

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

Minutes of Meeting

November 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, November 11, 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 Messrs. Collins, DeFranco, and McDowell. Also present were Manager Donna Perry, Chief Ronald M. Akerley, and Solicitor David Mongillo. Ms. Greco and Mayor Gamrat were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council recessed to hold an Executive Session at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Meeting Room to discuss a personnel matter. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Law to reconvene the Council Meeting at 7:20 P.M.

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 October 7, 2019 be approved as previously presented. There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2019 be approved as previously presented. The motions were unanimously approved.

MAYOR – There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. McDowell that the Mayor's report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department Report. There were 32 calls for the month and 340 for the year. During the month, the fire department responded to a basement fire on Margareta Street and also a two-car entrapment call in Edgewood Borough.

Ms. Perry gave the Manager's Report. The Pump Station needed to have some repairs. Leaf collection has begun throughout the Borough. Also, the road crew repaired Thornberry Drive using 33 tons of hot patch. Salt is in, plows are on, and the Borough is ready for snow. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell that the Manager and Fire Department Reports be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Ms. Perry read the tax collector’s report. Taxes collected at face were \$17,766.30, less discounts of \$11.40, plus penalties of \$1,666.54, and less face exonerations of \$414.07 Total net collected was \$19,007.37.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of October, 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	\$1,347,394.98	\$1,408,963.39	\$1,961,918.06	\$794,440.31
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	\$311,138.96	\$212.80	\$102,483.73	\$208,868.03
ROAD & HIGHWAY	\$209,890.70	\$168.64	\$0.00	\$210,059.34
SEWAGE AGENCY	\$275,216.53	\$85,792.80	\$61,057.37	\$299,951.96
SPECIAL ACCT.	\$2,388.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,388.32
POLICE PENSION FUND	\$2,999.90	\$175,577.78	\$178,577.68	\$0.00
EMPL. PENSION FUND	\$957.56	\$39,742.18	\$40,699.74	\$0.00
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Law that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurer’s Reports be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

EARNED INCOME TAX

DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Ms. Perry reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$26,470.68 for the month of October, 2019.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$7,334.81.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$965.70 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. McDowell, and seconded by Ms. Yankes that the Earned Income Tax, Deed Transfer, and Delinquent Real Estate Tax Reports be filed as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Mr. Michael Beckadic of 2215 Harmain Road stated that Mr. Yankes and he came up with a plan for the flooding issue in his rear yard and they have completed the 285 ft. trench project. His water issue has been corrected, but he would like the borough to send second notices to the residents who have not complied. Also, he wanted to address the speeding on William Penn Highway. Council and Chief Akerley did assure Mr. Beckadic that William Penn Highway is frequently monitored by the police department.

SET THE POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION RATE AT 5% FOR 2020 - A motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. DeFranco and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution No. 4481 to set the Police Pension contribution rate at 5% for 2020.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4480 TO APPLY FOR A PA SMALL WATER SEWER PROGRAM GRANT – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt Resolution No. 4480 to apply for a PA Small Water & Sewer Program Grant in the amount of \$423,395.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Collins Road Pump Station Rerouting Project. The motion was unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF THE PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET – Mr. Collins gave the first reading of the proposed 2020 Budget. It showed anticipated revenues of \$3,100,678 and anticipated expenditures of \$3,392,469 with a shortfall of \$291,791. The shortfall will be covered by the carryover from the previous year. This budget was read with a millage rate of 7.48 mills.

BUDGET INSPECTION AVAILABILITY – There was a motion made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. McDowell and unanimously approved to authorize the Borough to advertise that the proposed 2020 Budget is available for public inspection.

MILLAGE RATE ORDINANCE – There was a motion made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. DeFranco and unanimously approved to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance to set the 2020 Millage Rate.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING – A motion was made by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. McDowell and unanimously approved to advertise that a Public Hearing be held on December 9, 2019 for the purpose of reviewing the 2020 Budget.

BILL APPROVAL – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Resolution No. 4482 to pay the bills in the total amount of \$214,076.92. Mr. Dworin stated that the following bills in excess of \$15,000 or more for the month were Gateway Engineers in the amount of \$15,438.20 and Vigliotti Landscape & Construction for Storm Sewer Repair and the October Road Maintenance in the amount of \$44,331.64. The motion was unanimously approved.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. DeFranco stated that he attended the NAACP Gala in Monroeville and it was a great and well attended event, but not well attended by neighboring municipalities.

Mr. Collins stated that the Borough and Gateway Engineers are working together on the storm water flooding issues and it will be a long-term project.

Mr. McDowell commented that the changing of Halloween was a great idea and worked out to the benefit of the borough.

Ms. Yankes stated that she is impressed with all the committee work by Council especially in the C-1 Planning. Also, she appreciates all the involvement in the community and policing events by the Mayor.

Ms. Law reminded Council that there will be a Woodland Hills School District & Municipal Consortium Meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Wilkins Township Municipal Building.

Mr. Dworin agreed that Halloween was a success. He had over 260 kids on his street. Also, he wanted to thank the 244th Marine Corps and all the veterans for what they do. Semper Fi.

ADJOURN – There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. The motion was unanimously approved.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary