

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL  
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

October 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, October 8, 2018 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:31 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Greco, and Yankes, and Messers. McDowell, Collins and DeFranco. Ms. Law was absent. Also present were Mayor Gamrat, Manager Donna Perry and Solicitor David Mongillo.

WORKSHOP & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - There was a motion made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco that the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of September 10, 2018, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2018 and the Workshop Meeting of October 1, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat talked about police activities of interest and importance for September 2018. There was a motion made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Yankes 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 that the road crew will be out crack sealing all week. We will be installing new LED lighting on the front of the Borough building. The bus shelter is scheduled to be installed this Thursday. We are working with the Solicitor to review the Waste Management contract and scheduling a meeting to address problem areas. Door-to-door Trick or Treat will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. The police and fire departments will be patrolling. The upper parking lot is scheduled to be paved on Saturday, October 20, 2018. The microphone system will be installed on Wednesday of this week. Mr. Zatlin read the Fire Department report. There were 43 calls for the month and 272 for the year. This is 63 more than last year. The new fire truck is here. There was a motion by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell 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 \$11,061.38 plus penalties of \$915.76 for a total collectible of \$11,977.14.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The following report for the month of September, 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	1,507,895.39	566,644.08	538,051.71	1,536,487.76
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	209,007.16	8.02	.00	209,015.18
ROAD & HIGHWAY	249,420.76	25,008.98	50,000.00	224,429.74
SEWAGE AGENCY	390,926.64	290,994.91	429,054.08	252,867.47
SPECIAL ACCT.	22,502.09	.67	.00	22,502.76
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	3,113.94	3,113.94	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	927.44	1,887.38	-0-
EMPL. SEC. 457 D.C.P.	-0-	1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, and seconded by Ms. Greco 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 \$66,122.94 for the month of September, 2018.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$5871.34

Jordan Tax Service collected \$885.50 in delinquent real estate taxes.

There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco, seconded by Mr. Collins 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 – Lowell Mate of 27 Churchill Road asked about the status of the Human Relations Commission, future town hall meetings and renegotiating the Waste Management contract.

Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road asked about recordings of the meetings and talked about the trash collection program.

R.F. Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road talked about an automobile accident on Churchill Road with a deer and the Woodland Hills School District.

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE INTENT TO ADOPT A WILDLIFE FEEDING BAN ORDINANCE** – A motion was made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Ms. Greco to advertise the intent to adopt a wildlife feeding ban ordinance. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE INTENT TO ADOPT A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE** – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. McDowell to advertise the intent to adopt a stormwater management ordinance. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE MATTER FILED AT DOCKET NUMBER 2:17-CV-0112 FILED IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA** – A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Ms. Yankes to approve the settlement of the matter filed at docket number 2:17-CV-0112 filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION TO APPROVE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH HOFFMAN'S BOARDING KENNELS** – A motion was made by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Yankes to approve a new agreement with Hoffman's Boarding Kennels to serve as animal control officer from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

**BILL APPROVAL** - Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$700,933.29. There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. Collins to adopt Resolution No. 4455 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$15,984.47 (September Road Maintenance), Alcosan - \$31,355.62 (Sewage Service), Turtle Creek Valley COG - \$17,894.69 (ADA Project Municipal Building), Borough Employee Pension Fund - \$35,636.00 (Annual Minimum Municipal Obligation Employee Pension Fund), Borough Police Pension Fund - \$190,674.00 (Annual Minimum Municipal Obligation Police Pension Fund). The motion was approved unanimously.

**AROUND THE TABLE** – Ms. Greco said that she has seen a lot of deer in her yard. She also said we understand the Waste Management issues.

Mr. DeFranco said it's a game changer with the good news regarding the school and it will just get better. He said we are all on the same page regarding the issues with Waste Management.

Mayor Gamrat said that the deer are a big problem. We need to continually monitor the deer population in the Borough. They are everywhere. He also said he is concerned with the trash situation and we should try and make it easier for the residents. He thanked Ms. Perry for the grass being planted at the Borough building.

Mr. Collins said ditto on the deer. We have to move forward. It's a dangerous situation.

Mr. McDowell said with regard to Waste Management, we hear you and will work closely on it. He commends the work at the school district, it sounds great.

Ms. Yankes said that the deer and Waste Management are issues. She said we have to get back to the town hall meetings.

Mr. Dworin said that as far as the deer, we will get on this. It's a big issue. He said we know his opinion on Waste Management. It has been expressed many times. It's frustrating and hopefully we will figure out how to resolve this. He commented on the school saying everyone is doing a wonderful job. At the October 1, 2018 workshop meeting Ms. Diane Law was unanimously voted to be Vice President of Council.

**ADJOURN** - There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry  
Borough Secretary