

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

Minutes of Meeting

March 13, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, March 13, 2017 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, Moore, Yankes, Messrs. Jurewicz, Collins, Riehl and Mayor Gamrat. Also present were Interim Police Chief Roch Kujava, Borough Manager/Secretary Donna Perry, and Solicitor Gavin Robb.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. Collins that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of February 6, 2017 and the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2017 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Moore and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor's Report be accepted and filed as presented.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Mrs. Perry reported that the Fire Department responded to 14 calls in February for a total of 32 for the year. There were two incidents of significance in the Borough. One was a motor vehicle accident on the Parkway with injuries and a fully engulfed car fire on the Greensburg Pike exit ramp off the Parkway.

Under the Manager's report, Ms. Perry stated she is working on updating the specifications for Public Works Services since the current contract expires September 1.

Ms. Perry further stated the road crew is ready for the impending snow storm.

There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that these reports be accepted and filed.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR - Mrs. Perry reported there is no report since the tax statements were being mailed by the end of this month.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ms. Perry read the following report for the month of February, 2017. 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	627,297.68	296,595.85	402,254.44	521,639.09
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	440,738.36	16.90	-0-	440,755.26
ROAD & HIGHWAY	96,751.16	3.67	-0-	96,754.83
SEWAGE AGENCY	70,528.19	156,121.33	122,922.13	103,727.39
SPECIAL ACCT.	11,901.12	33,246.08	26,910.78	18,236.42
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,284.93	3,284.93	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	908.42	908.42	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,950.00	1,950.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2017 and have it reproduced in the minutes.

**EARNED INCOME TAX
DEED TRANSFER**

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Ms. Perry reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$38,853.63 for the month of February, 2017.

Deed Transfer Taxes collections were \$3,875.46.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$2,929.81 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved that the reports be filed.

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Former Mayor Paul H. McKenna of 24 Holland Road expressed thanks to our Police Department for excellent work. Patrolmen Fabrizi and Akerley did a great job responding to a medical emergency at the house of his neighbor.

He further informed that he will still be heading up the garden brigade.

Joan Gottlieb of 2310 Marbury Road discussed the proposed sign ordinance and voiced her opinion that the size of any temporary sign should not be larger than four square feet. Signs need to be as small as possible, as low as possible and displayed for as short a period of time as possible.

APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Moore and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4399 authorizing the Borough Manager to submit an application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Department of Transportation and to sign on behalf of the Borough.

2017 BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR SEWER PROJECTS & ROAD PAVING - There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise that bid specifications will be advertised in April for 2017 Sewer Projects and Road Paving.

ADVERTISE SALE OF 2010 POLICE CAR - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise for bids for the sale of a 2010 Crown Victoria Police Car.

ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING SIGNS - There was a motion to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise a Public Hearing will be held on May 1, 2017 to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regulating the use of signs within the Borough.

Discussion ensued and Mr. Collins felt the draft ordinance is far too restrictive than it should be.

Mr. Jurewicz requested his comments in the minutes be verbatim and stated "This ordinance contains several positive provisions, including eliminating commercial signs within residential districts. Unfortunately, we have not achieved consensus, and I can't support this ordinance for two basic reasons. First, the provision language permitting signs or banners by or on behalf of a government body to be exempt from regulations set forth seems to me is a bit gray. It seems that Council will be deciding some signs and banners on a case by case basis, arbitrarily, based on content. Second, our temporary sign size and height restriction is too lenient. I echo comments made by a long-standing Churchill resident, former council person, and naturalist icon, who relates that any sign greater than four square feet and higher than 48" in height is an advertising billboard. This is the age of Zillow and i-phones. You can shop for a new home over the internet. A real estate sign is simply a beacon, and it can be smaller".

Mr. Dworin stated this was not an easy task for the Committee and he thanked them for their efforts.

Roll Call Vote was as follows: Law - Yes, Riehl - No, Moore - Yes, Collins - Yes, Yankes - Yes, Jurewicz - No and Dworin - Yes. Motion passed by majority vote.

BILLS - Mrs. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$303,514.72. There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Ms. Yankes to adopt Resolution No. 4400 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 were Vigliotti Landscape & Construction \$18,680.06 for February road maintenance, TEC Benefits \$15,547.99 for health benefits and Alcosan \$102,354.16 for sewage service. Motion carried by unanimous Roll Call Vote.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

**DONNA J. PERRY
BOROUGH SECRETARY**