

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

Minutes of Meeting

September 15, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, September 15, 2014 and was called to order by Raymond G. Jurewicz at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Jurewicz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. McAbee, Law, Yankes, Messrs. Collins and Riehl. Mr. Dworin and Mayor McKenna were absent. Also present were Police Chief Allen Park, Borough Manager/Secretary Craig Robinson, Solicitor Gavin Robb, Donna Perry and Tax Collector/Treasurer Daniel R. Duerring.

WORKSHOP MINUTES – There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Riehl that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held August 4, 2014 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 August 11, 2014 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR - Chief Park reported on a police training exercise that was held at Woodland Hills High School and he was very impressed with results.

There was a motion made by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. Yankes 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 for the month with a total of 157 year-to-date. They responded to several motor vehicle accidents either to assist with the ambulance or road clean-up, tended to a couple brush fires, responded to a few CO2 alarms and assisted Edgewood with their fireworks night. They also had 2 drills for the month.

Under the Manager's Report, Mr. Robinson stated the leaves will be falling soon. He reminded everyone that we will be cleaning the streets, but not leaves from residents' property. There will be five to six leaf pick-ups and the dates will be announced in the upcoming newsletter. Also, property maintenance is a continual issue. We will be accepting the South Hills COG salt bid prices tonight for the 2014-15 winter season. The prices have gone up considerably from last year by approximately \$20. Deer complaints are continually a struggling issue. There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that these reports be accepted and filed.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Duerring stated real estate tax collections were \$4,826.75 and penalties of \$483.32 for a total of \$5,310.07. The balance collectable is \$71,862.95.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Duerring read the following report for the month of August 2014. 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	1,344,173.66	328,343.27	440,277.81	1,232,239.12
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,577.75	6.30	0	158,584.05
ROAD & HIGHWAY	174,916.72	2,599.98	5,186.26	172,330.44
SEWAGE AGENCY	228,569.93	66,900.86	45,018.42	250,452.37
SPECIAL ACCT.	12,150.70	581.33	350.52	12,381.51
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,429.51	3,521.27	6,950.78	0
EMPL. PENSION FUND	877.58	874.70	1,752.28	0
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,480.73	0	0	1,480.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	0	3,050.00	3,050.00	0

There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Law 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 that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$39,338.66 for the month of August.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$5,254.76.

Jordan Tax Service collected delinquent real estate taxes in the amount of \$2,170.16

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

CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL - Mr. Jurewicz acknowledged the Churchill Area Environmental Meeting minutes of May 19, 2014.

LISTEN TO VISITORS - Mary Crawford of 16 Holland Road discussed the deer problem and informed she had two landscape workers at her home last Friday who had gotten bitten by ticks.

Jim DiPerna of 1616 Branning Road discussed the 2013 budget surplus and thought it was excessive.

He further discussed the fact that Churchill has no playground for children and Council should give some consideration to this matter.

He also had samples of solar powered and battery-operated lights to be placed at the planter on Holland Road and other various entrances throughout the Borough.

Lastly, he addressed the fact that the office staff, and not the tax collector, is in the office collecting school taxes.

2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE - There was a motion by Ms. McAbee, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the approval of Ordinance 722 adopting the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code.

ROAD SALT BID 2014-1015 WINTER SEASON - There was a motion by Mr. Collins, seconded by Ms. Yankes and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4314 to accept the salt bid from Cargill Salt at a price of \$79.29/ton for the 2014-2015 winter season.

RE-APPOINT SHARON PEDROTTI TO RECREATION BOARD - There was a motion by Ms. Yankes, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4315 to re-appoint Sharon Pedrotti to the Recreation Board for a three-year term to expire August, 2017.

PAY THE BILLS - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$360,296.16. Mr. Jurewicz read payments totalling \$15,000 or more to one vendor as follows: TEC for health insurance - \$14,508.74, Insight Pipe for a sewer lining project - \$32,474.02, State Pipe for the sewer CCTV inspections and cleaning project - \$34,262.96, Alcosan for sewage service - \$95,349.53 and David G. Martin General Contracting for the monthly road maintenance contract - \$16,836.40. There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Collins and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4316 to pay the bills.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Ms. Law and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY**