

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

January 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, January 11, 2016 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law and Moore, Messrs. Jurewicz, Collins, Riehl and Mayor McKenna. Ms. Yankes was absent. Also present were Police Chief Allen Park, Borough Manager/Secretary Craig Robinson, Solicitor Gavin Robb, and Donna Perry.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Mr. Riehl that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held December 7, 2015 and the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2015 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Mr. Robinson reported the Fire Department responded to 21 calls bringing the year-to-date total to 231, which is a record high. In addition during the month of January they have already had 13 or 14 calls.

Under the Manager's Report, Mr. Robinson stated the road crew has been called out for a couple times for snow removal. He reminded everyone not to shovel the snow into the street.

Sewer work has been completed and we are working on next year's projects.

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

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Robinson reported real estate tax collections at face in the amount of \$3,258.96, plus penalties of \$325.89 for a total of \$3,584.85. The balance collectable is \$32,544.95.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of December 2015. 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	923,373.60	757,904.77	1,243,177.27	438,101.10
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,641.15	1.35	-0-	158,642.50
ROAD & HIGHWAY	55,352.60	0.46	-0-	55,353.06
SEWAGE AGENCY	315,490.04	334,294.49	519,677.30	130,107.23
SPECIAL ACCT.	10,828.28	0.05	-0-	10,828.33
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,623.45	3,623.45	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	932.62	932.62	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	3,150.00	3,150.00	-0-

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

EARNED INCOME TAX

DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX – Mr. Robinson reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$59,246.15 for the month of December.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$2,062.90.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$531.00 in delinquent real estate tax collected.

There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved that the reports be filed.

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Monica Wesner of 3844 Henley Drive asked for an update on the progress of the committee that is working on the ordinance changes regarding the fracking issue. She also advised Steve Jurman and Michael Parniak have agreed to work with this committee.

Sharon Portser of 1529 Williamsburg Place stated she was also there to question the conditions of use on the fracking issue.

BILLS - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$202,469.31. Mr. Dworin read the bills that totaled payment of \$15,000.00 or more to a vendor and they included: Gateway Engineers, Inc. \$16,488.55 for professional services, Alcosan \$26,773.51 for sewage service, and Vigliotti

Landscape & Construction \$15,253.35 for road maintenance. There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4358 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE - Mr. Dworin advised that the Organization Meeting was just held last week and council committee assignments will be assigned in the near future. Afterwards, the committee on the fracking issue will be formed and then members of the community can be selected to serve on this committee.

He informed Council will have an Executive Session after this meeting to discuss the Westinghouse tax appeal matter.

Mayor McKenna complimented Mt. Lebanon on a successful deer culling whereby over 100 deer were put down without incident and 83% were female. He believes it was done by an archery group and stated we should look into this.

Ms. Law stated she was happy to see the December Mayor's Report on crime was comparable to last December. She also questioned Police Chief Park why the collection of fines was down \$9,000. Chief Park stated there are many reasons that include the failure on the part of the Magistrate to issue fines and people simply not paying their fines. He further stated there has been a decrease in the amount of fines collected over the last three to four years.

Ms. Law also questioned the Chief if he is aware Wilkinsburg Borough is considering abolishing their police department and how it would affect us. Chief Park had no information.

Mr. Jurewicz stated we need to address the deer issue.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY