

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

Minutes of Meeting

March 8, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, March 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 was absent. Also present were Robert W. Goehring, Police Chief Park, Daniel R. Duerring and Donna Perry.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mrs. Mozer and seconded by Mr. Dworin that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 8, 2011 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR – Mr. Lepidi questioned Chief Park about the evening program at the high school. Chief Park reported that there is an evening program between the hours of 3-7pm for children that are not mainstreamed in the regular school day. Some of the calls on the Mayor's Report are for calls during the later time frame.

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 advised that Mr. Cessna from PennDot telephoned and stated the final plan from the contractor for the William Penn Highway project has been received and is in the process of being approved. The project is slated to cost \$2.3 million dollars.

The engineers will meet with the committee representatives from Monroeville, Wilkins, Turtle Creek and Churchill on March 15 to discuss the disputed Alcosan bill for the Thompson Run Interceptor.

Mr. Robinson noted that a thank you note was received from residents on Homer Drive regarding the snow removal services.

The Fire Department had 12 alarms in February, none of which were of great significance, for a total of 25 year-to-date.

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 2011 borough tax statements were recently mailed and we have already received \$100,000 in receipts.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Duerring read the following report for the month of February, 2011. It showed the following:

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<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	632,010.88	245,949.17	364,316.06	513,643.99
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,119.72	18.20	-0-	158,137.92
ROAD & HIGHWAY	82,927.90	9.43	-0-	82,937.33
BUDGETARY RES. FUND	9,822.06	1.13	-0-	9,823.19
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	46,679.92	90,984.48	77,252.43	60,411.97
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	12,623.85	160.87	230.00	12,554.72
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,271.88	3,184.66	6,456.54	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	845.47	855.32	1,700.79	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,270.73	-0-	300.00	970.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,600.00	1,600.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector’s Report and Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 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 \$47,878.86 for the month of February.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$1,014.30 for the month of February.

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

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Scott Morley, who grew up in New Brighton, stated he moved into the Borough in 2009. He lives on Garrick Drive with his wife, who is a life long resident, along with their newborn baby. He noted that Churchill is nice place to live.

Charlene McAbee of Garrick Drive complimented the road crew for the wonderful snow removal services.

Joan Gottlieb of Marbury Road stated that it appears the Environmental Council will have a graduation award this year and asked for Council's continued support of this endeavor.

Milton Gottlieb of Marbury Road questioned what the impact would be on the real estate tax income for the Borough when the Westinghouse lease expires in 2012 assuming the occupancy remains the same. Mr. Robinson replied that the two parties are still fighting over the worth of the property. They will probably request another reassessment of the property. It is simply a wait and see situation. Mr. Ferry noted that the Borough is always interested in what is happening with the property since the last reassessment resulted with a large drop in value. While the Borough's real estate tax income was significantly reduced, the school district took an even greater hit. He further noted that if the property sold, the Borough would benefit from a one-time deed transfer tax income.

Bonnie Pantlik of Graham Boulevard came to the meeting to discuss the Port Authority's bus service cuts. She stated that effective Sunday, March 27 they plan to discontinue all service on the Greensburg Pike and eliminate the 68B which is service to Blackridge and Laketon. This drastically affects her District 1 residents. She requested support from Council to quickly form a Transportation Committee to meet with representatives from Port Authority to establish alternative solutions to the March 27 proposed cuts. Messrs. Dworin, Ferry and Mayor McKenna offered to serve on the committee and Bonnie stated she would schedule a meeting.

Chief Park related an incident that occurred around mid-month in February whereby approximately four cars were left unlocked and items were taken. Fortunately, the suspect was caught. He wanted to remind everyone to lock their doors to secure your valuables.

Chief Park stated he is encouraged by the number of incidents at the school. The numbers are down and there was a nice article in the Tribune Review about the school district.

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SANITARY SEWER OPEN CUT REPAIRS – There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4194 to award the Sanitary Sewer Open Cut Repair Project to Roto Rooter, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$45,201. The Borough Engineer confirmed that they have successfully worked with Roto Rooter in the past and recommended acceptance of their bid. The estimated cost for this project was \$60,000.

SANITARY SEWER LINING REPAIR – There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4195 to award the Sanitary Sewer Lining Repair Project to Roto Rooter, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$13,870. The estimated cost for this project was \$20,000.

SANITARY SEWER CCTV INSPECTION – There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4196 to award the Sanitary Sewer CCTV Inspection Project to Roto Rooter, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$16,431.24. The estimated cost for this project was \$20,000.

PAY THE BILLS – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$212,902.61. There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4197 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mr. Kline welcomed the presence at the meeting of Bonnie Pantlik and Scott Morley as Borough Council candidates. He wished them luck in the upcoming Primary Election.

Mr. Lepidi was glad to see more people in attendance at tonight's meeting and complimented everyone for their good questions and suggestions.

Mr. Dworin was also pleased with the attendance at the meeting. He stated the census data was discussed at last night's meeting and there seemed to be some large deviations. He spoke with his GIS representative and there should be some general data available soon. All the information will not be available at one time, but more or less in a piecemeal manner. He'll provide it to Council as soon as he receives it.

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Ms. McAbee complimented the Environmental Council on the draft of the Marcellus Shale Drilling advisory. She did, however, question that out of the ten drilling companies that only one was Pennsylvania based. Mrs. Gottlieb stated at the time they gathered the information that was the case, but some information may have to be revised.

Mayor McKenna also credited for Bonnie Pantlik and Scott Morley for getting involved in attending the Council meeting.

He also stated that he plans on attending the lecture that will be conducted by Bill Flanagan, a Borough resident and local economist, this Thursday in the Yagle Room.

Mrs. Mozer stated that on Thursday, March 10 at 7pm, Bill Flanagan will be the guest speaker and the topic is the Economic Outlook for Allegheny County and Churchill Borough. She encouraged everyone to think about the economic future of Churchill Borough, especially the Westinghouse property and its future development.

Mr. Ferry stated it is nice to see the different passions that people have and their desire to form groups to accomplish positive outcomes.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7pm.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY**