

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

October 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, October 14, 2019. The regular meeting 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, Yankes, and Greco and Messrs. Collins, DeFranco and McDowell. Also present were Manager Donna Perry, Chief Ronald M. Akerley, and Solicitor David Mongillo. Mayor Gamrat was absent.

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 September 9, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes 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 27 calls for the month and 308 for the year. Under the Manager’s Report, Ms. Perry stated the Manhole to Manhole Sewer Lining and CCTV work has been completed. She attended the Storm Water Management and EPA/Alcosan Consent Order meetings to discuss the compliance issues. Ms. Perry attended the TCVCOG Manager’s Meeting and discussed with Phil Fraga of the Cohen Law Group, the Verizon Franchise Agreement that should be completed by the end of the year. Ms. Perry also attended the PSAB Complete Streets Seminar. There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Greco 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 at face were \$10,641.47 plus penalties of \$867.16. The total net collected was \$11,508.63.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of September, 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	\$1,475,606.92	\$710,749.02	\$840,796.68	\$1,345,559.26
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	\$310,850.13	\$288.83	\$0.00	\$311,138.96
ROAD & HIGHWAY	\$209,695.86	\$194.84	\$0.00	\$209,890.70
SEWAGE AGENCY	\$359,831.69	\$75,535.32	\$160,150.48	\$275,216.53
SPECIAL ACCT.	\$4,328.32	\$0.00	\$1,940.00	\$2,388.32
POLICE PENSION FUND	\$0.00	\$2,999.90	\$2,999.90	\$0.00
EMPL. PENSION FUND	\$0.00	\$957.56	\$957.56	\$0.00
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, and seconded by Mr. McDowell that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurer’s Reports 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 \$64,850.56 for the month of September, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$4,331.11.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$3,733.93 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, 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 – Mr. Rick Savido of 1063 Black Forest Road and Mr. Greg Halemba of 1059 Black Forest Road addressed Council about the report from Gateway Engineers to clarify the results of flooding issues pertaining to their properties that were discussed at the Town Hall

Meeting in July. After discussing the issue, Council's conclusion will be to work with Gateway Engineers to submit a preliminary report to the residents for some clarity pertaining to the flooding.

Also, Mr. Halemba asked Council if a yellow line can be painted at the top of Forest Drive at Beulah Road due to a traffic safety issue.

Mr. Lowell Mate of 27 Churchill Road questioned the cost to the Borough pertaining to the Pashek MTR. Ms. Law explained the cost breakdown to the audience. The cost of professional services for the Community Visioning and Planning with Pashek MTR is around \$30,000.00, the grant was approved for funds totaling around \$9,000.00, leaving a remaining balance of \$21,000, which is a cost to the Borough that will be an additional expense in the 2020 Budget.

Ms. Wendy Mate of 27 Churchill Road was reading the Pittsburgh Magazine and the latest issue addressed best suburban neighborhoods. Churchill's rating was lower than the neighboring communities, especially the school district. She asked for Council's support for the Charter School. She feels an excellent school in the district would have an impact as an incentive for younger families to live and/or move to our borough.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4472 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM – A motion was made by Ms. Greco and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Resolution No. 4472 to participate in the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM PASHEK MTR TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY VISIONING AND PLANNING FOR C-1 DISTRICT PARCEL(S) IN CHURCHILL BOROUGH – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to accept the proposal from Pashek MTR to provide professional services for community visioning and planning for C-1 District Parcel(s) in Churchill Borough. Ms. Yankes questioned the costs, if the proposal required the bidding process, and if the proposal would address a climate environment. Ms. Law explained the costs as previously stated. According to the guidelines of the grant, no bidding is required and the proposal would not address a climate environment. Pashek would only present to Council a community visioning and planning. All other aspects such as ordinances, etc. would be up to Council to address. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ACCEPT ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT THE BOILER BID FROM LUGAILA MECHANICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,000 – A motion was made by Mr. DeFranco and

seconded by Mr. Collins to reject the boiler bid from Lugaila Mechanical in the amount of \$102,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO AWARD A TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT TO HOFFMAN'S KENNELS AS OUR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Law to award a two-year agreement to Hoffman's Kennels as our Animal Control Officer upon a signed addendum to provide adequate insurance coverage by January 1, 2020. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4476 TO APPOINT PAUL R. WELSH TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD – A motion was made by Mr. McDowell and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to appoint Paul R. Welsh to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term to expire October 31, 2022. The motion was unanimously approved.

BILL APPROVAL – Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$997,652.73. There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell to adopt Resolution No. 4479 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 were read by Mr. Dworin and they are as follows: Alcosan - \$33,963.21 (Sewage Service), Churchill Volunteer Fire Relief - \$18,396.87 (Fire Relief-State), El Grande - \$302,483.72 (Road Paving), Employee Pension Trust Fund - \$38,961.00 (Employee MMO), Police Pension Fund - \$172,419.00 (Police MMO), Gateway Engineers - \$30,953.84 (Professional Services), and Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$33,978.18 (Storm Drain Repair & September Road Maintenance). The motion was unanimously approved.

AROUND THE TABLE – Each member of Council stated that they would like the borough to move forward and work together to get some answers from Gateway Engineers to present a preliminary report to the residents concerning their flooding issues.

Also, council would like to thank Paul R. Welsh for his commitment to the Zoning Hearing board with a warm welcome.

Mr. Dworin stated that Churchill Borough has many different challenges as well as other communities, but this is a great community in which to live.

ADJOURN – There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. DeFranco, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Donna J. Perry, Borough Secretary