

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

Minutes of Meeting

August 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, August 12, 2019 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, and Greco and Messers. Collins, DeFranco and McDowell. Ms. Yankes was absent. 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 July 1, 2019, and the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read his report for July, 2019 regarding police activities of interest and importance. There was a motion made by Mr. Collins 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 50 calls for the month and 253 for the year. Under the Manager’s report, Ms. Perry said she had a meeting with Gateway Engineers and an El Grande Representative (road paving contractor). Paving should start on September 10, 2019 and be completed by September 17, 2019. The delay was due to all of the rain. She had a conference call with the Cohen Law Group and our Solicitor to discuss the renewal and negotiations of the Comcast franchise fee agreement. She had numerous meetings and phone calls with residents regarding the recent rainstorm from July 21 and 22. There will be a closure on Saturday, August 31 on Greensburg Pike from Woodland Hills High School to the Forest Hills Borough building from 4:00 pm. To 5:30 p.m. for the Forest Hills Centennial Celebration parade. There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. McDowell 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 \$54,473.51 less discounts of \$24.60 and penalties of \$133.62 less exonerations of \$3,175.85. The total net collected was \$51,406.68.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of July, 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	1,825,283.92	364,529.18	481,840.03	1,707,973.07
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	310,263.99	306.88	.00	310,570.87
ROAD & HIGHWAY	209,300.46	207.02	.00	209,507.48
SEWAGE AGENCY	315,486.92	72,333.58	117,933.91	269,886.59
SPECIAL ACCT.	97.86	.00	10.00	87.86
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,247.42	3,247.42	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	957.56	957.56	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. McDowell, 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 \$34,314.62 for the month of July, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$11,809.00.

There were no delinquent real estate taxes collected.

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, and seconded by Mr. McDowell 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 – Ceil Greber of 1520 Williamsburg Place said that Community Day was awesome and thank you to everyone who worked on it.

Lowell Mate of 27 Churchill Road talked about the proposed distribution center and zoning ordinance. He asked Council what their vision is for the future and if they had a plan.

Harvey Robins of 2212 Harmain Road talked about the water problems and recent flooding issues.

David Branning of 1130 Gilchrest Drive said that Community Day was great. He asked about pot holes being filled. He invited Council to the Ridgewood Manor Residents Association block party on August 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Alan Betten of 1503 Old Beulah Road talked about water issues and the recent flooding problem he had. He said there are no storm drains or curbs and it is creating some of the problem.

Danielle Weaver of 880 Graham Boulevard asked when the Town Hall meeting was.

Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road said that regarding last week's workshop meeting there was a lack of transparency from Council. She also asked why the meetings are no longer recorded. She wanted to know why Council would shut the door on a project for the potential development of the former Westinghouse property that would bring in tax revenue and revenue to the school district.

April Kline of 18 Holland Road said thank you to the recreation board and thank you to the office staff for helping with pictures to display of the rain garden project. She said that there was a group of people harassing the charter school table. She also said that last week the Waste Management trash truck picked up her trash, circled the block then picked up the recycling in the same truck.

Gibbie Hart of 2223 Harmain Road said that she has been having water problems for a long time and needs Code Enforcement to come out.

R.F Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road is worried we will run out of money and will have to raise taxes. He recommended putting some communication committees together to facilitate some of these problems in the Borough.

Aaron Payne of 20 Thornycroft Road said the water problems have now caused a tree problem as well. His yard is a marsh.

Rolando Bustamante of 834 Graham Boulevard talked about the water problems he is having. He said he needs help. He has been trying to work on it but it's a big project.

PROCLAMATION FOR DAVID KILLIAN – Mayor Gamrat read a proclamation for David Killian honoring his 26 years with the Borough Police Department.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 752 – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Law to adopt Ordinance No. 752 approving an agreement with Penn Hills to tap into their sanitary sewer line, which would ultimately result in removal of the Collins Road Pump Station. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO AWARD BID FOR SALT CONTRACT – A motion was made by Ms. Greco and seconded by Mr. Collins to award the salt contract to Cargill Salt at 82.24 per ton for the 2019-2020 winter season. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION No. 4472 – AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT – Mr. Dworin suggested that this motion be tabled until the next meeting. More information and discussion is needed.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4473 – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Law to approve Resolution No. 4473, Collins Road Pump Station Act 537 Plan Special Study which provides for sewage facilities in a portion of Churchill Borough. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE LETTER AGREEMENT WITH WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT AND BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS REGARDING THE BUILDING PERMIT FEE – Mr. Dworin suggested the motion be withdrawn and tabled until our next meeting.

MOTION TO REJECT BOILER BID – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to accept our engineer's recommendation to reject the boiler bid in the amount of \$64,000.00 and re-bid at a later date. The motion was approved unanimously.

The deadline to submit items for the newsletter is September 15, 2019.

There will be a Town Hall meeting to discuss the recent flash flooding August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Yagle Community Center at the Churchill Borough building.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$364,293.89. 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. - \$17,602.77 (July road maintenance), Building Inspection Underwriters – \$133,853.37 (building permits), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - \$32,000.00 (fire truck payment), and The Gateway Engineers - \$20,265.99 (professional services). The motion was approved unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE – Council as a whole commended the recreation board for a successful Community day event.

Mr. McDowell said that the flooding is clearly an issue. He said residents should come to the Town Hall meeting.

Ms. Greco said there were a lot of disturbing comments on the water situation and said thank you to everyone for coming out.

Mr. DeFranco said we should all come to the Town Hall meeting. We have to take care of this. Thank you to the Sewer Committee for accomplishing the agreement with Penn Hills.

Mayor Gamrat thanked everyone for coming out tonight. Hopefully the Town Hall meeting will help with some solutions.

Mr. Collins said that the Town Hall meeting is very important. We will discuss possible ways to alleviate these problems. Residents should send specific problems to the Borough via email. Hopefully the road paving will be completed by mid-September.

Ms. Law said thank you to April Kline for the work she is doing to help deal with the water run-off. She also commended Officer Killian on his service and wished him well on his retirement.

Mr. Dworin said that regarding the water issues, Council has some challenges. As everyone else, we are all residents. We are trying to take the best steps forward. The Town Hall meeting is the beginning step of this process. He said Council has a job here. We are to be held accountable. That is why we are here and we will do our best.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adjourn at 8:40p.m.
The motion was approved unanimously.

**Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary**