

BOROUGH OF CHURCHILL  
2300 WILLIAM PENN HIGHWAY  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15235

Minutes of Meeting

JANUARY 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Borough of Churchill was held in the Municipal Building on Monday, January 14, 2019 and was called to order by Mr. Dworin at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Dworin led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Mses. Law, Greco and Yankes, and Messers. McDowell, DeFranco and Collins. Also present were Manager Donna Perry and Solicitor David Mongillo. Mayor Gamrat was absent.

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 December 3, 2018 and the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2018 be approved as previously presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

MAYOR – Mayor Gamrat was absent from the meeting.

MANAGER & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS – There was no Manager’s report for the month. Mr. Zatlin, read the Fire Department report. There were 25 calls for the month and 354 for the year. There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins 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 \$3,309.92 minus discounts of \$3.63 plus penalties of \$312.85 less exonerations of \$752.32. Balance collected is \$2,866.82.

TREASURER’S REPORT - The following report for the month of December, 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	1,026,380.66	789,440.32	1,320,688.92	495,132.06
CAPITAL RES. ACCT.	309,035.68	13.13	.00	309,048.81
ROAD & HIGHWAY	224,449.02	122,006.31	244,000.00	102,455.33
SEWAGE AGENCY	373,400.63	316,290.71	502,535.20	187,156.14
SPECIAL ACCT.	21,996.72	.72	.00	21,997.44
POLICE PENSION FUND	-0-	982.02	982.02	-0-
EMPL. PENSION FUND	-0-	3,500.79	3,500.79	-0-

EMPL. SEC. 457 -0- 1,400.00 1,400.00 -0-  
D.C.P.

There was a motion by Ms. Greco, and seconded by Mr. McDowell that the Real Estate Tax Collector and Treasurer's 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 \$61,931.80 for the month of December, 2018.

Deed Transfer Tax collections were \$12,189.19.

Jordan Tax Service collected \$1,793.69 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** – Wende Mate of 27 Churchill Road thanked Ms. Perry for the pole being fixed on Nottingham Drive.

Margie Darbut of 1503 Williamsburg Place asked if we are culling the deer or not. She also mentioned that after Peoples Gas completed their work, the road is in bad condition. Will they be repaving it?

Lowell Mate of 27 Churchill Road said that the public wants to know the status of the deer culling. He recently wanted to put computers out for the E-Waste program and was told Churchill does not have that program available.

R.F. Culbertson of 17 Churchill Road asked if Council votes against the deer culling would they be liable for any crashes. He congratulated Ronald Akerley on being appointed Chief of Police.

April Kline of 18 Holland Road asked about the Westinghouse property. Do we have any updates on this? She also asked how many people were working there and if we are collecting the local services tax from them. She wanted to know how many building permits have been requested in the Borough and what we charge for them. She also mentioned the deer and speeding on Churchill Road.

Ken Balkey of 2007 Hampstead Drive gave an update on the progress being made by the ad hoc tree committee. He said the solicitor is working on an ordinance for this.

Roch Kujava, the retired Churchill Borough Police Chief, congratulated Ronald Akerley on becoming chief. He said Council made a wonderful choice and he is very proud of him.

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4458 TO UPDATE OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN** – A motion was made by Ms. Law and seconded by Ms. Yankes to adopt Resolution No. 4458 to update our Emergency Operations Plan. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE INTENT TO ADOPT A WILDLIFE FEEDING BAN ORDINANCE –**

A motion was made by Ms. Yankes and seconded by Mr. Collins to advertise the intent to adopt a Wildlife Feeding Ban ordinance. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4459 TO EXONERATE THE REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR**

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. DeFranco to exonerate the real estate tax collector in the amount of \$37,041.12 for 2018 unpaid taxes. The motion was approved unanimously.

**BILL APPROVAL**

- Ms. Perry read the bills for the month and they totaled \$211,891.98. There was a motion by Mr. DeFranco and seconded by Ms. Greco to adopt Resolution No. 4460 to pay the bills. Bills in excess of \$15,000 or more this month were Vigliotti Landscape & Construction - \$15,174.21 (December road maintenance), Hub International - \$17,339.00 (insurance – police & public officials), and BJ Tree Service - \$19,230.00 (tree removal - grant). The motion was approved unanimously.

**AROUND THE TABLE**

– Mr. McDowell congratulated Ronald Akerley on the Chief position. He said he is glad the pole on Nottingham was repaired and said that Ken Balkey and the tree committee are doing a good job.

Diana Yankes explained the deer survey. She said the data is an opinion poll and tells what people are worried about. She said the deer committee is finalizing the data.

Ms. Greco thanked all the residents for coming. She said there is a lot of talent and intelligence within the residents. She also congratulated Ron Akerley.

Mr. DeFranco congratulated Ron Akerley and said that during the interview process they were very impressed with him and said he is fair and honest. He also said the tree committee is doing a great job.

Mr. Collins said congratulations and the best of luck to Ronald Akerley. He also thanked Officer in Charge William Pleins. He said he has done a great job. He also expressed his thanks to Ken Balkey and April Kline.

Mr. Dworin wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated Ronald Akerley on the Chief position. He said we are lucky to have you.

**ADJOURN** - There was a motion by Ms. Law and seconded by Mr. Collins to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

Donna J. Perry  
Borough Secretary