

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL  
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

April 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, April 9, 2018 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Yankes, Greco, and Law, Messers. Jurewicz, DeFranco, and Mayor Gamrat. Mr. Collins was absent. Also present were Police Chief Roch Kujava, Manager Donna Perry and Solicitor David Mongillo.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of March 5, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously with Mr. Jurewicz abstaining because he was absent from the meeting. There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Ms. Law that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Ms. Greco that the minutes of the Town Hall Meeting of March 27, 2018 be approved as previously presented. During the discussion Ms. Yankes made a motion to table the vote on the minutes. Ms. Law seconded it. The motion to table the vote was approved unanimously with Mr. Jurewicz abstaining because he was absent from the meeting.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read his report for March, 2018 regarding police activities of interest and importance. There was a motion made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. Jurewicz that the Mayor’s Report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – There was no Fire Department report. Under the Manager’s report, Ms. Perry said that the packets the Mayor distributes to new residents are put together by Sandy Curry. She started this program many years ago. Duquesne Light will be trimming trees throughout the Borough in the coming weeks. The street restoration on Jamestown Place is complete after almost two years. Ms. Perry will be attending a meeting on April 23, 2018 with Wilkins Township and Monroeville to keep the Implementable Comprehensive Plan moving along. There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the Manager’s report 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 \$271,989.00 less discounts of \$5,440.00 for a total of \$266,549.00. The balance collectable is \$1,342,119.00.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** - The following report for the month of March, 2018 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	457,528.56	794,138.58	625,300.61	626,366.53
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	240,950.76	9.91	.00	240,960.67
ROAD & HIGHWAY	145,705.89	103,662.46	.00	249,368.35
SEWAGE AGENCY	167,422.92	358,118.89	380,199.90	145,341.91
SPECIAL ACCT.	13,328.03	110.34	220.00	13,218.37
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,419.30	3,419.30	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	927.44	927.44	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,950.00	1,950.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, and seconded by Ms. Greco that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurers 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 \$74,660.12 for the month of March, 2018.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$1,968.82.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$4,460.29 in delinquent real estate taxes.

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

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION TO CHIEF ROCH KUJAVA** – Mayor Gamrat read a proclamation to Chief Roch Kujava honoring his nearly 30 years of service to the Borough as a Police Officer and Chief. His career here began July 4, 1988.

**LISTEN TO VISITORS** – Laura Hall of 429 Woodland Hills Drive was here tonight with her son David Hall. He is earning his merit badge for the boy scouts.

Frank Mastandrea of the Woodland Hills Emergency Management System said that on April 21, 2018 they are having a multi-community child seat safety check at the Forest Hills Municipal Building from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Chad Blair of 1625 Old Beulah asked about the grant for the tree trimming in the Borough. He wanted to know if there are any plans designating where it will be done.

Lowell Mate of 27 Churchill Road said that the Town Hall meeting was great and that people were pleased with it. He asked if Council intended on having more and when they will post the dates.

Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road asked if the minutes from the Town Hall Meeting would be in regular format. She also asked if we could record the meeting minutes and provide an audio for the website or podcast them in the future.

Joan Gottleib of 2310 Marbury Road wanted council to consider April Kline and Norma Greco to serve on the Churchill Area Environmental Council. Susan Keane is moving from the area and resigned from her position. She also said there will be no graduate award this year. They received one application and he did not meet the criteria. There is a new advisory on lead, radon and asbestos. It will be out in May. She will deliver hard copies for residents. The Recreation Board has set aside May 19, 2018 for a Bullock Pens Park event. The road, though, is not parkable in its present condition and the event may have to be cancelled.

Milton Gottleib of 2310 Marbury Road said that the gate to the park is chained and locked.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO 742 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 720** – There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. Jurewicz to adopt Ordinance No. 742 amending Ordinance No. 720 to match the collective bargaining agreement regarding the service increment. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 743** – There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adopt Ordinance No. 743 repealing and replacing Chapter 232 (peddling and soliciting) updating the existing solicitation ordinance to establish regulations for commercial and non-commercial solicitation in the Borough. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION TO APPOINT OFFICER IN CHARGE** – Due to the retirement of Chief Roch Kujava there was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Ms. Law to appoint William G. Pleins as the Officer in Charge with an additional \$200.00 compensation per month effective May 1, 2018. The motion was approved unanimously.

**BILL APPROVAL** - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$276,836.70. There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. Jurewicz to adopt Resolution No. 4442 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were \$21,376.00 - Vigliotti Landscape & Construction for March road maintenance, \$40,000.00 - Day Ford for police car, and \$28,732.62 - Alcosan for sewage service. The motion was approved unanimously.

**AROUND THE TABLE** – Ms. Greco said she was curious about the tree trimming. She said that Duquesne Light only trims trees that interfere with their lines. Residents are supposed to prune their own trees.

Mr. DeFranco thanked Chief Kujava for his many years of service to the Borough.

Mayor Gamrat thanked the Chief and said he along with all of our residents feel proud of all of our police officers.

Ms. Law welcomed the scout attending the meeting. She said there is a high level of respect from the community and police force for Chief Kujava. She said he is a tough act to follow and hopes he has a lovely retirement. She commended the police department for the fine job they do. Ms. Law congratulated Mr. Dworin on the Town Hall meeting. She said he is the first in the history of the Borough to have one. She suggested residents should try and be home when Duquesne Light comes to trim the trees. They should tell them what they can and can't do.

Ms. Yankes said that she is moving ahead on the deer culling situation. She will be having meetings in the near future. She also said she has a lot of respect for the police and the department.

Mr. Jurewicz thanked the police for coming to the meeting and making the Borough safe and secure and with the burden of the school district. He commended Chief Kujava for his service and also congratulated Officer Pleins.

Chief Kujava thanked the Borough and said it was great being Chief. He is looking forward to spending time with his family. He thanked the officers for coming tonight and said he has great respect for them and their support for Officer Pleins.

Mr. Dworin thanked Chief Kujava. He said we have a great chief and great police department. He told the police we respect them and have their back. It's been a tough year and this is one of the best departments he's ever seen. He said to Chief Kujava "It breaks my heart to see you go". He said we will clearly miss you and wish you the best.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry  
Borough Secretary