

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

Minutes of Meeting

August 9, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, August 9, 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, and Donna Perry.

MINUTES – There was a motion made by Mr. Kline and seconded by Mrs. Mozer that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 12, 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.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – The Fire Department responded to 33 calls in July for a total of 134 year to date. They did respond to the fatal vehicle accident on Churchill Road. Also, there were many storm-related calls. Mr. Lepidi stated one third of the fire department calls have been false alarms and he commended the Fire Department on their efforts for always showing up as volunteers.

Mr. Robinson reported that the road crew has been patching and asphaltting, plus performing some catch basin repairs.

There was a motion by Mr. Kline, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved by Voice Vote that these reports be accepted and filed as presented.

Mr. Lepidi complimented the road crew on the excellent asphalt work they had done.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Mr. Robinson reported that the amount of real estate taxes collected at face were \$47,086.64, less discounts of \$2.67 and penalties of \$655.09, for a grand total of \$47,739.06. The balance collectable is \$184,396.79.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Robinson read the following report for the month of July, 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	1,270,058.06	448,970.35	439,121.25	1,279,907.16
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	158,217.22	18.86	-0-	158,236.08
ROAD & HIGHWAY	141,745.61	16.78	-0-	141,762.39
BUDGETARY RES. FUND	9,828.12	1.17	-0-	9,829.29
SEWAGE AGENCY FUND	56,769.26	106,065.58	123,222.45	39,612.39
SPECIAL ACCOUNT	17,543.51	4,886.50	4,885.00	17,545.01
POLICE PENSION FUND	3,265.85	3,174.42	6,440.27	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	840.76	851.85	1,692.61	-0-
WELFARE BENEFIT	700.73	-0-	300.00	400.73
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,700.00	1,700.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. Dworin, seconded by Mr. Farrell and unanimously approved by Voice Vote to accept the Tax Collector’s Report and Treasurer’s Report for the month of July 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 \$61,617.39 for the month of July.

Deed Transfer Tax collection totaled \$34,145.99 for the month of July.

There was no delinquent real tax collection for the month of July.

Mr. Lepidi questioned if we received the large deed transfer tax amount from Westinghouse and Mr. Robinson responded that we did receive it in July.

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

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Joan Gottlieb of Marbury Road noted that the sewer work is well underway for this year. She stated the company working on her street and been very patient with the residents and further noted they have expedited ingress and egress into the lower part of Marbury and she appreciates that and they have been doing a good job.

Mr. Lepidi discussed the oak wilt problem and stated there haven't been any outbreaks in his area and he questioned Joan Gottlieb as to whether she had heard of any in the region. She responded that she has not, but that's not to say the infection won't flare up again. Even the experts can't predict what will happen at any given time.

Police Chief Park has had a concern about students not living in the district who are attending school here. He brought this to the attention of the school superintendent, Dr. Callinger, and he has someone working on identifying students who do not live in the district. About seven to eight students have been identified and the student that was shot on the Greensburg Pike should not have been attending school in the district. There are some meetings scheduled about the manner in which they are identifying non-resident students.

There was a burglary on Beulah Road along with other numerous burglaries in the area including, but not limited to, Penn Hills, Wilkinsburg, and Wilkins Township. Chief Park reminded everyone to lock the doors of their homes and cars.

Chief Park also informed that investigation and cooperation from the Allegheny County Police and Sheriff's Department has always been available in the past for fatal car accidents and serious crimes. The fatal car accident that occurred on Churchill Road had to be completely handled by our department because the County is cutting back on manpower and budget costs. Also, helping to transport prisoners was another cutback.

Another concern of Chief Park is that there is no mutual aid agreement in place between us and Forest Hills and Wilkins Township. Turtle Creek Valley COG was trying to develop a mutual aid agreement with all surrounding communities.

Mr. Lepidi questioned Chief Park if there are any new leads on the shooting on Greensburg Pike/Graham Boulevard. Chief Park advised that they know who committed the crime, however, the victim is still not cooperating.

ROAD SALT BID 2011-2012 WINTER SEASON – There was a motion by Mr. Lepidi, seconded by Mr. Kline and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4206 to accept the road salt bid of \$55.83/ton from Cargill Salt for the 2011-2012 winter season.

PAY THE BILLS – Mr. Robinson read the bills for the month and they totaled \$484,647.67. There was a motion by Mrs. Mozer, seconded by Ms. McAbee and unanimously approved by Roll Call Vote for the adoption of Resolution No. 4207 to pay the bills.

AROUND THE TABLE – Mrs. Mozer reported that the Recreation Board membership has decreased and additional new members are very welcome.

The Recreation Board has an interesting array of activities for the fall that include the formation of a Churchill team of interested members to participate in the Alzheimer's Walk on October 1 at the Pittsburgh Zoo.

Mayor McKenna stated this was the most spectacular summer for the two Churchill lots that are maintained by volunteers. This year they had two or three new members join the group.

Ms. McAbee advised she was appointed by the Allegheny County Executive to Alcosan's Municipal Advisory Committee. Alcosan estimates a cost of \$5,000,000,000 to bring their sewer system in compliance. The committee is hoping the cost will be lower, however, even at a cost of \$2,000,000,000 each household bill would increase \$100-150/month; at a cost of \$4,000,000,000 each household bill would increase \$200-300/month.

Mr. Dworin noted that it was so nice to see do many residents in the Borough that are constantly working to improve their property.

Mr. Lepidi commented on the oak wilt problem and once again thanked Joan Gottlieb and everyone involved in the effort last year to get the problem under control.

ADJOURN – There was a motion duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7PM.

**CRAIG A. ROBINSON
BOROUGH SECRETARY**