

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

Minutes of Meeting

September 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. The meeting started with an Executive session. The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:16 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law and Yankes and Messers. Collins, DeFranco and McDowell. Also present were Manager Donna Perry, Mayor Gamrat and Solicitor Gavin Robb. Ms. Greco was absent.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of August 5, 2019 and the Public Hearing of August 5, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 12, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. McDowell that the minutes of the Town Hall Meeting of August 21, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Ms. Perry read the Fire Department report. There were 29 calls for the month and 282 for the year. Under the Manager’s report, Ms. Perry said the milling and catch basin work is complete. The paving will start tomorrow. The camera work on the sanitary and sewer lines is complete. Manhole to manhole lining is complete as well. Any items for the newsletter must be submitted by the end of this week. There was a motion by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. Collins 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 \$4,847.69 plus penalties of \$484.77. The total net collected was \$5,332.46.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** - The following report for the month of August, 2019 was previously presented to Council. It showed the following:

<b><u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>O/S CHECKS AND DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>ENDING CASH BALANCES</u></b>
REGULAR ACCOUNT	1,708,716.40	486,604.10	719,713.58	1,435,821.67
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	310,570.87	279.26	.00	310,850.13
ROAD & HIGHWAY	209,507.48	188.38	.00	209,695.86
SEWAGE AGENCY	269,886.59	109,306.00	19,360.90	359,831.69
SPECIAL ACCT.	87.86	4,250.46	10.00	4,328.32
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	4,039.19	4,039.19	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	957.56	957.56	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	2,172.00	2,172.00	-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 \$46,179.41 for the month of August, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$4,961.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$3,474.18 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, and seconded by Mr. Collins 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** – Barry Kisloff of 176 Thornberry Drive asked if the lower part of Thornberry Drive was going to be paved.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PASHEK MTR PROPOSAL** – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to approve the proposal from Pashek to provide professional services for community visioning and planning for C-1 District parcel(s) in Churchill Borough. During the discussion there was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes to table the original motion. That motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH POLICE ASSOCIATION** – A motion was made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Law to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Association regarding health benefits for retired Police Officers. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION TO APPROVE TWO LETTERS AND PERMIT APPLICATION FOR TREE REMOVAL IN RIGHT OF WAYS** – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to approve two letters (one to the tree companies and one to residents) and the permit application for tree removal in right of ways. The motion was approved unanimously.

**BILL APPROVAL** - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$483,185.19. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were Vigliotti Landscape & Construction, Inc. - \$24,170.29 (August road maintenance), Woodland Hills School District – \$134,799.51 (building permit refund), Alcosan - \$128,816.95 (sewage service), and The Gateway Engineers - \$19,303.32 (professional services). The motion was approved unanimously.

**AROUND THE TABLE** – Mr. DeFranco gave a shout out to the tree committee. He said that there is new research demonstrating the link between loss of tree canopy and asthma. He said the benefits are more than just to the air and water run-off.

Mr. McDowell said that it's been a very busy August. He thanked the staff, Council and the tree committee and all who worked on the water issues.

Mayor Gamrat said that we had a good summer. He is happy to see all of the paving getting done. He said that he has reached 175 residents with welcome packets.

Mr. Collins said with all of the major storms this summer and all of the paving that will be done, we have a lot to do to raise money for the future.

Ms. Law said thank you to the staff. It's been a difficult summer and she is grateful for all that they do. She also said thank you to the tree committee.

Mr. Dworin said this has been the most challenging time on Council. He thanked everyone and said push forward.

**ADJOURN** - There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Yankes to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry  
Borough Secretary