

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

**Minutes of Meeting**

**May 10, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, April 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, Messrs. Lepidi, Kline and Dworin. Ms. McAbee and Mr. Farrell 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 April 12, 2011 be approved as previously presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**MAYOR** – There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, 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 reported the William Penn Highway road project is moving along well despite some adverse weather conditions. The work at night has been completed for now. They may have to resume some night work at the end of the project.

Mr. Lepidi questioned if the root of the problem has been disclosed and Mr. Robinson replied it has not.

Mr. Robinson reported that Roto Rooter Services started the sewer line work today that will include televising, sewer lining and open cut repairs.

The Fire Department responded to 20 alarms in April. There was nothing of great significance in our Borough, however, they did assist Forest Hills with a structure fire on Sumner Avenue.

The Fire Department also helped the Recreation Board with the Bunny Parade. They also visited Beulah Pre-school and did a demonstration for the children.

There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Kline 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 \$711,459.59, less discounts of \$14,228.68 for a grand total of \$697,230.91. The balance collectable is \$382,375.38.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Mr. Schreiber read the following report for the month of April, 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	666,995.05	1,438,454.23	852,801.56	1,252,647.72
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,158.07	18.85	-0-	158,176.92
ROAD & HIGHWAY	82,947.77	58,761.99	-0-	141,709.76
BUDGETARY RES. FUND	9,824.45	1.17	-0-	9,825.62
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	101,816.41	234,811.86	296,345.62	40,282.65
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	12,585.68	30.90	60.00	12,556.58
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,025.98	3,122.63	6,148.61	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	851.16	842.84	1,694.00	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	910.73	-0-	150.00	760.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,700.00	1,700.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector’s Report and Treasurer’s Report for the month of April 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 \$24,199.82 for the month of April.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$5,112.17 for the month of April.

Jordan Tax Service collected delinquent taxes in the amount of \$6,018.80 for the month of April.

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

**LISTEN TO VISITORS** – Joan Gottlieb of Marbury Road personally thanked everyone on Council for their volunteerism.

Margie Darbut of Williamsburg Place stated she has been addressing the problem with William Penn Highway since 1988 and she has been flooded twice. She thanked the Borough Manager for helping to get the needed repairs underway. Mr. Robinson informed that the storm sewers are being re-routed and this should help with water runoff.

She further expressed safety concerns about the house at 1531 Williamsburg Place regarding a possible fire hazard and rodents. Mr. Robinson stated the building inspector is aware of this problem and the owner will be receiving a letter to remedy the situation.

Cecelia Greber of 1520 Williamsburg Place asked what could be done about dogs running loose. She inquired as to whom she should call when this occurs. Mr. Robinson advised her to call the police and further informed that we do have an animal control service.

Christine O’Keefe-Campbell of 1507 Williamsburg Place stated she was of the understanding that there have been complaints about her property and the way it’s maintained, including her choice of Halloween decorations, and inquired if there was something different she should be doing. She said she would be happy to address any issues that she is violating. Mr. Ferry responded that Council refrains from becoming involved in neighbor disputes and their main focus is to adhere to the law and enforce Borough ordinances when there is a violation. He referred to the Borough’s website that has all the Borough ordinances available for review.

Sid Schreiber of 160 Thornberry Drive stated that while the school bus drivers have been reducing their speed on Thornberry, some speeding still exists.

Chief Park advised a couple of citations have been written for speeders on Thornberry. The school transportation director has been advised about the excessive speed and the bus drivers have been notified.

He further advised that at the end of the month and beginning of June there would be a seat belt campaign, “Click-it-or-Ticket”, for enforcement of the vehicular seat belt policy. He encouraged everyone to buckle-up. Patrols for this are in addition to regular patrol and grant monies will be received to pay for the extra detail.

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**MUNICIPAL PENSION ACT 44 REQUIREMENT** – There was a motion by Mr. Kline, seconded by Mr. Lepidi, and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4199 for the procurement of professional services for the municipal pension systems(s) sponsored by the municipality based on the requirement of Act 44 of 2009.

**ADOPT A POLICY RELATING TO POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH PENSION SYSTEM(S)** – There was a motion by Mr. Kline, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote to adopt a policy relating to potential conflicts of interest in the review of a proposal or the negotiation of a contract for the Borough of Churchill Pension System(s).

**RE-APPOINT MARTI BARAN TO THE RECREATION BOARD** – There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Mr. Dworin and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4200 to re-appoint Marti Baran to the Recreation Board for a three-year term to expire May, 2014.

**APPOINT MELANIE HENNINGER TO THE RECREATION BOARD** – There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4201 to appoint Melanie Henninger to the Recreation Board for a three-year term to expire May, 2014.

**VACANCY BOARD APPOINTMENT** – There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Lepidi and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4202 to appoint Joan Gottlieb to the Vacancy Board for a term to expire January, 2012.

**PAY THE BILLS** – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$182,165.60. There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mrs. Mozer and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4203 to pay the bills.

**AROUND THE TABLE** – Solicitor Goehring asked everyone to keep Mr. Farrell in their prayers since he has a very ill mother and brother.

Mayor McKenna reported the Garden Club is 62 years old today and they will be hosting a celebration tomorrow. Approximately fifty people will be attending a scheduled brunch.

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Mrs. Mozer reported this coming Sunday there will be a picnic in the park at Bullock Pens Park from 1-3pm. Milton and Joan Gottlieb will lead a hike on the mile trail. She encouraged everyone to visit the park.

Tickets must be purchased by May 18 for the CLO production of Love Changes Everything on Sunday, July 10. Ticket prices are \$44.75 for seating downstairs and \$42.75 for upstairs seating.

**ADJOURN** – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7pm.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON  
BOROUGH SECRETARY**