the Woodland Hills school budget meeting. She said they were voting to raise taxes and nobody from the Borough Council was there to talk about the impact to Borough residents.

Ken Balkey of 2007 Hampstead Drive said the tree committee will meet Tuesday, July 9, 2019 and will also have a booth at the Churchill community day event to help educate residents.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM WAYNE CHANG – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to accept the resignation from Wayne Chang from the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR BOROUGH BUILDING BOILER – A motion was made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Collins to advertise for bids for the Borough building boiler. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4469 – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Law to adopt Resolution No. 4469 to submit a Grow Grant program application. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION No. 4470 - A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Resolution No. 4470 to approve the recommended assumptions of our actuary, Mockenhaupt Benefits Group, to lower the assumed interest rate from 7.0% to 6.75% per year for the General Employees Pension Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$345,132.85. There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Greco to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were Vigliotti Landscape & Construction, Inc. - \$20,450.49 (June road maintenance), Alcosan - \$32,007.43 (sewage service), Building Inspection Underwriters – \$49,796.00 (building permits), Insight Pipe Contracting - \$53,373.50 (MH to MH lining) and The Gateway Engineers - \$30,426.65 (professional services). The motion was approved unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. DeFranco said he is looking forward to attending the meeting at Soldiers and Sailors regarding climate change. He recently attended a census meeting. He said it is such a volatile situation right now but there are things in place to make sure our residents are counted.

Mayor Gamrat said he looked at trees to buy to plant where some of the water runoff is. He thanked Cecelia Greber for the Blackridge garden tour. He said there are a lot of gems in these neighborhoods.

Mr. Collins said that with regard to the school tax hike, the proof will be in the test scores in the future. He thinks a charter school is a good idea and wishes them success.

Mr. McDowell thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He said he hopes to attend the meeting on the climate crisis. He said we should address the tree situation. It's a planet wide situation.

Ms. Yankes said the rain has been coming at a record this year. Trees have been falling down everywhere. It's a public safety issue. She also said we can be part of the climate change response.

Ms. Law said thank you to Peter Wray for coming with the information about Mike Doyle's forum on the climate crisis. She said you will see good representation from Churchill. Regarding our attendance at the school budget meeting, we have people representing different districts and two of our three representatives voted against the budget. She also said a lot of school districts raised taxes because of funding issues.

Mr. Dworin thanked Council for answering visitor's questions around the table. He said it is important for us to go to the meeting regarding climate change.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary

