

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

**Minutes of Meeting**

**February 8, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, February 8, 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 Ms. McAbee, Mrs. Mozer, Messrs. Lepidi, Kline and Dworin. Mr. Farrell and Tax Collector/Treasurer Duerring were absent. Also present were Mayor McKenna, Robert W. Goehring, Police Chief Park, Assistant Treasurer S. Allen Schreiber and Donna Perry.

**MINUTES** – There was a motion made by Mr. Lepidi and seconded by Mr. Kline that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 14, 2010 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**WORKSHOP MINUTES** – There was a motion made by Mrs. Mozer and seconded by Mr. Dworin that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting held January 10, 2011 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Ferry noted that the regular monthly meeting in January was not held due to inclement weather.

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

**MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Mr. Robinson stated that the month of January consisted of snowing and plowing. The only update on the William Penn Highway project is that the County approved their soil erosion plan that PennDot and the contractor submitted. The project is progressing along.

The Fire Department had 13 alarms in January and two were significant. One was at Anker Industries in Wilkins Township and the fire was contained quickly and the other significant call was on Merrie Woode where there was a large 20” high-pressure water main break that did quite a bit of damage to a home.

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

**REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR** – Mr. Schreiber read the Tax Collector’s report. The taxes collected at face for the month of January were \$4,688.26 plus penalties of \$463.16, for a total collection of \$5,151.42. The balance collectable is \$28,462.64.

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

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT</b>	<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>O/S CHECKS AND DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>ENDING CASH BALANCES</b>
REGULAR ACCOUNT	255,420.95	1,396,522.39	1,020,854.62	631,088.72
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,099.58	20.14	-0-	158,119.72
ROAD & HIGHWAY	82,917.47	10.43	-0-	82,927.90
BUDGETARY RES. FUND	9,820.81	1.25	-0-	9,822.06
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	8,898.45	384,422.61	346,641.14	46,679.92
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	12,855.79	533.90	865.84	12,523.85
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,143.20	3,271.88	6,415.08	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	816.26	845.47	1,661.73	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,420.73	-0-	300.00	1,120.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,600.00	1,600.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, 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 January 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 \$30,213.14 for the month of November.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$5,270.50 for the month of January.

There were no delinquent taxes collected for the month of January.

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

C.A.E.C. MEETING MINUTES – Mr. Ferry acknowledged the Churchill Area Environmental Council meeting minutes of January 17, 2011.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Joan Gottlieb of Marbury Road reported that the Churchill Area Environmental Council is working on an advisory for release in the spring regarding the Marcellus Shale Drilling. She advised she would e-mail a rough draft of the advisory to be distributed to Council and she asked if anyone had something to add to let her know. She can accept information until their meeting in May and expects it to be released June 1. She noted that this is one of the most difficult advisories they have worked on. However, they do have several knowledgeable members on the Council. Peggy Carpenter, a borough resident, is the CEO of her own environmental consulting firm. She asked for any input regarding legal matters on this subject. Solicitor Goehring stated that he submitted a copy of South Fayette Township's ordinance on this issue and said it is an excellent source of information.

Milton Gottlieb inquired about the cost of the Alcosan sewer line inspection and cleaning on the Thompson Run Interceptor and the impact it has on Churchill's budget. Mr. Robinson replied that our share is only 2.05% and the bill is being disputed. Previously, a meeting had been held between all the communities involved and a meeting with Alcosan is scheduled for this Friday.

Chief Park stated that he is experimenting with a new time schedule for the police department. There are times when there is minimum manpower coverage on the 3-11pm shift so a shift from 7pm – 3am has been added for a few days per week.

**FILING LIENS – 2010**

EXONERATE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – The Real Estate Tax Collector reported \$28,462.64 outstanding in 2010 unpaid real estate taxes as of December 31, 2010. There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4192 exonerating the Real Estate Tax Collector of any further responsibility for the collection of 2010 real estate taxes and authorizing the Solicitor to file liens on the respective properties.

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**PAY THE BILLS** – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month of February and they totaled \$236,727.61. There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4193 to pay the bills.

**AROUND THE TABLE** – Mr. Dworin advised he has just completed information for the Borough's website regarding various resources that are available and helpful for the residents. He is, however, concerned about the weatherization program because funding for it is scheduled to be cut.

Mayor McKenna extended kudos to the road crew for the excellent snow removal.

Mr. Lepidi thanked Mrs. Mozer for putting together the Winter Blahs Party. Although there was not a big attendance, it was very nice. He further thanked and complimented her for all her efforts in organizing various events to try to get the community as a whole involved.

Mr. Ferry also thanked Mrs. Mozer for her continued involvement in organizing numerous events for the community.

**ADJOURN** – A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**