

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

**Minutes of Meeting**

**April 12, 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, S. Allen Schreiber 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 March 8, 2011 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Assistant Chief Kujava reported that a road rage incident occurred and shots were fired. Fortunately, no one was injured and all parties involved were arrested and a trial will be forthcoming.

**MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – PennDot will start working on the William Penn Project between the hours of 6pm-2am. All the adjoining neighbors were contacted to make them aware. This part of the project should be completed within two weeks.

There have not been any pre-construction meetings on the sewer work projects.

There was another serious fire on Bowstone. Fortunately, damage was limited to the front of the house.

There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Ms. McAbee 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 \$279,348.97, less discounts of \$5,572.19 for a grand total of \$273,776.78. The balance collectable is \$1,093,834.97.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Mr. Schreiber read the following report for the month of March, 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	514,988.13	569,191.63	420,716.56	663,463.20
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,137.92	20.15	-0-	158,158.07
ROAD & HIGHWAY	82,937.33	10.44	16,769.76	66,178.01
BUDGETARY RES. FUND	9,823.19	1.26	-0-	9,824.45
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	81,600.37	165,840.67	145,624.63	101,816.41
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	12,554.72	60.96	30.00	12,585.68
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,184.66	3,025.98	6,210.64	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	855.32	851.16	1,706.48	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	1,120.73	90.00	300.00	910.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,700.00	1,700.00	-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 March 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 \$29,304.21 for the month of March.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$1,631.70 for the month of March.

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

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

**LISTEN TO VISITORS** – Bonnie Pantlik of Graham Boulevard reported that the Bus Committee had a meeting on March 25 for one and a half hours with a Park and Ride representative along with Fred Berger of the Port Authority. They were told the Port Authority felt their pain, however, they have to balance their budget and the bus cuts were data and efficiency driven. Various options were discussed, but they really didn’t budge

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except for the possibility of routing the P67 up William Penn Highway. This might happen in the future. Mr. Berger is no longer our scheduling person and he forwarded all their e-mails to the new person. They also discussed strengthening the Park & Ride at Beulah. The goal of the meeting was to restore bussing to the Churchill area.

The Bus Committee is looking into the possibility of putting a shelter at the Beulah Park & Ride.

**DAVID G. MARTIN GENERAL CONTRACTING, INC. CONTRACT EXTENSION –**

There was a motion by Mr. Kline, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to grant a three-year contract extension to David G. Martin General Contracting, Inc. for road maintenance services from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2014.

Prior to the final Roll Call Vote discussion ensued. Mr. Ferry stated this contract was not put out for bid. Under the Borough Code we are permitted to negotiate a contract for these services. One of the pitfalls for this line of work is that you get an hourly rate. We are happy with the service we get and the familiarity of the Borough as a whole by this contractor. It's not only about grass cutting and road maintenance, but the knowledge of the pump station and our sewer system. We also did a cost comparison per resident, per road mile with some of our surrounding communities and found that we spending considerably less. We felt that extending the contract was in the best interest of the Borough. Mr. Kline complimented Mr. Robinson in helping to negotiate this contract extension and requested that the cost comparison analysis to the Borough of Forest Hills and Wilkins Township, that have in-house departments, be a part of the minutes. Mr. Lepidi added that while it may be difficult to compare apples to apples in the cost comparison, their budgets did not include vehicles and equipment. Our cost of \$199,000 includes vehicles and fuel as part of the contract. We felt with our size, it is more efficient to contract this work out, rather than to incur all the costs necessary to provide an in-house public works department.

**PAY THE BILLS** – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$305,515.20. There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4198 to pay the bills.

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**AROUND THE TABLE** – Mr. Dworin was thankful for the cost comparison on the Public Works contract extension. He stated it made the decision much easier.

On the bussing issue, Mr. Dworin stated that Darcy is going to provide a report showing user information from March 2010 to March 2011.

Ms. McAbee thanked the police for helping her to obtain money she paid to a contractor for services he never fulfilled.

She further stated that years ago she was on a citizens advisory board for the Port Authority and this group tried to get a bus shelter built, but were told that Churchill Borough would not permit one to be built. She personally believes that the reason the Port Authority cut the bus routes is because they don't think anyone in Churchill uses the bus service.

Mayor McKenna thanked the road crew for helping him with the lot at the parkway ramp on Churchill Road.

He advised that the Garden Club had a very successful meeting today at the Borough Building with approximately 60 people attending. Mr. Henninger did a presentation on the history of Kennywood that was enjoyed by all.

He received his newsletter today and thanked the staff for the informative information contained within it.

Mrs. Mozer reported on the activities of the Recreation Board. On Saturday, April 23 the annual bunny parade will be held. Help for this event is always needed and if anyone is interested to please see Bob Ferry or herself. We'll be starting about 9:00 a.m. that morning in the Yagle Room. We are also looking for new members for the Recreation Board.

In May there will be a walk in the woods at Bullock Pens Park.

On July 10 there is a CLO Sunday matinee performance at the Benedum for the production of Love Changes Everything. It's a world premier of the best of Andrew Lloyd Webber's works.

Mr. Lepidi reported that the whole issue of public transit is a complicated issue. He finds it very disturbing that the Port Authority, being a public agency, will not provide information to the public.

Mr. Ferry stated that he drives to the bus way to use public transportation because driving downtown is very frustrating with all the traffic.

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Some topics discussed at the Workshop Meeting included the Marcellus Shale drilling. The Borough does have an ordinance in place in the event they would come to our town and the regulations they would have to abide by. A committee has been formed to follow this issue.

Wilkins Township and the Borough of Forest Hills have a meeting planned with some of the surrounding communities to discuss sharing services. Bonnie Pantlik inquired if Forest Hills would be willing to allow Churchill residents to use their Flivver transportation bus. Mr. Ferry stated this is an item that could be addressed at this meeting.

Cheryl McAbee stated that years ago she rode in a van pool to work and wondered if this type of commuter transportation is available today. Bonnie Pantlik stated she would investigate this matter.

**ADJOURN** – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, May 9, 2011 at 7pm.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**