

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL  
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

February 9, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, February 9, 2015 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. McAbee, Law, Yankes, Messrs. Jurewicz, Collins, Riehl and Mayor McKenna. Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary Craig Robinson, Solicitor Gavin Robb, Police Chief Allen Park, Tax Collector Daniel R. Duerring and Donna Perry.

WORKSHOP MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz and seconded by Ms. Law that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held January 5, 2015 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. McAbee that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 12, 2015 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Riehl 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 had a very busy month and responded to 29 calls in January. There was a large significant fire on Kings Dale Road that was electrical in nature.

The next newsletter will be released soon.

We are still on track for the new Code Enforcement Officer to begin March 1 and he will work for the Borough two and one half days per week looking for property maintenance code violations. This is a new program established through the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments.

Our road crew has had a very busy snow removal month that included three, 24-hour days.

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

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Duerring reported real estate tax collections at face in the amount of \$3,186.63 and penalties of \$318.66 for a total of \$3,505.29. The balance collectable is \$44,968.41. Mr. Duerring reported there are 45 delinquent properties at the end of year and a

delinquency from Churchill Valley Country Club, in the amount of \$17,000, is included in the total of the balance collectable.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Duerring read the following report for the month of January 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	317,941.62	912,725.83	645,179.68	585,487.77
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,610.99	6.52	-0-	158,617.51
ROAD & HIGHWAY	79,402.79	57,350.22	57,366.99	79,406.02
SEWAGE AGENCY	166,498.87	174,145.20	127,710.03	212,934.04
SPECIAL ACCT.	12,246.83	6,188.78	5,509.00	12,926.61
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,731.96	3,190.67	6,922.63	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	876.13	879.75	1,755.88	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,660.73	-0-	1,660.73	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	3,050.00	3,050.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, 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 January and have it reproduced in the minutes.

**EARNED INCOME TAX  
DEED TRANSFER**

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Mr. Robinson reported the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$32,888.71 for the month of January.

Deed Transfer Tax collection was \$6,228.39.

Jordan Tax Service collected delinquent real estate taxes in the amount of \$1,654.25.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Taiwen Chen of 3860 Henley Drive, Moni Wesner of 3844 Henley Drive and Linda Rodgers of 3852 Henley Drive individually addressed Council regarding the property at 3849 Henley Drive. A building permit was issued almost five years ago, the house is still a vacant

eyesore and remodeling construction is still incomplete. They questioned what is being done to rectify the situation. Ms. Wesner also requested members of Council hold a meeting with the residents regarding this matter.

**ADOPTION OF ACT 20 ORDINANCE - DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION** - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Ordinance No. 725 to authorize the imposition of costs and fees for the collection of delinquent taxes and municipal claims.

**FILING LIENS - 2014**

**EXONERATE THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR** - The Real Estate Tax Collector reported \$44,968.41 outstanding in 2014 unpaid real estate taxes. There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4330 exonerating the Real Estate Tax Collector of any further responsibility for the collection of 2014 real estate taxes and authorizing the Solicitor to file liens on the respective properties.

**ADVERTISE INTENT TO ADOPT A DUMPSTER, PORTABLE CONTAINER & OTHER REFUSE CONTAINERS ORDINANCE** - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise the intent to adopt an ordinance providing regulations for the use of portable storage containers, temporary dumpsters and other refuse containers within the Borough and adding Article IV (Bulk Containers) to Chapter 252 (Solid Waste) of the Churchill Borough Code.

**LEASE AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION FOR A CELL TOWER** - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to authorize the execution of a letter agreement setting forth the terms of a lease amendment and extension for a cell tower on Borough property. This involves a lease extension and an increase in payment to the Borough. The cell tower officials still have the option to approve or disapprove this lease.

**PAY THE BILLS** - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$182,551.86. Mr. Dworin reported the only vendor that was paid \$15,000 or more within the month was Vigliotti Landscaping. There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4331 to pay the bills.

**AROUND THE TABLE** - All members of Council addressed the Henley Drive matter. In conclusion, Mr. Dworin assured the residents that given the restrictions of government, we are doing everything possible to rectify the situation.

**ADJOURN - There was a motion by Ms. Law, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.**

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**