

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

**Minutes of Meeting**

**July 12, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 12, 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, Kline and Dworin. Also present were Robert W. Goehring, Police Chief Park, Daniel Duerring 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 June 14, 2011 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR** – There was a motion by Ms. McAbee, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that the Mayor’s Report be accepted and filed as presented.

**MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – The Fire Department responded to 21 alarms in June for a total of 101 year to date.

Mr. Robinson reported the work on the William Penn Highway project is progressing. Unfortunately, one of the workers was injured and fell over the hill. He had to be transported to the hospital. Mr. Lepidi questioned the estimated completion of the project and Mr. Robinson responded that August is the targeted month.

Also, there was a one-car vehicle accident on the front lawn of the Municipal Building. The driver lost control and his vehicle damaged the lawn, along with two trees.

Mr. Robinson also advised we still have a few property maintenance issues that we are addressing.

There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Ms. McAbee 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 were \$63,849.44, less discounts of \$15.21 and a penalty of \$1.38, for a grand total of \$63,835.61. The balance collectable is \$231,483.43.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Mr. Duerring read the following report for the month of June, 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	1,309,723.66	348,293.97	392,771.78	1,265,245.85
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,197.72	19.50	-0-	158,217.22
ROAD & HIGHWAY	141,728.26	17.35	-0-	141,745.61
BUDGETARY RES. FUND	9,826.91	1.21	-0-	9,828.12
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	62,108.09	273,183.64	278,522.47	56,769.26
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	12,557.58	5,175.93	190.00	17,543.51
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,265.85	3,265.85	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	840.76	840.76	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	760.73	90.00	300.00	550.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,700.00	1,700.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report for the month of June 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 \$49,831.13 for the month of June.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$2,483.81 for the month of June.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$8,499.13 in delinquent real estate taxes for the month of June.

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

**LISTEN TO VISITORS** – Sue Keane of Hampstead Drive stated Bullock Pens Park looks very nice and commented that many more people are going down.

Joan Gottlieb of Marbury Road noted the increase in visitors at the park minimizes the chance of vandalism.

She further commented how pleasantly surprised she was to see how well the traffic has been flowing in the construction zone on William Penn Highway.

Milton Gottlieb of Marbury Road discussed people who impersonate police officers and attempt to have a motorist pull over. Chief Park stated if you are ever uncertain of the validity of an unmarked police car to keep moving until you come to a public, well lit area and then pull over.

Bonnie Pantlik of Graham Boulevard discussed the Bike/Pedestrian Committee that has been formed in the East. She and Jay Dworin have volunteered to serve on it and attended the first meeting in June.

Cecelia Greber of Williamsburg Place thanked the Volunteer Fire Department for their participation in the July 4 bike ride that was held in Blackridge.

She discussed her concern with the property on Forest Drive that has had a lot of material being brought into the backyard. Mr. Robinson explained that the owner is bringing in clean fill to enlarge his yard. The area has been inspected by the Borough Engineer and the Allegheny County Health Department and everything that is being done is legal and allowable.

Toi Derricotte of Williamsburg Place asked if there was any new information on the Marcellus Shale Drilling. Mr. Ferry responded there is nothing new to report. He further stated the drilling guidelines are governed by the state. We do have an ordinance established for some regulations within the Borough and Council has also been investigating ordinances adopted by other communities.

PAY THE BILLS - Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$217,282.72. There was a motion by Mr. Kline, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4205 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mrs. Mozer reported that the Churchill Area Recreation Board organized an outing to attend the CLO production of “Love Changes Everything” at the Benedum Theater this past Sunday. She stated that all attendees had a great time.

The Recreation Board recently met to do some preliminary planning for fall events. On October 1 there will be a walk at the Pittsburgh Zoo on behalf of the Alzheimer’s

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Association. They plan to organize a Churchill team of walkers to participate in this event. If this is successful, their intent is to do this each year on behalf of another charity.

She also urged people to become a member of the Recreation Board.

Mayor McKenna stated there was a letter of commendation for Police Officer Akerley. It seems he has a particular radar for seeking out criminals.

He further stated he and his group of eight to nine volunteers have received many accolades for the appearance of the municipal gardens.

Ms. McAbee thanked Council for devising the property maintenance report.

She further asked Mayor McKenna, a master gardener, if it was possible to have a section in the newsletter titled "Ask the Master" so residents could ask questions if they were experiencing a problem with some gardening/planting issues.

Mr. Dworin complimented Mrs. Mozer on the plan to organize a group to walk for the Alzheimer's Association and that she could sign him up to attend.

Mr. Lepidi, while in favor of biking and supporting the bike trails financially, stated he was not in favor of using roadways for recreational biking or running and felt it was a hazard for motorists.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**