

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

September 11, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Greco, Law and Yankes, and Messers. McDowell and DeFranco. Mr. Collins was absent. Also present were Mayor Gamrat, Manager Donna Perry and Solicitor Gavin Robb.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of August 6, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Greco that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Greco that the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 4, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat talked about police activities of interest and importance for August 2018. There was a motion made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the Mayor’s Report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Under the Manager’s report, Ms. Perry said the foundation pad for the bus shelter has been installed. The shelter is scheduled to be installed on October 11th. The recycle bins are gone. The engineer inspected the ADA ramp today and found deficiencies. They are working to correct them. The paving project and line painting is completed. Restoration should be completed by the end of next week. Crack sealing will be done next month to give our roads longevity. Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department report. There were 24 calls for the month and 229 for the year. There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Ms. Greco that the Manager and Fire Department reports be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR – In the absence of Mr. Duerring, Ms. Perry read the Tax Collector’s report. Taxes collected at face were \$16,033.46 less discounts of \$20.00 plus penalties of \$1,394.32 less exonerations of \$1,518.91 for a total collectible of \$15,888.87.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of August, 2018 was previously presented to Council. 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	1,563,263.79	316,367.50	373,981.01	1,505,650.28
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	208,998.29	8.87	.00	209,007.16
ROAD & HIGHWAY	249,410.21	10.55	.00	249,420.76
SEWAGE AGENCY	270,942.74	274,398.78	154,414.88	390,926.64
SPECIAL ACCT.	22,627.12	126.53	251.56	22,502.09
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,317.36	3,317.36	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	849.79	849.79	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-

There was a motion by Ms. Greco, and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurers Report be accepted and filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

EARNED INCOME TAX

DEED TRANSFER

DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX - Ms. Perry reported that the Earned Income Tax Collector had collections of \$41,918.90 for the month of August, 2018.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$7,013.86.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$7,735.73 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, seconded by Ms. Greco that the Earned Income Tax, Deed Transfer, and Delinquent Real Estate Tax reports be filed as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

LISTEN TO VISITORS – Kevin McGuire of 44 Garden Terrace came as a representative of the C.C. Mellor Library. He provided council with a report of activities from the Library.

April Kline of 18 Holland Road talked about the bioswale and the committee she is forming to do planting.

R.F. Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road applauded Council for using decentralized decision making with borough issues.

Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road talked about residents being involved in getting things done in the Borough, the SwiftReach program and welcomed Adam McDowell.

Ken Balkey of 2007 Hampstead Drive talked about the progress and future plans for the Ad hoc Tree Committee.

MOTION TO AWARD TREE TRIMMING CONTRACT TO B.J. TREE SERVICE – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Greco to award the tree trimming contract to B.J. Tree Service.

MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT – A motion was made by Mr. Dworin and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to appoint Ms. Law as Council Vice President. During the discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to table the motion and postpone the appointment to allow for further discussion. The motion to table was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO APPROVE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT – A motion was made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Law to approve the school resource officer contract. The motion was approved unanimously.

BILL APPROVAL - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$436,538.22. There was a motion by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Ms. Greco to adopt Resolution No. 4454 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month was Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$17,057.76 (August Road Maintenance), Alcosan - \$149,303.12 (Sewage Service), Gateway Engineers - \$36,194.00 (Professional Services/Road Pavement), Insight Pipe Contractors - \$59,297.34 (CCTV inspection & MH to MH lining). A roll call vote was taken. Mses. Law, Greco and Yankes and Messers DeFranco, McDowell and Dworin approved. The motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AROUND THE TABLE – Ms. Greco thanked Ken Balkey for all his work on the tree commission project.

Mr. DeFranco thanked the residents for all the work they do in the Borough. He thanked Kevin McGuire for the library report and welcomed Adam McDowell.

Mayor Gamrat congratulated Adam McDowell and acknowledged R.F. Culbertson and Vaughn Newberry for coming forward to help out in the Borough. He thanked April Kline for offering to work on the rain garden and said he will volunteer his time and labor to help with it. He thanked Ken Balkey for his work on the tree commission.

Ms. Law welcomed Adam McDowell and thanked Ken Balkey for his work on the tree commission. She said she is grateful for April Kline's involvement in the rain garden and the people she has helping her. With regard to Duquesne Light and the trimming of trees, we have no jurisdiction over where they trim.

Ms. Yankes said thank you to Adam McDowell, Ken Balkey, R.F. Culbertson and all the residents who came out tonight.

Mr. McDowell thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the community and the residents for coming out tonight.

Mr. Dworin said that he is making a point of improving communication. He is working on an effort to get our voice out to more people and give them an opportunity to participate. He said thank you for pushing us to know what's needed. The participation from the community is extremely helpful. With regard to the library, the report was super helpful and brought insight to Council.

ADJOURN - There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Greco to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry
Borough Secretary