

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

Minutes of Meeting

July 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, July 9, 2018 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:34 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Yankes, Greco, and Law, and Messers. Collins and DeFranco and Mayor Gamrat. Mr. Jurewicz was absent. Also present were Officer in Charge William Pleins, Manager Donna Perry and Solicitor David Mongillo.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Greco that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of June 4, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Greco that the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 19, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat read his report for June, 2018 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 – Under the Manager’s report, Ms. Perry said we have 3 items left to do to complete the ADA project. The handrails, automatic door opener and some plantings will be done. Ms. Perry read the Fire Department report in Mr. Zatlín’s absence. There were 34 calls for the month and 180 for the year. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes 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 \$42,690.00 less discounts of \$21.00 for a total of \$42,669.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The following report for the month of June, 2018 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	1,633,709.39	461,750.30	481,795.85	1,633,663.76
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	208,980.82	8.31	.00	208,989.13
ROAD & HIGHWAY	249,389.45	9.87	.00	249,399.32
SEWAGE AGENCY	293,978.53	334,330.60	400,352.70	227,956.43
SPECIAL ACCT.	4,314.66	44,250.96	21,814.66	26,750.96
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,371.84	3,371.84	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	927.44	927.44	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-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 \$72,243.00 for the month of June, 2018.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$14,047.20.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$2,637.90 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. DeFranco 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 – Glenda Mayo of 100 Edgewood Drive said the potholes on Nottingham Drive are horrible and did significant damage to her car because of it. She talked about a problem with Waste Management.

Jim DiPerna of 1616 Branning Road asked for someone to take a look at the deterioration of Branning Road. He referred to a revealing Post Gazette article about recycling and asked if we

could make it a voluntary program for those who think it's not a worthwhile effort. He also mentioned the number of group homes in the Borough.

Barry Kisloff of 176 Thornberry Drive talked about the Gorsline vs. Inflection Energy decision and how it affects the Borough.

Moni Wesner of 3844 Henley Drive talked about her neighborhood having an abandoned and condemned house.

April Kline of 18 Holland Road talked about the bioswale and ADA ramp.

Inge Farrel of 39 Holland Road talked about the ADA ramp and rain garden.

Wende Mate 27 Churchill Road talked about late stage lime disease and the medical costs for it, potholes, crooked street signs, garbage collection, the rain garden and the recent workshop meeting she attended.

Larry Lepidi of 2027 Hampstead talked about the proposed Human Relations Commission and garbage contract.

Margie Darbut of 1503 Williamsburg Place said it's the same issues over and over and residents are getting frustrated. She suggested having a task list of goals and at the end of the year letting us know what's been done.

Craig Yankes of 2210 William Penn Highway said apparently our priorities are lopsided. He said what we need are answers. He wanted to know what the rush was for Chapter 52 when there is a lack of community interest for it.

Ilona Tassone of 3314 Scathelocke Drive talked about being a realtor in Churchill relative to the proposed Chapter 52 ordinance.

Lowell Mate of 27 Churchill Road had questions on the expanded procedures on the proposed Chapter 52 ordinance, the draft of the revised ordinance on group homes and he wanted to know if we record the council meetings.

Ken Balkey of 2007 Hampstead Drive talked about an ad hoc tree committee.

Kenneth Rudolph of 3472 Ridgewood Drive said that he is on the Board of Directors of Edgewood Country Club and would like to know what does the new Chapter 52 ordinance mean to them.

Harvey Robbins of 2212 Harmain Road talked about the ongoing problems on Harmain Road. He is concerned about the deer and lime disease. He said we don't have an active building inspector who works for the Borough five days a week and we are wasting good funds.

R.F. Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road wanted to know when Nottingham is getting paved.

Bill Henninger of 15 Holland Road wanted to know what the Borough Civil Service Commission does and why we would not consider them to help solve some of these issues.

Mayor Gamrat read a proclamation for David Killian on his 25 years of service to the Borough of Churchill Police Department. He started with the Borough on July 1, 1993.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 52 ("HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION") OF THE BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS – There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Law to adopt Ordinance No. 744 establishing a new Chapter 52 ("Human Relations Commission") of the Borough of Churchill in order to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. During the discussion Mr. Collins made a motion to table this discussion asking Council to vote to table this for further discussion and Ms. Yankes seconded it. A Roll Call Vote was taken and the motion failed 2-4 with Messers Dworin and DeFranco and Mses. Greco and Law dissenting. A Roll Call Vote was taken on the original motion. Motion carried 4-2 with Ms. Yankes and Mr. Collins dissenting.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4450 TO ENTER INTO A 5 YEAR WINTER TRAFFIC SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PENNDOT – There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt Resolution No. 4450 to enter into a 5 year Winter Services Agreement with PENNDOT. The motion was approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$223,017.53. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes to adopt Resolution No. 4451 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were \$21,626.22 - Vigliotti Landscape & Construction

for June road maintenance, \$15,440.00 – Vigliotti Landscape & Construction for the Rain Garden and \$30,365.83 – Alcosan for sewage service. The motion was approved unanimously.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. Collins said the Rain Garden is an ongoing project that started in 2016 with a consent decree. We applied for the grant and here we are. He said he agrees that it doesn't look right but it is not finished.

Ms. Yankes said there will be a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at the Borough building. The topic will be deer management. The Pennsylvania Game Commission and the USDA will be there to answer questions.

Mr. Gamrat said regarding the potholes, the rain has been so bad that parts of the road are just destroyed. The recycling and garbage program need to be looked at. There are a lot of concerns. He said let's make the Rain Garden better. He congratulated Officer Killian on his 25 years as a police officer.

Ms. Law said she gets the frustration and is open to the discussions. She said she is glad Mr. Balkey is chairing the ad hoc committee on the trees and he should bring back information to Council. She said roads are expensive to fix and we just don't have the money to do them.

Mr. Dworin thanked everyone for coming tonight to what was civil discourse and reasonable debate. He appreciated everyone and the discussions.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. DeFranco to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary