

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

Minutes of Meeting

January 10, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 and was called to order by Robert L. Ferry at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Ferry led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Ms. McAbee, Mrs. Pantlik, Messrs. Lepidi, Kline, Dworin and Jurewicz. Also present were Mayor McKenna, Robert W. Goehring, Police Chief Park, Donna Perry and Daniel R. Duerring.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Lepidi and seconded by Mr. Dworin that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 13, 2011 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR – There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi and seconded by Ms. McAbee to accept the report. The motion was unanimously approved. Mayor McKenna noted that the police gave a total of 343 warnings to motorists for the year and stated he thought they should have been given tickets.

Mr. Lepidi also requested that the Mayor's Report be distributed to Woodland Hills School District since members of the staff were unaware of the number of incidents in the school. Also, the vice president of the school board should be made aware of the school district millage rate since he made it known he didn't know the rate at our December regular meeting. Chief Park advised that the Mayor's Report is distributed to the high school principal and superintendent.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Mr. Robinson stated the Fire Department had 23 calls in December, one of which was a significant accident. There were a total of 220 calls for the department in 2011, which was an all time high number.

Mr. Robinson stated we ordered road salt for the first time this winter season.

There was a motion by Mr. Jurewicz, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that these reports be accepted and filed as presented.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – Mr. Duerring reported that the amount of real estate taxes collected at face for the month of December was \$3,471.85, plus penalties of \$275.89, for a grand total of \$3,747.74. Also, taxes collected at face during the first few

days in January 2012 amounted to \$1,738.80, plus penalties of \$173.89 for a grand total of \$1,912.69. The balance collectable is \$33,772.63.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Duerring read the following report for the month of December, 2011. 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	729,099.18	574,808.30	1,080,532.43	223,375.05
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,298.09	13.01	-0-	158,311.10
ROAD & HIGHWAY	141,817.55	11.57	-0-	141,829.12
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	16,340.10	97,968.87	135,456.39	(21,147.42)
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	14,361.69	1,876.68	3,691.94	12,546.43
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,382.55	3,455.53	6,838.08	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	840.76	840.78	1,681.54	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	490.73	90.00	-0-	580.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,850.00	1,850.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Kline 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, Pennsylvania Municipal Service Co., reported the collection of \$13,422.16 for the month of December.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$1,832.60 for the month of December.

There was no delinquent real estate tax collected.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Joan Gottlieb of Marbury Road paid respect to Louise Leddy and informed that she had passed away. She lived at 2007 Beulah Road and was a resident for over 50 years. She stated she had a long and productive life. Also, her late husband

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was a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for many years. Her son will be moving from Forest Hills into the home on Beulah Road.

Mrs. Gottlieb also asked for an update on the Alcosan sewage rate increase for this year. Mr. Robinson stated that we received a letter with the increase information and will provide that information to her.

Mr. Ferry asked Mr. Goehring for an update on the re-assessment process. He attended a hearing before Judge Wettick whereby the judge issued an order directed to the four offices of the county that deal directly with real estate assessment to obey all past and future orders of the court. Basically, he told the people they are going to listen to his orders. Secondly, they are to use the 2012 numbers that have been and will be developed and not the 2011 that were certified and sent out to all the municipalities as 2012 numbers. Judge Wettick also made sure the figures for 2012 have been given to the City of Pittsburgh and the city school district. The solicitor stated that there would be another status conference meeting on Thursday.

FILING LIENS - 2011

EXONERATE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – The Real Estate Tax Collector reported \$33,772.63 outstanding in 2011 unpaid real estate taxes. There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4223 exonerating the Real Estate Tax Collector of any further responsibility for the collection of 2011 real estate taxes and authorizing the Solicitor to file liens on the respective properties.

PAY THE BILLS – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$201,605.22. There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mrs. Pantlik and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4224 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE – Ms. McAbee requested a correction be made on the committee assignments list under Community Relations. She needs to be listed as co-chair with Mr. Jurewicz listed as chairman.

She stated that since being elected and in attendance at council meetings, this is the first council meeting her sister, Charlene, has missed. Their father, who will celebrate his

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100th birthday on Friday, recently came home from the hospital and she stayed home to care for him.

Mayor McKenna informed that two very complimentary notes regarding the police were received. He read one of the notes from a resident who thanked Officers Kujava and Pleins for assisting her in a time of need after she fell.

The Mayor also thanked the borough workers for top-dressing the planting areas with black gold.

Mr. Dworin extended a happy birthday to Mr. McAbee and he also welcomed the newly elected officials.

Being the first regular meeting for Mr. Jurewicz since being elected, he thanked the residents of Churchill for their vote of confidence. He is very optimistic about the health of the Borough and he is fully committed to its future.

Mrs. Pantlik thanked Sheila Mozer and Joan Gottlieb for their mentoring during the election process and for encouraging her to run.

Mr. Lepidi welcomed Mrs. Pantlik and Mr. Jurewicz and noted their diligence in attending both the monthly workshop and regular meetings prior to running for office. He noted that Mr. Jurewicz has taken the extra step in attending the Local Government Academy classes for newly elected officials. Mr. Jurewicz stated that Mrs. Pantlik is currently taking the Saturday classes.

Mr. Lepidi also thanked The Valley Mirror reporter for attending the meeting.

Mr. Ferry welcomed the newly elected officials and is looking forward to a good year.

He also noted that police contract negotiations are still underway.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, February 13, 2012.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY**