

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

**Minutes of Meeting**

**June 14, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 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 Mrs. Mozer, Ms. McAbee, Messrs. Lepidi, Farrell and Dworin. Mr. Kline and Mr. Duerring were absent. Also present were Robert W. Goehring, Police Chief Park, S. Allen Schreiber and Donna Perry.

**MINUTES** – There was a motion made by Mrs. Mozer and seconded by Mr. Lepidi that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 10, 2011 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR** – There was a motion by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor's Report be accepted and filed as presented.

Mayor McKenna inquired on the status of the Woodland Hills High School student that was shot on Graham Boulevard. Chief Park said his condition is improving. He also stated that he is uncooperative with investigators. Some discussion ensued regarding whether or not he lived in our school district.

**MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – The Fire Department responded to 17 alarms in May for a total of 80 year to date. There was a couch fire in the basement at 2506 Churchill Road and it could have been serious if not for the quick action of the homeowner.

Mr. Robinson advised on Saturday, June 25 there would be a recycling event in the lower parking lot of the Borough Building. Usable construction materials, electronics and bicycles will be collected from 10 am – 2 pm.

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

**REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR** – Mr. Schreiber reported that the amount of real estate taxes collected at face were \$87,269.60, less discounts of \$1,658.88 for a grand total of \$85,610.72. The balance collectable is \$294,801.49.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Mr. Schreiber read the following report for the month of May, 2011. It showed the following:

| <b><u>CHECKING<br/>ACCOUNT</u></b> | <b><u>BEGINNING<br/>BANK<br/>BALANCE</u></b> | <b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b> | <b><u>O/S CHECKS<br/>AND<br/>DISBURSEMENTS</u></b> | <b><u>ENDING<br/>CASH<br/>BALANCES</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|--|
| REGULAR ACCOUNT                    | 1,253,252.31                                 | 577,893.59             | 522,245.94   | 1,308,899.96                               |
| CAPITAL RES. ACCT.                 | 158,176.92                                   | 20.80                  | -0-  | 158,197.72                                 |
| ROAD & HIGHWAY                     | 141,709.76                                   | 18.50                  | -0-  | 141,728.26                                 |
| BUDGETARY RES. FUND                | 9,825.62                                     | 1.29                   | -0-  | 9,826.91                                   |
| SEWAGE AGENCY FUND                 | 40,282.65                                    | 97,544.32              | 75,875.65  | 61,951.32                                  |
| SPECIAL ACCOUNT                    | 12,556.58                                    | 1.00                   | -0-  | 12,557.58                                  |
| POLICE PENSION FUND                | 3,122.63                                     | 3,092.36               | 6,214.99   | -0-  |
| EMPL. PENSION FUND                 | 842.84                                       | 842.15                 | 1,684.99   | -0-  |
| WELFARE BENEFIT                    | 910.73                                       | -0-                    | 300.00   | 610.73                                     |
| EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.              | -0-  | 1,700.00               | 1,700.00   | -0-  |

There was a motion by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector’s Report and Treasurer’s Report for the month of May 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 Services Co., reported the collection of \$84,829.37 for the month of May.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$3,821.02 for the month of May.

Jordan Tax Service did not collect any delinquent taxes for the month of May.

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

**CHURCHILL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL** – There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to acknowledge the Churchill Area Environmental Council meeting minutes of May 16, 2011.

**LISTEN TO VISITORS** – Dr. Joan Gottlieb of Marbury Road stated she thought the newsletter was exceptionally well done. She wanted to congratulate Bonnie Pantlik on her article regarding the Port Authority bus routes.

She reported the people that attended the May event of a Walk-in-the-Park at Bullock Pens Park had a wonderful afternoon. She particularly thanked Mrs. Mozer for organizing the event. She also thanked Craig, Ralph and the road crew for sprucing up the park. She reported to Mr. Robinson that the lower shelter needs to have more gravel spread leading to its entrance.

Mrs. Mozer thanked the Gottlieb's for donating a tree and planting it that day in memory of Bill Keane.

Jim DiPerna of Branning Road wondered how many people actually use the park and if the money spent on it is cost effective on usage versus expenditures.

Some discussion and suggestions ensued regarding the Marcellus Shale advisory that was compiled by the Churchill Area Environmental Council. Mrs. Gottlieb stated this advisory was an extremely difficult one. She said that when you work with a group of 15 to 16 people you have to weave everyone's interest into a cohesive format. There were strong advocates on both sides of the issue.

Mr. DiPerna further informed he was a bearer of bad news as he passed out a copy of an article from the Penn Hill Progress reporting that Churchill is a dying community. He further stated that according to a census report the Borough had a 15% population loss in 10 years.

Mr. DiPerna informed Council that members of the Republican Committee were supposed to be in attendance at tonight's meeting, but since we have had two shootings in as many months, four ladies and one gentleman are attending handgun training.

Chief Park advised that the day of the shooting on Graham Boulevard was also graduation for Woodland Hills High School that evening. Therefore, he had to increase security.

Mrs. Perry requested that it be duly noted the only requirement necessary to be documented in the minutes are official actions of Council.

**PAY THE BILLS** – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$282,699.51. There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4204 to pay the bills.

**AROUND THE TABLE** – Mayor McKenna reported his garden group has been very active taking care of the parkway exit garden lot and the Churchill Common lot. They have received many compliments.

He had also distributed two articles to Council and one was regarding trash and recycling. He found Brian O’Neill’s article in the Post-Gazette very interesting about how to have people pay for refuse they put out. He noted that many people put out far more garbage than the allowable two-can limit. Since more and more people are recycling he asked Council to revisit the possibility of recycling to reduce the amount of refuse that is picked up.

Mr. Dworin encouraged everyone to try to attend the Woodland Hills School Board meeting the second Wednesday of each month. Particular attention should be paid to decisions that financially impact on our property values.

Also, referring to the statistical information that Mr. DiPerna provided, he advised that he works with statistics on a daily basis and many factors have to be considered. The numbers aren’t always what you see at face.

Mr. Lepidi noted for the record that there are handgun classes available other than on the one night per month when Council meets. He stated he took a handgun class himself for a six-week period straight and never missed a Council meeting.

Mr. Ferry advised his daughter just graduated from Woodland Hills High School. He informed there were some refreshing statistics that were noted during the graduation ceremonies and they included 96% of the class graduated, 89% are attending college of which 36% are going to a two-year college and 48% to a four-year college, and 7% will enter the military. The students earned \$4.7 million in scholarship money and the lion share of \$3.7 million was earned for academic scholarships. He further noted the success of many of the athletic programs, along with the high school musical that was nominated for 12 Gene Kelly awards.

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**ADJOURN** – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until July 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**