

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

Minutes of Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, September 14, 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 and Riehl. Mr. Collins was absent. Also present were Borough Manager/Secretary, Craig A. Robinson, Solicitor Gavin A. Robb, Assistant Police Chief Roch Kujava, and Donna J. Perry. Tax Collector/Treasurer Daniel R. Duerring was absent.

NEW POLICE OFFICER - Mayor McKenna performed the swearing-in ceremony for Christopher Lewandowski, our new police officer.

PROCLAMATION - Mayor McKenna read a proclamation for William (Bill) Hauser honoring his volunteer efforts in collecting litter for many years on Churchill Road and the Parkway exit/entrance ramps at Churchill Road.

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved that the Workshop Minutes held August 3, 2015 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2015 be approved as previously presented.

MAYOR - There was a motion made by Ms. Law, seconded by Ms. McAbee 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 18 calls in August for a total of 155 year-to-date.

The Fire Department did not have any serious fires in the Borough, but they did have clean-up after several vehicular accidents and assisted other fire departments with their alarms.

Under the Manager's Report our road paving is complete. Allegheny County started resurfacing parts of Greensburg Pike. It appears they are repairing large sections, but not the entire road.

Our sewer work continues in the Borough. Next week Soli Construction will be doing physical digs. They will be repairing sanitary sewer lines as needed from camera work that was done last year. There was a motion by Ms. McAbee seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the reports.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR - In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Mr. Robinson reported real estate collections at face were \$11,238.00 plus penalties of \$1,123.00 for a total of \$12,361.00. The balance collectable is \$52,617.00.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of August 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	1,375,189.40	344,309.62	364,607.51	1,354,891.51
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,635.85	1.35	-0-	158,637.20
ROAD & HIGHWAY	160,348.27	1.36	-0-	160,349.63
SEWAGE AGENCY	242,911.48	142,879.60	102,775.27	283,015.81
SPECIAL ACCT.	11,260.18	0.05	-0-	11,260.23
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,114.77	3,306.03	6,420.80	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	874.70	874.70	1,749.40	-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. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of August 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 \$66,283.20 for the month of August.

Deed Transfer Tax collection was \$7,316.83.

Jordan Tax Service collected delinquent real estate tax in the amount of \$5,217.47.

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

OIL AND GAS WELL RESOLUTION - Mr. Dworin informed the public that Council had adopted a resolution at the Workshop Meeting on August 3, 2015 that would prohibit fracking in the residential zones, along with the C-2 zone. The next step is the intent to advertise the ordinance itself. This places a moratorium to move forward with the process. Following the advertisement of the

ordinance a public hearing will be held and then Council can take a vote on the adoption of an ordinance.

LISTEN TO VISITORS - The following residents had comments and concerns on the oil and gas drilling: Susan Keane of Hampstead Drive, Mr. Czekanski of Creekedge Drive, Mr. Doemling of Saybrook Drive, Mr. Halemba of Black Forest Road, Mr. Hughes of Blackridge, Cindy Haigh of Thornycroft Road, Jennifer Suiters of Georgetown Place, Phil O'Keefe of Hampstead Drive, Ms. Biamonte of Hampstead Drive, Cheryl Woods of Creekedge Dr., Nancy Carpenter of Forest Drive, Mr. Savido of Black Forest Road, Marie Riedl of McCrea Road, Bethany Warner of Rural Court, Mrs. Catanese of Scathelocke Road, Mr. Bober of Fenwick Drive, Ms. Portser of Williamburg Place, James Hovan of Marbury Road, Mr. Tassone of Scathelocke Road, Mr. Gamze of Collins Road, Mrs. Hughes, Ms. Mccullough of Georgetown Place, Mr. Kerin of Collins Road. Some of the concerns included, but not limited to, air quality, water quality, earthquakes, noise, devaluation of homes, and structural concerns of their home especially since so many homes are undermined.

ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing that will be held on November 9 at 6:00 p.m. to consider adoption of an ordinance amending the Borough's Zoning Ordinance regarding the regulation of oil and gas development in the Borough.

APPOINT PNC BANK AS INVESTMENT ADVISOR FOR PENSION PLANS - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to adopt Resolution No. 4346 appointing PNC Bank as the investment advisor for the Borough's pension plans.

CHURCHILL BOROUGH POLICE AGREEMENT - Mr. Dworin advised this item was tabled since there were a few more items that needed to be addressed.

BILLS - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$297,851.55. Mr. Dworin informed that bills paid amounting to \$15,000. and more included Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$20,406.50 for August road maintenance and to Alcosan - \$101,124.84 for sewage service. Ms. Yankes inquired about a payment that is due to CONNECT. Mr. Robinson stated that no invoice has been received. There was a motion by Ms. McAbee, seconded by Mr. Jurewicz and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to adopt Resolution No. 4347 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE - Ms. Yankes thanked the Police, Mayor, Manager, Tax Collector, Volunteer Fire Department and the staff for the wonderful job they do for this community.

She discussed Act 13. In the past, we were forced by law to allow drilling in the Borough. In December 2014 six of our surrounding communities went to court to remove the language out of the zoning ordinance.

We were a company town when Westinghouse was here. Unfortunately, they moved to Cranberry and we lost an incredible amount of tax base. We also lost police and fire coverage that was complimentary from them being here. We lost a friend to help us educate as they had a science program that they held for children. This oil and gas well drilling issue is a community/environmental issue and it should be addressed at a community level and not an individual property owner level. We need help from the community to find a way to expand our tax base.

She also gave a historical overview of the property where Beulah Church is located.

Mr. Riehl stated he and his family intend to remain in the Borough for a long time. He will do everything in his power to keep the borough a great community. As a Councilperson his job is to objectively make decisions in the best interest of Churchill. The fracking issue is a very emotional one. There are also many legal issues on this matter. Council will do everything in its power to do due diligence on this subject.

He also stated that Council is researching the chicken and bee issue. They are also investigating what other communities have done.

Ms. McAbee came on Council in 2008 and will be leaving in 2016. She hopes that the people that say they want to get involved will do so.

She relayed a story of her neighbor who had mine subsidence insurance, his entire footer cracked and water started erupting but when he went to the state to make a claim they said there was no mine under his home. She urged everyone to make sure you are not paying for mine subsidence insurance when you are not undermined.

She further thanked the committee for working on the new pension plan investment advisor.

She stated the benefit of Westinghouse went to Cranberry, but the burden of a nuclear site remained here. Whenever there is a nuclear failure of Westinghouse around the world, they truck it to their site here. Cranberry would not give them permits for that area. Westinghouse felt it was too expensive to duplicate it so that is why it remains here.

Ms. Law was happy to see all in attendance and thanked everyone for coming. She stated as Councilperson she represents the whole Borough was concerned that mainly Blackridge people were here, but the whole community needs to be involved on the fracking issue. She encouraged everyone to contact friends, neighbors, and relatives and let them know this discussion is occurring.

She congratulated our new police officer.

Mr. Jurewicz gave a biography of himself and stated his father and grandfathers worked in the steel mill so he understands the concern regarding toxins and working around them. He was one of two descending votes on the gas and oil resolution last week. He stated the vote was held in the conference room after everyone left and the issue needed a full vote discussion in Council Chambers. Another issue was that he felt it was a contrarian vote and he also thought a split vote represents the thought of the whole Borough. In addition, he also wanted to sleep on the issue. The outcome, however, was correct and he was wrong. Now there is a moratorium in place and the clock is ticking on due diligence. His position as a Councilman may be different than if he was a resident. He feels he needs to always look at all the objective data before making an informed decision.

Mr. Dworin introduced himself as President of Council. The thought about the "U.S. community and us as a Council" is not how he views the fracking issue. He and his wife moved into Churchill to start a family. His daughter was born in 2012 and they live on Garrick Drive. He loves his street and stated there are about 70 children who live there. He stated he has the same vested interest as everyone else here and wants Churchill to remain a place where he can continue to raise his daughter. He urged the people to not only continue to organize, but to get questions answered about the C-1 zoning district. He encouraged the audience provide comments to him and informed he would stay after the meeting. He further stated this matter is a process through the intent to advertise then a public hearing. The November meeting will allow a time allotment of one and one half hours for discussion. This entire issue is a watershed moment for us. The vote of Council will affect Churchill going forward. He said his job is to look at this issue and make a decision for the whole borough.

He also congratulated our new Police Officer Lewandowski and Mr. Hauser for his volunteerism.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Riehl and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

CRAIG A. ROBINSON, SECRETARY