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BEFORE THE
COUNCIL BOARD
OF PENN HILLS

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IN RE: COUNCIL MEETING

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BEFORE: CATHERINE R. SAPP, Deputy
Mayor
Gary Underwood, Member
Mark Brodnicki, Member
John Petrucci, Member

HEARING: Monday, February 18, 2019
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ALSO PRESENT:
SCOTT ANDREJCHAK
RICK MINSTERMAN
CRAIG ALEXANDER
SHEREE STRAYER
MAUREEN SORCE

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P R O C E E D I N G S

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Good evening ladies and gentlemen of Penn Hills, welcome to our council meeting dated for today. And we're here on Monday, February 18th, 2018. I'm glad to see everyone this evening. With this being said, at 7:03 we will call this council meeting to give us the order.

If we could at this time --- actually what we're going to do is I'm going to let you know, first of all, that the Mayor does apologize for being absent this evening. She had a family medical emergency. She was not able to make it. So on behalf of the Mayor I will be running the meeting tonight. So agenda will stand as approved.

So at this time, could we just stand and do the Pledge of Allegiance? And right after the Pledge of Allegiance, I'm going to ask

1 for a moment of silence for all of the
2 horrific things that are happening in
3 the Unites States of America and all
4 around the world. And especially for
5 those states.

6 ---

7 (WHEREUPON, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE WAS
8 RECITED.)

9 ---

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Thank you. Maureen,
12 roll call, please.

13 MS. SORCE:

14 Mr. Brodnicki?

15 MR. BRODNICKI:

16 Here.

17 MS. SORCE:

18 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Present.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Mr. Underwood?

23 MR. UNDERWOOD:

24 Here.

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mr. Petrucci?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Here.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 At this time, we are
6 going to have a short presentation
7 from the Allegheny County Health
8 Department. Live Well Allegheny.

9 DR. HACKER:

10 Thank you. I'm Dr.
11 Karen Hacker. I'm the director for
12 the Allegheny County Health Department
13 and I've got Hannah Hardy with me
14 today and I think you know your
15 counselor, she's with us as well. And
16 we're all just here to celebrate the
17 fact that Penn Hills is now a Live
18 Well community. You now join another
19 62 municipalities, 48 --- we have 48
20 restaurants, 28 work places and 16
21 school districts that are all
22 committed to living well.

23 We want to present you
24 tonight with your logo. And just say
25 it's all fantastic because Penn Hills

1 is doing a lot of things. I couldn't
2 even get the entire list. It's
3 everything from doing maps for
4 walking, to providing health and
5 wellness information to folks, to
6 thinking about complete streets
7 policies so that we can use these
8 streets for all types of multi
9 transportation to doing I think biking
10 and trails.

11 There's a lot of stuff.
12 Right, Chris, there's a lot of stuff?

13 MR. BLACKWELL:

14 Yes.

15 DR. HACKER:

16 So we're really excited
17 to have you as part of the Living Well
18 campaign. And we just hope to keep
19 doing great stuff here with Penn
20 Hills. So thanks very much.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Well thank you very
23 much.

24 MR. BLACKWELL:

25 I just want to

1 congratulate Penn Hills and the people
2 at Penn Hills for participating in the
3 Live Well. It's very nice to see that
4 this has just happened. Thank you.

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6 (WHEREUPON, A BRIEF PAUSE IN THE
7 PROCEEDINGS WAS HELD.)

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DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Well that's amazing. I
11 think you deserve another round of
12 applause. Meanwhile, we'd like to
13 thank Allegheny County Health
14 Department for coming out this evening
15 to present Penn Hills with the Live
16 Well notification. Thank you so much.
17 And we certainly do work hard here in
18 Penn Hills to make sure that our
19 community is a safe place to work and
20 live. We try to keep it embellished
21 and so yes, we are on the move. And
22 we're moving in right of direction
23 obviously. So thank you so much for
24 that recognition this evening. Good
25 job.

1 Next on the agenda, we
2 are going to make a motion for the
3 December 17, 2018 council meeting
4 minutes to be approved.

5 MR. UNDERWOOD:

6 Deputy Mayor?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Yes, Councilman

9 Underwood.

10 MR. UNDERWOOD:

11 I'd like to make a
12 motion to approve the minutes of
13 December 17, 2018, that is the council
14 minute meetings.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Do I have a second?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Second.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Thank you, Councilman
21 Petrucci. Next on the agenda we are
22 going to do the ---.

23 MR. BRODNICKI:

24 Roll call. Roll call.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Oh I'm sorry, sorry,
2 sorry. Roll call, Maureen.

3 MS. SORCE:

4 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Yes.

7 MS. SORCE:

8 Mr. Underwood?

9 MR. UNDERWOOD:

10 Yes.

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Mr. Petrucci?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Yes.

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Mr. Brodnicki?

17 MR. BRODNICKI:

18 Yes.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Okay.

21 Now next on the agenda
22 we are going to go over the
23 expenditures for February 18, 2019.
24 Do I have the motion to accept those
25 expenditures?

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MR. BRODNICKI:

Deputy Mayor Sapp?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Councilman Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

I'd like to make a motion to accept the expenditures of February 18, 2019 to see requisitions. There's 11 for \$80,617.26. The Master of 42687 to 42933 for \$2,317,635.41 for a total of \$2,398,252.67.

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Do I have a second?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Second.

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Motion has been made and seconded. Maureen?

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Petrucci?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

1 Yes.

2 MS. SORCE:

3 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Yes.

6 MS. SORCE:

7 Mr. Underwood?

8 MR. UNDERWOOD:

9 Yes.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Next on the agenda, we
12 have the motion to accept resolution
13 number 2019-004.

14 MR. BRODNICKI:

15 Mayor Sapp?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 Yes.

18 MR. BRODNICKI:

19 I'd like to make a
20 motion to accept resolution number
21 2019-004. A resolution of east Penn
22 Hills County of Allegheny,
23 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24 authorizing cooperative and
25 comprehensive conservation of public

1 lands within the municipality with the
2 assistance of the Allegheny Land
3 Trust, a non-profit organization whose
4 goal is to conserve and protect green
5 space in the Allegheny County area.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Do I have a second?

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 Second.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Any questions from our
12 audience? Any questions? Yes. Would
13 you like to come up to the podium
14 please and state your name?

15 MR. CATLIN:

16 I just want you to tell
17 me where those are. I can't see them.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Can you please, Chris?

20 MR. BLACKWELL:

21 Yeah. If you're
22 familiar with Hunter Road there, the
23 one copy is the Penn Hills Park and
24 would be most in order on that copy of
25 the map.

1 And then there's the ---
2 the other one would be against ---
3 would be along Springwood Drive. And
4 then the furthest south of that would
5 be the --- it's off of Shannon Road.
6 And these are all properties that were
7 gifted or donated to Penn Hills. The
8 two upper ones were from Baleno farm.
9 And further south is the Massy
10 property is what we're calling it.

11 And these are properties
12 that were donated to Penn Hills.

13 MR. BRODNICKI:

14 Mr. Catlin, if you could
15 just identify yourself for the meeting
16 also, please?

17 MR. CATLIN:

18 FA Catlin, C-A-T-L-I-N.
19 223-405 D-A-T-U-R-A.

20 MR. BRODNICKI:

21 Thank you.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Thank you. And
24 questions from council? Maureen?

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mr. Brodnicki?

2 MR. BRODNICKI:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Yes.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mr. Underwood?

10 MR. UNDERWOOD:

11 I will say no because I
12 strongly believe that Penn Hills has
13 been doing and will do the same work
14 that we have been doing a long time.
15 So we know we can do this. So I don't
16 think we --- I need to agree with
17 this. Because I know we're going to
18 continue to do that. You obviously
19 have a track record, does approve
20 that. So that would be my answer.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 And Mr. Petrucci?

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 Yes.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Motion passed. Thank
2 you.

3 Next on the agenda, do I
4 have motion to accept resolution
5 number 2019-005?

6 MR. PETRUCCI:

7 Deputy Sapp?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Yes.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Resolution number 2019-
12 005 granting conditional use approval
13 to A.M. Rodriguez Associates/CMS
14 Housing for the construction of a 52
15 unit apartment building for senior
16 housing to be located at 5785
17 Saltsburg Road. Lot block number 447-
18 P-182.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Do I have a second?

21 MR. UNDERWOOD:

22 Second.

23 DEPUTY MEMBER SAPP:

24 Any questions from the
25 audience?

1 MS. CALABRESE:

2 Good evening, Pauline
3 Calabrese. 142 Crescent Hill Road. I
4 just wondered, sometimes when you see
5 senior housing put in place and
6 sometimes folks abuse that. You know,
7 senior may be fine and then others.
8 What sort of preventative measures or
9 you know, how do we take care of them?
10 What would we do to make sure that
11 that doesn't happen?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Chris, would you like to
14 answer that one?

15 MR. BLACKWELL:

16 I think the applicant
17 could better answer these questions.
18 I'd be glad to elaborate but I think
19 they're more prepared.

20 MS. PICONE:

21 I'm not sure I
22 understand the question.

23 MS. CALABRESE:

24 Sometimes whenever
25 there's senior housing put in place,

1 my understanding is that it's for
2 people who are of a certain age.
3 Whatever, number you set; 55, 60, 62,
4 whatever. Sometimes, however, there
5 are a nuisance where a senior will
6 apply but then they actually end up
7 having other family members and non-
8 family members move in. Thank you.

9 MS. PICONE:

10 My name's Cindy Picone.
11 I work for A.M. Rodriguez Associates,
12 for the company proposing to build the
13 building. And just so you know, I
14 guess for the record that would be the
15 lease violation. We do inspections on
16 a regular basis and if it was found
17 that somebody was living in the
18 apartment that was not on the lease,
19 the person who was on the lease would
20 be evicted.

21 MS. CALABRESE:

22 Does someone, a manager,
23 or someone actual live on the
24 property? Or you just have periodic
25 inspections?

1 MS. PICONE:

2 Our manager will not
3 live in the property. It's 52 units.
4 So there will be a manager there many
5 days a week, about three days a week
6 onsite. There's a manager office.
7 And then the janitor or maintenance
8 staff will be there full time.
9 That's, you know, Monday through
10 Friday 8:00 to 5:00. But then they
11 respond to any needed repairs or
12 anything through a phone number 24/7.

13 MS. CALABRESE:

14 So no full-time manager?

15 MS. PICONE:

16 No.

17 MS. CALABRESE:

18 And how often do you do
19 inspections?

20 MS. PICONE:

21 I need my management
22 company to answer that. At least
23 annually. But any time somebody has a
24 maintenance request then a maintenance
25 person would be in the --- also

1 reporting any problems.

2 MS. CALABRESE:

3 And how many --- next
4 question. How many of these apartment
5 complexes do you run in the area?

6 MS. PICONE:

7 We own 24 properties.
8 We're a family --- second generation
9 family owned company that started in
10 the late '70s. We own and manage all
11 of our properties. We have a picture
12 of Plum Retirement residents in the
13 screens, which is --- I don't know how
14 long it takes to drive, maybe 15
15 minutes away. That's the closest one
16 here to this property.

17 MS. CALABRESE:

18 Are you in Tri-State
19 area? Or just in Western
20 Pennsylvania?

21 MS. PICONE:

22 We own properties
23 throughout Allegheny County. That's
24 the majority of our properties right
25 here in the county. But we own

1 properties in northeastern Ohio in the
2 Akron area. And up into Mercer
3 County. There's one out near Altoona.
4 The majority are in Allegheny County.

5 MS. CALABRESE:

6 And how many inspectors
7 do you have?

8 MS. PICONE:

9 That's not really a job
10 title. We have property managers, we
11 have maintenance, we have janitors,
12 and we have about 85 people that work
13 for us.

14 MS. CALABRESE:

15 Thank you.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 Any questions from
18 Council?

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 Has there been any
21 violations documented with your
22 company so far?

23 MS. PICONE:

24 No. We're a really well
25 managed company with a good

1 reputation.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Okay. Thank you.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Thank you. Maureen.

6 MS. SORCE:

7 Mr. Brodnicki?

8 MR. BRODNICKI:

9 Yes.

10 MS. SORCE:

11 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Yes.

14 MS. SORCE:

15 Mr. Underwood?

16 MR. UNDERWOOD:

17 Yes.

18 MS. SORCE:

19 Mr. Petrucci?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Yes.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Next on the agenda, do I
24 have motion to accept resolution
25 number 2019-008?

1 MR. UNDERWOOD:

2 Deputy Mayor?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Yes, Councilman

5 Underwood?

6 MR. UNDERWOOD:

7 I'd like a motion to
8 resolution number 2019-008. Approve
9 updated cell phone policy for the non-
10 police personnel.

11 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

12 006 for clarification.

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 I'm sorry, 006. Thank
15 you for the correction.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 Do I have a second?

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Second.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Any questions from the
22 audience? Any questions from council?

23 MR. BRODNICKI:

24 Yes.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Councilman Brodnicki?

2 MR. BRODNICKI:

3 Have we had problems
4 with the cell phones?

5 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

6 No. We really haven't.
7 This came out of a discussion during
8 budget time that was basically about
9 our cell phones and with the billing
10 and so on and so forth. We actually
11 essentially updated and put into a
12 policy the many things we're doing.

13 You know, one of the
14 things that a lot of cell phone
15 policies didn't have a few years ago
16 was, you know, language about
17 distracted driving, texting when
18 driving. You know, so we added that.

19 And basically, just put
20 into a policy some of the things you
21 were already doing but weren't in a
22 policy per se. But it wasn't based
23 on ---.

24 MR. BRODNICKI:

25 There's no particular

1 incident, police on the cell phones?
2 Thing like that?

3 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4 No.

5 MR. BRODNICKI:

6 Okay, thank you.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Any other questions?

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 I have a question.

11 Actually I have two questions.

12 First one, with this
13 policy, is it beneficial with our
14 insurance rates? I understand there
15 was some type of discussion about the
16 --- with the insurance carrier today.
17 Did they not ask you if we had a cell
18 phone policy?

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 I know that we've had
21 --- we've had some claims where there
22 were at-fault accidents. So I think
23 to the extent that the municipality
24 could put into --- into place policies
25 that discourage that and actually

1 prohibit that is going to help us with
2 our insurance carrier. It's going to
3 help us with --- with potential
4 liability.

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 So this is a good thing
7 then?

8 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9 I --- I --- yeah. Yeah,
10 that's why I'm proposing it.

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Okay.

13 Another thing. Another
14 question. I see this is for non-
15 police personnel. Do we outline in
16 effect with police personnel?

17 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18 Yeah we do. There's a
19 memorandum that exists that governs
20 cell phones in the police department
21 that's working. I mean the chief and
22 I have had discussions about --- about
23 that. I think our plan is to move
24 towards an updated policy in the
25 police department.

1 But at this time, at
2 least if we could have in place this
3 policy for the non-police, it gets us
4 part of the way,

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Okay. Thank you, Scott.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 And Scott, I have a
9 question. How many non-police
10 personnel actually have cell phones?

11 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

12 We have --- the number
13 escapes me. But I could provide it
14 --- not all of these phones are taken
15 home by the employees. We have some
16 people that are on call 24 hours a
17 day. So they have them.

18 A lot of them are
19 actually here in the building that are
20 building inspectors and code officers
21 use as they're in the field. I can
22 get you the exact count after the
23 meeting.

24 But we --- I wouldn't
25 say that there's an exorbitant number

1 by any means. A lot of what appears
2 in the budget in terms of the bill is
3 actually part of those are charges for
4 air cards for laptops and iPads as
5 well.

6 So it's not just when
7 someone sees in the budget that line
8 item that says cell phones. There's a
9 lot more in that than just a phone
10 bill.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Okay.

13 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

14 But I could get you the
15 exact --- the exact count.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 Go ahead. I look
18 forward to receiving that count.
19 Thank you.

20 Any other questions?

21 Maureen.

22 MS. SORCE:

23 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Yes.

1 MS. SORCE:

2 Mr. Underwood?

3 MR. UNDERWOOD:

4 Yes.

5 MS. SORCE:

6 Mr. Petrucci?

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Yes.

9 MS. SORCE:

10 Mr. Brodnicki?

11 MR. BRODNICKI:

12 Yes.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Do I have a motion to
15 accept resolution number 2019-007?

16 MR. BRODNICKI:

17 Deputy Sapp?

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Yes, Councilman.

20 MR. BRODNICKI:

21 I'd like to make the
22 motion to accept resolution number
23 2019-007. A resolution of the
24 municipality Penn Hills, County of
25 Allegheny, Commonwealth of

1 Pennsylvania, accepting a
2 recommendation from Gateway Engineers
3 regarding parking on Golden Gate Drive
4 to be adopted.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Do I have a second?

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Second.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Have any questions from
11 the audience?

12 Any questions from
13 council?

14 MR. CATLIN:

15 I have a question. Mr.
16 Catlin again.

17 So there was no parking
18 on that street previous?

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Yes, there's parking on
21 actual ---.

22 MR. CATLIN:

23 What is the actual
24 adaptation that is recommended by the
25 engineers?

1 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2 I'm sorry. Repeat that
3 again?

4 MR. CATLIN:

5 What is the adaptations
6 recommended? It's not clear in the
7 resolution provided.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Okay. It should have
10 been in your packet. But what ---
11 what ---?

12 MR. CATLIN:

13 We're out of packets,
14 but we're all sharing.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Oh how nice. Okay, I
17 apologize for that. But what it ---
18 what it's stating is that we're asking
19 that there will be parking on one side
20 of Golden Gate Drive. Just so that
21 the resident on that side who has a
22 family with their children is able to
23 park and have company on the side of
24 the street.

25 Any questions from

1 council?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 No. I just wanted to
4 comment. I went up and took a look at
5 this particular location. I viewed
6 it. Gateway Engineering, in my
7 professional opinion as a police
8 officer for 30 years. I took a look
9 at it also and the signs that are in
10 front 115 need to be moved out to the
11 front of the mailbox at 115. The
12 southerly bound are of that street.
13 And I think it will solve the problem.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 I agree. And I'd like
16 to thank Gateway Engineering for going
17 out to make that assessment and
18 recommendation.

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 If I can just add one
21 thing to the discussion? Assuming
22 this is approved, the next step would
23 be we have to amend the parking
24 ordinance. And then basically make
25 provisions for --- for lines and order

1 a new sign. So this is just the first
2 step.

3 So if this is approved,
4 it doesn't necessarily mean that ---
5 that the parking changes tomorrow. It
6 has to --- there's things that we can
7 only do in good weather too in terms
8 of the line painting too.

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 What kind of signs need
11 moved, Scott?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Ms. ---.

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Excuse me, Deputy Mayor?

16 I just asked Scott a question.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Oh I'm sorry.

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 Can the signs be moved
21 now?

22 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23 My --- my recommendation
24 will be, if it's approved to implement
25 the entire recommendation all at one

1 time.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Okay.

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 Because there's a number
6 of things in there in terms of the
7 signage and the line painting.

8 So my --- my instinct
9 would be to do it all at one time,
10 rather than parts of it.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 And so we're thinking
13 first --- first --- first nice weather
14 day? Or in the spring?

15 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

16 I talked to Public Works
17 about it. We have assignment sheets.
18 So making the signs really wouldn't be
19 a problem. They just have to get a
20 line painter.

21 And the pavement has to
22 be of a certain temperature. We can't
23 --- my expectation would be, if I ---
24 if I provide an update of ordinance in
25 March it would probably say it would

1 take effect maybe in 60 days. That
2 way they have enough time to do it.

3 Because I think what the
4 plan would be that we would do other
5 line painting at the same time in the
6 community.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Okay. Thank you. Ms.
9 Calabrese?

10 MS. CALABRESE:

11 Pauline Calabrese. 142
12 Crescent Hills Road. How much did the
13 assessment cost to locate those come
14 ins?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Mr. Minsterman?

17 MR. MINSTERMAN:

18 We didn't charge for
19 that. It was a simple assessment
20 prior to tracking what was in there.

21 MS. CALABRESE:

22 So we'll just need the
23 cost for the signs and the painting.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Well our signs are made

1 internally so we don't have to go
2 outside to make any signs.

3 MS. CALABRESE:

4 So essentially no cost.

5 MR. MINSTERMAN:

6 No cost.

7 MS. CALABRESE:

8 How awesome are we?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Thank you. Maureen?

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Mr. Underwood?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Yes.

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Mr. Petrucci?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Yes.

19 MS. SORCE:

20 Mr. Brodnicki?

21 MR. BRODNICKI:

22 Yes.

23 MS. SORCE:

24 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Yes. May I have a
2 motion to accept resolution number
3 2019-008?

4 MR. BRODNICKI:

5 Deputy Mayor --- excuse
6 me. Mayor Sapp?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 It's okay. Councilman
9 Brodnicki.

10 MR. BRODNICKI:

11 I'd like to make a
12 motion that we accept resolution
13 number 2019-008 for resolution of the
14 municipality of Penn Hills, County of
15 Allegheny, Commonwealth of
16 Pennsylvania appoint CIM Investment
17 Management, Incorporates as investment
18 advisor for the not-uniform pension
19 fund and authorizing municipal manager
20 to transfer fund assets. Out any
21 investments.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Do I have a second?

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Second.

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DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Any questions from the
audience? Any questions from council?
Maureen?

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Petrucci?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Deputy Mayor Sapp?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Okay. Next on agenda,
items for consideration.

MR. PETRUCCI:

Deputy Mayor Sapp?

1 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:
2 Councilman Petrucci.

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Before I address items
5 for consideration, I would like to say
6 that the topics that I bring up are in
7 no way a reflection of this mayor,
8 council or manager at this time. The
9 topics brought up were researched by
10 me and the time we have no policy at
11 this time within the municipality.

12 As we move forward in
13 preparing for the future of this
14 municipality, I would certainly want
15 you to be established to ensure a
16 smooth working order in the
17 municipality.

18 First one I have will be
19 a nepotism policy in the workplace.
20 It's common amongst municipal and
21 government agencies. A policy should
22 be established about the guidelines on
23 this matter and the benefits of value.

24 We have problems with
25 nepotism again, have at-work effects

1 on our workplace atmosphere.
2 Employees dealing with nepotism in the
3 workplace are often suffering the
4 decline in morale. Their reaction is
5 they fester in a hostile cancer
6 driving down the morale in the
7 workplace.

8 Positions in
9 municipality can be based on their
10 education or skills to perform the job
11 and not based on who you know.
12 Character references, however shall be
13 allowed but not to be the determining
14 factor on a position of the
15 municipality.

16 By doing this, this will
17 initiate a level playing field amongst
18 the employees in the municipality and
19 maintaining a happier workforce. One
20 thing I would like to say about this,
21 Mayor, council do not hire and fire
22 employees. Only the manager is
23 permitted to do so.

24 Now second item for
25 consideration would be in the year to

1 come we need to swear and affirm the
2 witness to office of office of mayor
3 and council. Including the term of
4 the board, established within the
5 municipality.

6 In doing this, we will
7 establish that no one can spend a
8 lifetime in one position. As you all
9 know, as you said many years in a
10 position you either place terms or
11 entails --- show enthusiasm that we
12 rest for officials and board members
13 by giving others a chance to run for
14 office.

15 Also, in time the
16 municipality will change, same as your
17 elected official and board members.
18 Monroeville has implemented term
19 limits to their elected officials and
20 can be used as a model for us to go
21 by. Mayor, council can only hold
22 office for two four year terms.
23 Monroeville board member policy have a
24 term limit of four years.
25 Implementation of this will be a

1 benefit to all the community of Penn
2 Hills.

3 And last but not least,
4 we have ordinance number 2010-2528
5 which is a basically a tax abatement.
6 This hasn't been updated in quite some
7 years. So my suggestion was that we
8 let the new economic development team
9 take a look at this and see if this
10 can be adjusted to the community that
11 we live in today.

12 There's a map on the
13 back, maybe they can take a look at
14 that and increase the amount of space
15 that we have that could be used by the
16 tax exemption quote. And that's all I
17 have, Deputy Mayor.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Okay. Thank you,
20 Councilman Petrucci.

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 You're welcome.

23 MR. BRODNICKI:

24 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Yes, Councilman
2 Brodnicki?

3 MR. BRODNICKI:

4 Yeah, I have something
5 to bring up. It might not make me
6 popular, but it's a subject that we
7 just visited very recently.

8 We changed our schedule.
9 We have --- used to have two meetings.
10 October through April per month. And
11 one of these for the rest of the year.
12 Council meetings. And we changed up
13 to one meeting month per year.

14 And being that we've in
15 the newspaper so much lately, there's
16 been greater awareness going on.
17 We've had more people in attendance.
18 I think this is exactly the wrong time
19 to cut down on council meetings.

20 I propose that we go
21 back to our old schedule. I know it's
22 too late right now for the spring
23 session. But for October and
24 November, return to two meeting per
25 month. The first and third Monday of

1 the month. And then December we have
2 three budget meetings.

3 And then we could look
4 at it again at the end of the year to
5 set next years. But I think it's
6 important that we give our residents
7 more exposure to council and what's
8 going on.

9 And I have some sample
10 resolutions to hand out amongst us
11 here. Just for ideas. I'd like this
12 to be taken up in the future.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Thank you, Councilman
15 Brodnicki. I appreciate that. That's
16 a very good consideration.

17 Any other items for
18 consideration?

19 MR. UNDERWOOD:

20 Deputy Mayor?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Yes, councilman?

23 MR. UNDERWOOD:

24 I'd like to make a
25 statement of mine about changing the

1 schedule. Is this going to be a yoyo
2 up and down? We make a decision once
3 a month and now we're going backwards?
4 What happened? Because everybody's
5 got their own schedules. And they
6 adjusted that to one meeting a month.

7 Now, you're going to
8 create a situation for those people
9 that have scheduled their plans ahead
10 of schedule because of that. Now
11 we're going to go backwards.

12 Let's just do this one
13 time and stay with what we have. That
14 would help everybody here on council,
15 including you.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 You know, Councilman
18 Underwood, I would like to just say
19 from your statement, this is just an
20 item for consideration. However, I do
21 agree with Councilman Brodnicki
22 because we --- this is new. We've
23 never had this many people come out to
24 council meetings and Penn Hills is
25 moving forward. And there are a lot

1 of things that need to be addressed
2 and we need to hear the input of our
3 residents. And I don't feel that one
4 meeting a month is enough.

5 But it is right now an
6 item of consideration. I don't think
7 it makes us a yoyo. I think that we
8 should try to adjust and we found that
9 it wasn't a good adjustment. So we
10 need to go back to the original way of
11 doing things. Which we've been doing
12 now since I've lived in Penn Hills.

13 So I think it won't be
14 that difficult for us to go back to
15 that original two meetings a month.
16 And it's not just for our five members
17 on council. It's for the 44,000 that
18 we represent.

19 Any others?

20 Okay. Do I have any
21 introductions on the ordinance,
22 resolutions, et cetera?

23 Okay. Reports?

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

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DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:
Councilman Petrucci?

MR. PETRUCCI:

With respect to the manager for the grant of \$3 million for paving. Maybe he can elaborate a little on his success in this --- getting this grant for us and why the --- I have a question too that I want him to address on why the money can't be used for other items other than the pavement to the municipality.

So Scott, if you would elaborate on this for us?

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

Sure. Thanks.

Really, a lot of the credit --- most of the credit goes to our staff. What happened was it was in November. We had found out that there was a deadline for some PennDOT funding, multi model funding is the source.

It's a grant, which means that you can only use it for

1 those things that the grantor tells
2 you you can use them for. So when
3 PennDOT gives you money, you can't use
4 it for much else other than for
5 transportation and paving.

6 So what happened was we
7 found out, I think it was early
8 November at the time that there was a
9 funding availability. And our staff
10 got together pretty quickly to pull
11 the application together. Much to
12 their credit.

13 I don't know that we
14 would have been successful in the
15 application if we had had a lot of the
16 information already at hand. We were
17 pretty far along with a road inventory
18 and roads that needed to be paved
19 through our street paving program.

20 And Mr. Shepherd had a
21 list of roads that he needed. So when
22 I told Mr. Shepherd that we were
23 looking for \$5 million worth of roads
24 to pave, and I needed it yesterday,
25 he was able to produce that.

1 So the planning
2 department and our public works
3 department play a big part in that
4 which is, I think why we received the
5 size of the award which we did. Which
6 was the largest maximum award that you
7 can get as a municipality. And
8 actually the largest one in the state
9 in that fund to route so ---.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Well obviously you
12 deserve a round of applause.

13 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

14 Glad to do it.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Another thing I have in
17 report is I brought Pitt students back
18 in for MLK. They were here at the
19 Lincoln Park Community Center helping
20 Ms. Davis with some chores out there
21 at the facility and helped us stock
22 the food pantry. So I owe a big debt
23 of gratitude for the Pitt students
24 again. I believe they brought about
25 52 students out.

1 And one last thing is
2 and I'll never forget. Tomorrow is
3 tips for cops. All benefits --- it
4 benefits of food bank at Penn Hills.
5 And it will be started at five
6 o'clock. So if you can accept that, I
7 would greatly appreciate it. Thank
8 you.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Thank you, Councilman
11 Petrucci. Ms. Getzy?

12 MS. GETZY:

13 My name is Anne Getzy
14 and I live at 151 Crescent Hills Road.
15 And I want to comment on the \$3
16 million grant for road paving which I
17 found was astonishing. I was so
18 pleased to get this. And I want to
19 share with you some records of
20 charting I did in regard to our road.
21 So that the audience here can
22 understand how significant it is to
23 get \$3 million. Because looking only
24 at the resurfacing budgeting and
25 spending that we've done in the last

1 years for paving our roads. We in ten
2 years' time, did not spend \$2 million.
3 So this is neat. And I thank you and
4 your manager for doing this. For
5 grasping this opportunity and
6 everybody on the staff who heard to do
7 this. And I would like to share my
8 chart with you.

9 MR. BLACKWELL:

10 While we're talking
11 about this. All right. I'm just
12 wondering if it's a \$3 million grant,
13 there's a \$900,000 match for a total
14 project cost of \$3.9 million.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 And Penn Hills did
17 receive the largest amount of money
18 that was offered out of all the other
19 municipalities. But thank you so much
20 for it. Everyone has worked very hard
21 on this. You did a fabulous job. I'm
22 very proud of you.

23 Any others? No other
24 reports? Okay. I'll give my report.

25 First, I would like to

1 report that on March 10th the winners
2 of the Penn Hills fireman prevention
3 essay contest will receive their
4 prizes at Penn Hills fire hall number
5 225 at two o'clock p.m.

6 So if you are available,
7 that's a Sunday. If you're available
8 at two o'clock, let's come out and
9 support our youth for doing such a
10 phenomenal job in writing those
11 essays. And let's just cheer them on
12 as they receive their prizes.

13 So again, that's March
14 10th at fire hall number 225 at two
15 o'clock p.m. I'm sure they will
16 greatly appreciate it. It's amazing
17 when you see fire halls or officials
18 or board members come out to support
19 them and recognize them.

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 That was ---?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Yes?

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Cathy, that was 225 at

1 2:00 p.m.?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Yes. 225 at 2:00 p.m.

4 I also would like to
5 congratulate a few people. So I'd
6 like to congratulate Mr. Kevin
7 Persichetti who has been selected for
8 appointment to the position of Police
9 Officer Number 1.

10 I'd also like to
11 congratulate Mr. James Spade who has
12 also been selected for appointment for
13 Police Officer Number 1.

14 Also Ms. Amanda Dunkin
15 who has been selected for appointment
16 for Police Officer Position Number 1.

17 And Mr. Jacob Smith who
18 was also been selected for appointment
19 position Number 1.

20 So congratulations to
21 those candidates. And Chief, you can
22 let them know that Mayor and Council
23 said congratulations and we look
24 forward to them doing a great job.
25 Welcome to Penn Hills.

1 Next on my report I'd
2 like to say congratulations to
3 someone. I don't see him in the
4 audience but he was here earlier and I
5 was informed that he is gone for the
6 evening. But I'd like to congratulate
7 him anyway in his absence.

8 And that is Mr. Jesse
9 Tock. He is our IT systems director.
10 And he has done a phenomenal job.
11 Since I have been here in Penn Hills,
12 looking to back to where we've come
13 from to where he has taken us is ---
14 on of our website has been updated and
15 sustainable.

16 He's doing a great job
17 with informing all of our residents
18 and I'd just like to congratulate him
19 for being appointed to the position of
20 systems director.

21 So I will note he's
22 going to a great job. And even as
23 moving us forward even more than what
24 he has already done. So I'd like to
25 give him a round of applause. He

1 works very hard and he does a great
2 job.

3 Next on my report, I'd
4 like to report that on January 17th,
5 2019 I attended along with Chris
6 Blackwell, the Allegheny County for
7 the municipalities to address the key
8 issues that impact our communities
9 with our legislators and other local
10 leaders.

11 That was a very eventful
12 evening. And a lot of problems were
13 addressed and Penn Hills is definitely
14 on the map for moving forward. So for
15 me it's awesome that we go out and
16 Penn Hills is fondly talked about in a
17 positive manner.

18 On January 22nd, 2019 I
19 attended along with Scott Andrejchak,
20 Regionalization transfer agreement
21 meeting where Alpasan would reap the
22 various of regionalization and process
23 for transferring multi municipal from
24 source from municipal ownership to
25 Alpasan ownership.

1 That was a very
2 informative meeting. It was some
3 parts that they --- I think they had
4 three or four of those meeting and we
5 attended one.

6 And it was a very
7 eventful meeting and we were very
8 informed and so we brought back a lot
9 of information that affected --- when
10 it's time we will be able to answer a
11 lot of your questions.

12 Also on February 1st,
13 2019 I attended along with Councilman
14 Mark Brodnicki, the Turtle Creek
15 Valley Council of Government, County
16 Executor Rich Fitzgerald was the key
17 note speaker and he mentioned Penn
18 Hills a few times in his speech with a
19 positive outlook.

20 So again, Penn Hills we
21 are on the map and we are on the move.
22 So congratulations to Penn Hills. And
23 I believe that's all I had for report.

24 Any other report? No?
25 Okay. Well with that being said, it

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is now 7:47 p.m. This meeting will be
adjourned. And we will meet council
for Executive Session for personal
matters.

Meeting adjourned.
Thank you so much for coming. Have a
wonderful weekend.

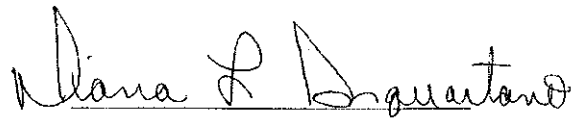
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