

FEBRUARY 19, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Kuhn - It being 7:30 I will call the February 19, 2018 Council Meeting to order. The Agenda will stand as presented and could please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Kuhn - The Agenda will stand as presented.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Brodnicki
Mrs. Sapp
Mr. Underwood
Mr. Petrucci
Mayor Kuhn

Also attending were Rayan, Municipal Manager, Sorce, Manager's Secretary, Blackwell, Planning Director, Solicitor Alexander and Engineer Minsterman.

APPOINTMENT

Mayor Kuhn - First on the Agenda are Appointments. I feel bad that we only have three people in the audience tonight because I did want to thank everyone that heard my plea and my request for sending in their resumes for all the different boards and in fact almost all of our boards have full compliment except I believe we need one on Traffic Safety and one for Recreation. So I applaud everyone, all my residents for stepping up to the plate and be willing to work for the Municipality. I do appreciate that. It is kind of lengthy so if you bear with me we will go through each and everyone. I just think maybe it would be nice if everyone knew exactly who was on the boards. So on our Arts Council it has a full compliment, Catherine Meara, Arlene Holtz, Gina Lamia, Rita Spalding, Nick Lamia and Marlene Mylo. The next is the Library Board and we have several so I will present their names to Mayor & Council and then we will vote on it. I have Judith Donohue, she is to be reappointed. Jean Meyer to be reappointed, Kim Grimmett-Dawson to be reappointed and Robert Hudak to be reappointed. Then I have a new Appointment Patricia Shay. Do I have a Motion for the Appointments as stated?

John Petrucci made a Motion.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - We have two that their terms are not up yet they are Felix Catlin and Elisa O'Malley. O.K. now we will go to Personnel Board. William Jeffcoat is already on and Joseph McMeekin and their terms are not up until the end of 2019. I need a Motion to Appoint Patrick J. Tassari to Personnel Board.

Mrs. Sapp made a Motion.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - Do I have a Motion to Appoint Brent Rambo for a Four Year Term to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Brent I see you are in the audience, one of four. Wait someone is coming in the door so it is one of five. Those who follow Council know that Planning is very important to me because of the fact I served on it for ten years prior to being on Council. It is a very important position because of the fact it determines what the appearance of our Municipality will be. It is an Appointment to take seriously and I have to say Brent that you show so much interest in our Community by attending every, almost every, meeting that we have and you have always conducted yourself with such style and integrity and that is what we need on our boards so I know that you will do a good job and I know you will do your homework and that is one of things that you do have to see and I do think that you will be a great asset to the members that serve now and I thank you for accepting the position.

Brent Rambo - Thank you.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Chris Blackwell - Mayor can I just take one second? I am sorry Brent when you were in my office I didn't know you were going to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Welcome aboard. I worked with Brent on other Committees so I am looking forward to working with you on the Planning Commission. We will see you Thursday.

Mayor Kuhn - Thanks Chris. You can always interrupt me. Now we go to the Recreation Advisory Board and I would like to say to Moe if you could tell John our

Recreational Director he did such a wonderful job of presenting the Appointments and the Reappointments to me that I appreciated it and it was so easy for me to go over because of the fact the Recreational Advisory Board has one year terms, two year terms and three year terms so he was very helpful and I do want you to extend my thanks to him.

Moe Rayan - Will do Mayor and Maureen advised earlier about your comments so I will extend that to him and actually we are going to try to use him as a sample for the rest of the Directors to try to follow suit in terms of presenting the folks for Reappointments to Mayor and Council.

Mayor Kuhn - Right because like I said especially with Recreation with the different term years it would have been very difficult so I do appreciate it. So do I have a Motion for Reappointments for Jack Kowalski, Peter Theofilis, these are for one year terms. So for one year terms Jack Kowalski and Peter Theofilis. Do I have a Motion for them to serve on the Recreation Advisory Board for one year?

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - Do I have a Motion for two year terms for a new Appointment of Tim Russell and Regis Walney to the Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - Do I have a Motion for Reappointment for three year term to the Recreation Advisory Board, Sherry Saville.

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - These are for new Appointments for the Recreation Advisory Board for a two year term for Melissa Waldron and a new Appointment for a three year term for Christine Polaski and Stephanie Strauss to the Recreation Advisory Board. Do I have a Motion?

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - We also have Shade Tree Commission but they are all recently on so they are on until the end of 2019 and 2020 but I do like to let people know who are serving. We have Kathy Raborn, Brian Dolney, Sandy Feather, Tori DeJohn and Katie Schuller and as a said it is a full compliment and their terms are not up for a good while. Now we will go to Traffic Safety Committee. I have an Appointment for our Police Officer Michael Lape to be Reappointed to the Traffic Safety Committee.

Mr. Petrucci gave a Motion for Officer Lape.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn - This young Officer does a wonderful job, I know him on a personal level even though I have a difficult time with his last name all the time, I just call him Michael because of the fact he is our Ordinance Officer so I am so happy to have him reappointed.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - Do I have a Motion for Robert Schultze, Jr., it is a Reappointment to the Traffic Safety Committee.

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - And on the board serving we had Reappointed Joseph Opsitnick and Richard Grove just last year and we have John Gillette and Michael Ross who are on until the end of December of this year but we do have one vacancy for the Traffic Safety Committee if anyone is interested. Our Zoning Hearing Board is full compliment. Daniel Fitzhenry is Chairman, Marcia Cereza is Vice-Chair, Secretary Harold McDonald, and then we have Joseph Tamburrino and Joseph Capozoli and they have terms that are not up for a good many years. I would like to ratify the Appointment of Philip Scolieri a Reappointment to The Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority Board. Do I have a Motion?

Mr. Underwood made a Motion.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - As I have stated earlier it is wonderful to see that all of our boards are 90% at full compliment. We just need one on Recreation and one on Traffic Safety. So if anyone knows of anyone and wants to send a resume in please send it to the Municipality and the Manager will forward it to me. Thank you very much and I want to thank all of those new Appointments and Reappointments for serving and Moe I am sure you will get the letters to them.

Moe Rayan - Will do.

MINUTES

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve the **Minutes of February 5, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.**

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

EXPENDITURES

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve the **Expenditures of February 19, 2018.** Journal Vouchers - 0 - \$0.00, C.D. Requisition - 15 - \$19,058.98 and Master 39840 - 39968 - \$1,136,389.14 making a Grand Total of \$1,155,448.12.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

John Petrucci - I just want to make one comment. I noticed something and I wasn't aware of it and it was explained to me. We have a fitness instructor down at the Senior Center if anybody read that in the Expenditures which is a very valuable asset I understand to the Seniors and we also have a Aqua Aerobics Instructor which is very valuable I found out to the Seniors and both of these are refunded by the County. Am I correct, Mr. Rayan?

Moe Rayan - Yes.

John Petrucci - One thing I want to mention though the Aqua Aerobics Instruction for the Seniors is currently being done at the Racket Club in Monroeville. The heaters I don't know if everybody knows this, but the heaters went bad at the pool up at Linton. I spoke with Mr. Walsh today and at the time I spoke to him the heaters were being repaired and they will be up and running. I am going to try and get those folks back up to Linton because some of them are complaining about the drive up to the Racket Club

and they would rather be some place close. It is a very good program and I didn't know if everybody was aware of this. I wish there were more people in the audience to let them know this but it is open to all Seniors. Just wanted to make that notation.

Mayor Kuhn - Thanks John are there any other comments on the Expenditures from Council?

Mrs. Sapp - I just wanted confirmation on Check No. 39857 on Brondner Technical Services on Page Three, first line.

Moe Rayan - This is part of their pay application. The monthly progress pay application. The cost for the New Municipal Building.

Mrs. Sapp - Yes.

Moe Rayan - Yes it is the Electrical Contract.

Mrs. Sapp - Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn - I do want to make sure that was the estimate that was given on the New Building and the original form of our Expenditures is that correct?

Moe Rayan - The same check Mayor is that what you are referring to?

Mayor Kuhn - Yes the same check 39857 I just want to make sure that cost had been incorporated in the original cost for the electrical work from the sub-contractors put their bids in.

Moe Rayan - Yes that is correct, it is part of the contract for the electrical work.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. we have had very few supplemental requests.

Moe Rayan - Actually we had one change order coming for the electric and that is a deduct based on the engineering of what we did for the electrical light fixtures and so on. So it will be a negative. It will be less than what the actual contract, I don't have the final number yet but it is pretty substantial.

Mayor Kuhn - Well that is the type of change order I like. As you and Ed well know.

Mr. Petrucci - No on Check No. 39886 and yes on all the rest.

Mayor Kuhn - I abstain on Check No. 39886 to Don Kuhn Auto Body for \$600.00 for rental and yes on all others.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-006** - authorizing and directed to submit the attached application for Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Frankstown Road and Woods Street and approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and to sign this application on behalf of the The Municipality of Penn Hills.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Faith Milazzo - 121 Castle Drive - I just wondered. I know there was a traffic light there already so I wanted to know is it a replacement traffic light?

Moe Rayan - It is the same traffic light but it was renovated. Penn Dot did improvement to it. For the past forty years it was maintained by the City of Pittsburgh and the location of that traffic signal is within the boundaries of the Municipality, however, they maintained it ever since the shopping center was active and they finally decided they don't want to do that anymore so they went through Penn Dot and Penn Dot made the request to us as any traffic signal within The Municipality we do assume the maintenance and the operation of the signal after the improvements are complete.

Faith Milazzo - I don't know if is that street or the street after but I know there is a light. I drive that way in the mornings and I don't know if it is on a timer, sometimes we will sit there not a long period of time but maybe a minute or two. Is there going to be a different traffic light, is it timed delayed do you know? I don't know what you call it you drive over something and it triggers it. Is it the same type?

Moe Rayan - Loop detectors. Loop detectors primarily are installed at traffic intersections and they are not installed at straight away traffic signals just at the main intersections. I don't believe there is a loop detector there. Of course all the calculations on that is performed based on the speed of the road way and stuff like that so I don't believe there is a loop detector system there.

Faith Milazzo - thank you.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-007** - authorizing The Municipal Manager to enter into a Five-Year Lease Purchase Agreement with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC for the purchase of five (5) vehicles for a total amount of \$263,850.86 and authorizing the Municipal Manager to execute all documents and to take the necessary action to complete the transaction.

Mr. Underwood made a Motion.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Moe before I ask for comments from the audience this is what was in the Budget, am I correct showing that the payments would not start until 2019 therefore that is why it is not in our 2018 Budget?

Moe Rayan - That is correct however I believe I can't recall if the final number was identified or not but this is a lot less than what we anticipated. Originally we were around \$350,000 but all the final bids came in at what was presented to you tonight.

John Petrucci - Mayor, may I make a comment.

Mayor Kuhn - Sure.

John Petrucci - Mr. Rayan and the Fire Marshal Chuck did a wonderful job on getting these bids. I tried myself just to see what a pickup truck for the Fire Marshal would cost. I called a couple dealers that were friends of mine and could not beat the price that we got so these guys did one heck of a job.

Mayor Kuhn - Thanks John I appreciate that and I am sure they do and Moe I think you get Employee of the Month because of the fact you have a change order coming in less and now you saved a lot of money on our trucks.

Moe Rayan - I didn't talk about the other Change Order Mayor.

Mayor Kuhn - You better hope I am not feeling well enough that night.

Jim Getsey - 151 Crescent Hills Road - On the lease purchase of these five vehicles, is Code Enforcement getting one?

Moe Rayan - None of them for Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement just received five brand new vehicles about a few months ago.

Jim Getsey - Thank you.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Mr. Brodnicki - I have something for consideration or Introduction of Ordinances sort of combined. First I would like to hand these out to Council. Recently Sharpsburg passed an Anti-Bullying Ordinance. Penn Hills does not have one right now. They sort of lumped together with harassment. This Ordinance here allows them it makes the

parents partially responsible for what their children are doing. It provides a fine of up to \$250.00 after getting a warning or community service. Bullying 79% of more children are likely to commit suicide. Over 30,000 stay home because of bullying through ABC News and 17% claim some type of cyber bullying and 41% complain about physical bullying. I think Penn Hills would do well to take this Ordinance and bring it over to here. I would like us to give this to Craig to make one up for next meeting so we can get public comment on it and then give it a vote.

Mayor Kuhn - Thanks Mr. Brodnicki. Bullying is really a horrible thing to have happen in your Community, in your family, in your schools or in your employment. Even though it is generally considered something that is done by children of school age we also have adults who do bullying and it is just as harmful as it is for the children. I think that this is wonderful that the Borough of Sharpsburg had already brought this in to play and I appreciate that you were doing your homework to find this Mark. I think this is very important and I think that we do need to look into it and have our Solicitor give it finishing touches for Penn Hills and present it to Mayor and Council and the public as soon as possible. But like I said I do hope that we put, you just gave this to me and I was looking over it, but I didn't get to read all of the verbiage but I do want it to pertain also not just to school age children but as I said there are many adults who are bullied and it causes them grief and pain also. So thank you very much Mark I appreciate it.

Mr. Petrucci - Mayor I have a laundry list of things I would like to go over with you.

Mayor Kuhn - One at a time John, that is what we are here for.

Mr. Petrucci - First off Mark has a great idea. I wasn't going to mention until the end of the meeting but I was approached by Verona for the same thing that Mark just brought up to help fight a serious problem that endangers the safety and welfare of our children in our schools and communities as Brentwood and Sharpsburg did an Ordinance regulating Bullying and harassment. I have a copy of the Ordinance that I wrote up as a mock with Penn Hills already on it. I do have copies for you and I contacted the President of the School Board, Erin Vecchio in regards to this and she is related to have this tool. It is an extra tool to use in the Penn Hills School District. It is also an extra tool for the Police to use when they come upon something like this. So, yes Mark it is a great thing. Mr. Alexander I believe you know a little bit more about this and you have dealt with this in Verona and dealt with this in another County. I understand. Can you maybe speak a little bit about this Ordinance.

Craig Alexander - I can. Mayor Ricupero for Verona had read about it in the newspapers with regards to Sharpsburg possibly adopting the Ordinance it hadn't been adopted at the time and asked if I could reach out to the Mayor of Sharpsburg and get his thoughts. He is a lawyer and a friend of mine. So I did that and he had spoke to me about what lead Sharpsburg to consider adopting this Ordinance. It is pretty much exactly as you discussed about how bullying is running ramped in the school districts

and all over the place. Brentwood was the first Community to adopt an Ordinance like this and Sharpsburg modeled theirs after Brentwood. They are very similar except that in the Brentwood Ordinance it is much more penal. There is a very significantly higher penalty involved. I think this was a \$250.00 fine and Brentwood's I believe was either \$650.00 or up to \$1,000.00 I believe plus potential jail term. When it went on to a public meeting, public hearing in Sharpsburg Borough, the towns folk were supported of the idea but they didn't like the substantial penalty that Brentwood Ordinance had and this was the compromise that they came up with that was palpable to the residents of Brentwood I am sorry Sharpsburg and also the Council for the Borough of Sharpsburg and the one thing that this does is with school age children it holds the parents accountable. They can still be charged as juvenile delinquents they can be charged under our juvenile statute but this holds the parents accountable and brings a little bit more attention to the parents and they might not even know this is going on. With regard to adults that are engaged in bullying those adults can be charged criminally with harassment so and so forth.

Mayor Kuhn - Would that be incorporated in our Ordinance or is that just going to be that someone would have to file it with the Magistrate?

Craig Alexander - The Police already have the ability to do that with adults. This holds parents accountable for the actions of their children and it is through the Police system.

Mr. Underwood - How successful has this been?

Craig Alexander - I don't know how successful it has been in Brentwood, I think they are both relatively new and in the Borough of Sharpsburg I believe it was passed and enacted into law maybe a month ago and if it was more than a month ago it was two months ago only. So really there is no history as to how successful it was. I can tell you it was certainly successful with the Court of Public Opinion but there is no paper trail yet as to how the local Magistrate will end up \$250.00 fine or community service up to 40 hours. I think making someone do community service and taking off work because their son or daughter did something.

Mr. Petrucci - Not only are we looking at this but Oakmont is looking at this also. So this is going right up the line. I was asked by Oakmont and Verona in the beginning and I had a meeting with Mayor Ricupero on this so they are trying to get it done I think at their workshop next week and he said it should be a passed Ordinance.

Craig Alexander - It won't be a passed Ordinance at the next workshop we are going to look at it with a committee and then once we get the verbiage down it will be passed at the following council meeting.

Mr. Petrucci - O.K. he thought it was going to be done at the workshop.

Mayor Kuhn - When we are looking at it as far as fines and that go I would like to have in it if Council is agreeable the community service factor because of the fact a lot of children like for instance if it is \$250 their parents could just pay it and I feel that the child himself or herself should have to do community service to show that you can't just pay your way out of something. There has to be consequences and it has to be done by the child because the \$250 or \$600.00 generally if you have a child in the intermediate range of school they have any income coming in so, therefore, their parents are going to be paying it so I don't mind if there is a fine attached but I would like community service to be implemented because of the fact then that is something that the child has to get up and go to and do and be responsible and maybe will think second time not to do it because what they had to go through.

Mr. Petrucci - It is already in the Ordinance. It is forty hours.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. like I said Mark just gave this to me here so I didn't have a chance to see it but to me that is a very important penalty because like I said if you are twelve years old and bullying somebody or if you are six years old on a bus and you are bullying somebody because I have a great grandson who had that problem and they don't have the money to pay the fine so they need to be shown that you have to have consequences for your behavior.

Mr. Petrucci - This is done by the Officer's discretion too. Everything is always done by the Officer's discretion, am I right? The way I understood it they could get the first time a warning, the second time they get a penalty.

Mayor Kuhn - Like I said it happens in kindergarten on a bus but you also have it where teenage girls or boys get bullied so much on the social media that they actually as you had stated Mark they won't go to school, they are embarrassed or ashamed or it gets so bad that they do commit suicide. So I think it is a wonderful Ordinance to have and I am glad that it is like the domino effect and every community is following suit so I think it is a big plus.

Mrs. Sapp - Microphone not working properly (in-audible).

Mr. Alexander - The school district does have an anti-bullying policy and if you violate that anti-bullying policy then you can be suspended or if the case warrants it when it is referred to expulsion when the superintendent gets her hands around it and then she reviews the students prior disciplinary record, the student's academic performance, grades, tardiness and attendances and so on and so forth and then decides whether to expel the student and if so for how long. What this Ordinance does in addition to the laws that are already on the crimes code this holds the parent accountable. So if you have an unruly child and you are getting through to him this holds the parent accountable for either a nominal fine which I think everybody here would rather see the community service or up to 40 hours of community service and this type of Ordinance can be by the Police Department or by your Code Enforcement

Officers because this is a local Ordinance. No different than your junk and high grass in your yard. Your Code Enforcement Officers can site you on this and go before the local District Justice Magisterial Judge and then as John had indicated it is Officer discretionary but it is also Judge discretionary so if the Officer decides to press the charges and the Judge can decide well we are going to give him a warning or we are going to give him ten hours of community service or up to forty hours.

Mayor Kuhn - Cathy I think too this expands it because the school district's policy would only be if it happened on the school bus, in the school, or on the way to school and now this really covers the entire Municipality and it could be six o'clock at night so I don't think this would interfere with what they have it would just add to it.

Mrs. Sapp - o.k. thank you.

Mr. Petrucci - Moving on to my Laundry List. There has been some controversy about the monument again. I have heard some things that we weren't going to move it and this is mainly on social media and people calling me, now we have all agreed on this Council that that monument is going to be moved. We came to that decision last meeting. Now, there was somebody that said leave no one behind and I found out some things that we can't leave no one behind. And what I mean by that is the firemen and the Veterans. I have heard numerous I won't say complaints but what is the word I am looking for

Mrs. Sapp - concerns.

Mr. Petrucci - concerns about the monuments that we have and the bricks that we have outside and the people want to take the bricks if they are not going to be moved. I had a meeting with Mr. Rayan today about this it was not a scheduled meeting don't anybody take it the wrong way it was just in conversation and I think that the best thing that we can all agree on is that we take everything down there. Now that means that we won't hurt the feelings of the firemen, we don't hurt the feelings of the families with the bricks that donated them for the Veterans. Mr. Rayan was telling me that what we initially had said at the last meeting about putting the monument in the front it can't be done and the reason it can't be done he explained it and I made him do it in layman's terms. This man is an engineer and is very bright but when he starts to go off on that engineer tangent he kind of gets everybody confused. The monument is fourteen feet long and it is seven feet wide. There is not enough space between the front of the building and the two foot offset where the monument has to go. It is understandable. Besides that monument now we have the other monument out there plus all the bricks and it is just not going to work but he came up with a solution. The solution is we either go to the left where the basketball courts were or we go to the right and do it there. My thoughts on this and I hope everybody would agree is we take it and put everything where the basketball courts used to be. It is in the front of the building and it is off to the left and we could do a nice monument memorial or whatever you want to call it right there on the left hand side. Now the cost of moving everything we had the

monument company that stated at the last meeting that they would move it for free. We are going to see if we can hold them to that. O.K. Landscaping and moving those bricks is another issue. So I made some phone calls. I made some phone calls to some local landscapers. I made a phone call to Joe Verraco of Beautified Landscaping, Anthony Mangretti Landscaping and Joe Vigilotti. I got back with two of them and I haven't heard back from Joe yet. Each one of them will donate their time to move those stones and put them wherever we want them. What they are asking me for right now is some type of plan. How we are going to build this thing and then they will step in and they will take the ones out of the front and they will put them down there for us. O.K. it is all for free. As far as the landscaping is concerned, we will see if we can get some plants donated. I will go down there and help plant them. We can plant the plants ourselves and we can do whatever it takes to make everybody happy at that location down there. Now Joe from Beautified Landscaping went one step further he called Lampus and he asked Lampus if they would donate paving stones and they said sure. For the first responders we will donate the paving stones. So if we need something else Lampus is there for us. Everybody wants to get involved. I think we should make this a community effort and they will feel more like they are getting involved with this. I have a meeting with Joanne Alexander and the Crawshaw Family along with Mr. Rayan on Thursday at 2:00 and they are going to pick what side of the building they want. Like I said my suggestion is going to be to the left where the basketball court o.k.

Cathy Sapp - I thought that we were at this point going to have the engineers go down and actually mark out where the monuments were going.

Mr. Underwood - This is true. At the last meeting it was all discussed and we were told we will be called and we also were told we would be called back from Moe, the contractor and everybody else. I am still waiting for that. I am sorry some people can't wait for that.

Moe Rayan - You are absolutely correct of what you were saying I did go down last week and I spoke to the contractor because when we mentioned the last time at the meeting I mentioned that the area is not going to accommodate what we want to do. The engineers made it clear that it is not going to accommodate. The architect did say the folks that were here for the monuments didn't want to hear the three of us or the three entities that presented that and asked me and Mayor & Council and Council directed me to get a hold of the contractor to see where we are at. I did say the next day the contractor and actually I am going to go upstairs presented me with a letter that the way that the whole thing came down it was presented to them that is going to be a couple if you will a head stone or something similar to that and it is not in the magnitude of what we have out front. He came to my office I gave him the existing monument foundation and how it was constructed because I was involved with that in 2010 and he told me he said Moe I never told anybody that this is going to fit here. He came himself and took measurements and then he wrote me a letter. I have it in my e-mail and I apologize I don't have it and I was going to discuss this tonight. Mr. Petrucci happened to be in the building. He came up to me to the office he was getting some paperwork

from Maureen and ended up speaking with me and I told him that I spoke with Joanne last week and I informed her the same thing that I am saying here tonight that the monuments are not going to fit. The only two options that we have at least at this point are the three options that we had when I spoke with her are the two different locations. The right side and the left side and if those are not acceptable and she mentioned to me and Mayor Kuhn when she looked at the drawings she said they were not acceptable and I said your third option is to keep this thing in place. She said well she was going to wait for Mr. Petrucci to come back and talk to the committee or Judge HRomyak as well and then they were going to get back to me this week. I was going to present this to you tonight but it happened that I spoke with Mr. Petrucci early this morning and didn't have a chance to speak to any of you. So that is where it is at. He texted me and asked me if 2:00 on Thursday was good for me and I am available at 2:00 and again I was going to bring that to your attention.

Mayor Kuhn - I am going to interject her. First of all if any Council Person happens to be in the building and sees the Manager they can ask a question of the Manager. I don't want anyone to come to the conclusion that someone is trying to up stage another Council person because we are all here working together for the betterment of our Municipality and I had said the day after the meeting, I called the Manager personally and I told him that I was very upset that this contractor would make this statement to the families that there was room for this when Mayor & Council had been instructed as I told everybody our first original drawings had the monuments at the new sight. Those were the preliminary drawings and then because of the fact it would have cost \$100,000 plus they had to move the building forward and I explained that also at the meeting last Council Meeting and by doing that there wasn't enough room and we were told because of the piping that was underneath. Now as I tell everyone under The Home Rule Charter Mayor and Council do not have offices at the Municipality and the day to day business is run by the Manager so I was very upset and I told the Manager that I had asked him if there would be a meeting held with that architect that I was told at that time that he was young and he was caught off guard and I said to the Manager before he made a statement that that monument could be placed in that location to those family members. It is a five minute drive from Penn Hebron on Duff Road to our Municipality. His comment should have been well I need to look at the actual monument to see if in fact there is room for it. By him not doing that it made it look like Mayor & Council was just giving a fairy tale to the Police Officers and to the

John Petrucci - I think nobody realizes the size and magnitude of this monument.

Mayor Kuhn - Exactly.

John Petrucci - I am for it. You know me. It is just not going to fit.

Mayor Kuhn - And we explained that to the audience and to the family members at the meeting and we said to them the only place that it would fit would be the

basketball courts or at the corner when you are coming down the road and they didn't want it at the basketball courts because they said it was not in view when you walked into the building and personally if they have it at the other location I think when you are riding down the road you are going to miss it. So I thought the basketball courts would be better but they didn't want it there but I think it was a lot of confusion and it mainly came from someone speaking out of their realm by telling the families oh no you can put the monuments here and then that made it look like Mayor & Council didn't want to move the monument and we were just saying there wasn't room for it so I would ask Moe to have a meeting with the family members and with this young contractor and have him explain to them the exactness and that he had no right to make that statement when he didn't know all the facts but everyone on the board and like I try to tell everyone at the last meeting it is not just our Police Officers that mourn the loss of our Fallen Officers. Everyone in Penn Hills does. I mean it was a tragedy it was heartbreaking and it affected every single person in Penn Hills. That would be like saying when there is a tragedy in a school that the teachers feel it more so than the community and I try to explain it not the case. It has never been the case us against them. It was a case that we were told it could not go there and now I understand from what John saying that now the families realize that.

John Petrucci - I spoke with Joanne today and she is going to leave it up to the Crawshaw family because Joanne said it is o.k. with me whatever they want to do.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. and I talked to John DeBasi, I saw him at Giant Eagle and I said to him John this isn't settled yet because of the fact the location is not it can't physically be put there. I said so we have to get together as a unit working together and find what we can do and what we want to do and try to get a consensus of everyone because of the fact it was never anyone's intent and like I told Mr. DeBasi and I will tell Judge HRomyak since his letter made a statement too. I can say that jokingly to John because he knows my relationship with Len that the term we are leaving our Falling Officers behind was so unfair and that was playing on the tragedy that affected the families 100 times over that it affected everyone else.

John Petrucci - But you have to remember something else though. The firemen and the Veterans.

Mayor Kuhn - And we said that at the meeting John and the Officers stood up and said we are here for the Police Memorial and let them fight theirs and the Manager has said from the onset we also have our Firemen Monument, our Veterans Monument and if I am not mistaken Moe was already approached by the family of the Fallen Fire Officer and wanting to know what they did so we are not going to slight no one.

John Petrucci - And we didn't mean to or ever wanted to.

Mayor Kuhn - Right and that was never the intent and Mayor & Council went based on the information that was presented to us which now has shown to be accurate.

John Petrucci - And I even went one step further today. I spoke to Judge HRomyak, Len HRomyak and I said get all the retirees together and get Lauffer, DeBasi whoever else

Mayor Kuhn - And let's not forget Sgt. Bob Frank.

John Petrucci - Bob Frank o.k. and get everybody together let us come up with an idea what you want to do with that stuff that is in the lobby. Whether you want to keep it, whether you want to throw it away. You have to come up with a plan because we don't want to insult anybody. There are pictures against the wall down there. Figure out what you guys, these are from your era. You have to figure out what you want to do with all these pictures down there. Those pictures are just going to get thrown in a box and nobody is going to know what to do with them. So not to cause hard feelings again I said everybody get together so he took my offer to e-mail all those guys and when they all get together they will come back and figure out what they are going to do with this stuff.

Mayor Kuhn - I think everything is moving now in the right direction because of the fact that as I told them and I tell everyone information is your best tool, misinformation is your most damaging and based on what that young contractor stated he made our information that we received inaccurate and then once it came out I don't know if he is saying now he didn't I hadn't met with him yet Moe but I did say that I was very upset that he would tell the families something that was not accurate. There is no sense pointing fingers and I don't want us to be at each other's throats over this. This is a monument for our Fallen Officers who were lost and we are going to respect that and we also are going to respect their families. So John is you have the olive branch to the families then I thank you for that.

John Petrucci - Not a problem.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. and I do though Moe we all needed to be advised because it was two weeks ago of what had transpired because as Councilman Underwood and Deputy Mayor Cathy Sapp stated we were all waiting to hear from the administration what exactly was transpired because we were under the impression that there would be a meeting and that we would be involved so I think and I don't mean to speak for you but I think that was both of your concerns were, is that correct.

Moe Rayan - I didn't want this to be my fault. Time out here. This all happened this afternoon at 4:00. I did what I was directed by Mayor & Council to do. Mrs. Alexander she told me to hold off she was going to speak with Mr. Petrucci and then she was going to speak with Judge HRomyak and the committee and then get

back to me. I haven't heard from her since I spoke with her until this afternoon when Mr. Petrucci was up in the building and he actually texted me later on in the afternoon and I didn't realize he texted me and it took me a couple of hours to get back to him and it was about four or five o'clock when I said and I looked at my schedule and I was available for the meeting so really there was nothing to report other than and I just got the letter from the contractor and I am going to go upstairs in about two minutes to bring it to Mayor & Council.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. but like I said I think we are all on the same page and we are all working for the same solution that is going to be acceptable to everyone and as I said at the last meeting especially the families who actually lost we all lost but not like they did. Alright John what is up next.

John Petrucci - next up we want to speak about the promotions that this gentlemen did and he saved the taxpayers some money. Would you like to enlighten the taxpayers of the Community Mr. Rayan and how you saved them some money this year.

Moe Rayan - The recent promotions we actually it was an in-house appointment to two individuals who have been working with the Public Works and Recreation and Parks, John Scaglione and Scott Shepard. Due to the retirement of the former superintendent Gerry Nosal, 37 years of service, I wanted to thank him. I thanked him but he is not here or I would have thanked him again but it will be in the records. Scott Shepard has been employed with the Municipality for the past I believe seven years and he was the assistant superintendent and he moved into Gerry's spot and John Scaglione has been with the Municipality pretty close to ten years. He is the Parks and Recreation Supervisor and he was appointed to the assistant superintendent and filled in for Scott. Those two individuals are pretty familiar and I have all the confidence in the world in them to run both the Department of Public Works and Recreation and the Parks. With that in mind those things that we discussed in the past during budget preparation with Mayor & Council that it was going to be cost savings just due to the fact that no additional hiring from the outside would take place so upward about \$70,000.00 was saved in that particular move.

John Petrucci - Good job.

Mayor Kuhn - Moe did express that at the Budget Meetings that what we were doing is because of the same situation was with Maureen. The fact that she got an increase but that is because of the fact she took on the work of someone who was leaving and we weren't replacing. Not only do you save the dollar figure of the amount that they make but having two employees you also have the cost of their benefits and the table of figuring of what benefits costs is generally you take 40% - 50% of what the salary is and that is what you have to add to the salary for benefits so by having only one employee and not two employees you save a great deal of money on the benefits also and when I told everyone the residents of Penn Hills need to realize how fortunate

they are to have the Manager that we have, our Financial Director, all our other Directors. We have a staff that is unbelievable in what they do and what they save. It is probably every meeting we can come up with a dollar figure here or there that they have saved for the residents of Penn Hills. They need to be recognized for that so I thank you and all your Directors as I have before.

Moe Rayan - Hoping some day that we can probably regain some of the staff that we are losing. Everybody has received additional duties and I appreciate that but I just want to make it known that sometimes it is hard to cut personnel, in this case we didn't cut personnel, we were fortunate enough that these folks were retiring that we are not replacing them. We added some duties on people, actually adding more jobs of other individuals on them for a minimum amount of money. One would say you saved a lot of money yea but we put some more stress on people so I want to make that known to everyone.

John Petrucci - Next item I have some concern about the Lights at Universal Park. We have some balusters that are out at Universal Park. We have also some soft ball teams that are bidding now for the time of the field. I made some phone calls, John Walsh over at the School District possibly has the parts to repair it. All we need is John Scaglione to show him the part and we can do the transfer and save us about \$3,000.00 off of this particular part but I have to make it known and Mr. Rayan told me this morning or this afternoon we cannot go and fix the lights until the ground is dry because the simple fact is the scissor jack goes inside in the field to fix the light will get stuck, right Mr. Rayan?

Moe Rayan - That is absolutely correct. One of our employee's got stuck up the scissor a couple years ago and that is one of the primary reasons we are not back in there we weren't lucky enough to have dry days that we could take the scissor jack back into the field to make the repairs. We have electricians on staff. Public Works Department but unfortunately we weren't able to go in there or have enough time between rain storms and snow melt to do necessary repairs.

John Petrucci - So eventually we will get that fixed and people can play. I think the field is scheduled for 10:30 at night, am I correct on that?

Moe Rayan - I am not sure. I could find out.

John Petrucci - No that is o.k. I am pretty sure it is 9:30 - 10:30. So people will be able to play softball down there at night.

Mrs. Sapp - So the gentlemen you spoke with is going to get in contact with Moe and then Moe in turn will talk with Mr. Scaglione?

John Petrucci - Yes, yes they have plenty of extra parts up at the school that are laying around and the new plant manager he is a personal friend of mine also and he will work with John so whatever parts they need and they can swap back and forth.

Mrs. Sapp - But he will go through the proper channels?

John Petrucci - No he has to go through the School Board and he has to tell the School Board that the part is coming here and they will send it to the Road Department. One comment. I got a lot of calls around January 15 or the 18th we had a big snow storm and they were blasting our road department. Social media was lighting up and I was getting phone calls, what is wrong, I can't get out of my driveway I mean it was really getting out of hand. Just like everybody else gets these calls I called Mr. Nosal who that time was in charge of the road department and I said Gerry what is going on? Gerry explained to me and I don't think anybody realizes this that the crew had been out since five o'clock in the morning and it was now when I called him probably about five or six in the evening. You can only work these guys so many shifts.

Moe Rayan - Sixteen consecutive hours.

John Petrucci - Sixteen consecutive hours that is two shifts. You can't work them anymore that is what their contract I believe reads for 249?

Moe Rayan - Yes 249 it is sixteen consecutive hours and then they have to come off the road for six hours.

John Petrucci - So I said to Mr. Nosal so you sent them home to get some rest, I said that was the right thing to do. So you have to look at the giant picture here o.k. when these snow storms come down these people are out working o.k. and they are working around the clock you have to break them for a rest. They have to rest. They can't get in a five ton dump truck, 8 ton of salt pushing a 12 foot snow plow and end up killing somebody because they are too tired. We have some of the best people in the world working there. Just let them do their job and they will get to you and as soon as they get some rest they will be out. These are things we have 19.2 square miles here that we have to cover. We have roads that we cover and you correct me if I am wrong on any of this. We have roads that we cover for the State, is that correct?

Moe Rayan - That is correct.

John Petrucci - And some for the County?

Moe Rayan - No.

John Petrucci - Just for the State?

Moe Rayan - Just the State and our own.

John Petrucci - But we have to cover those roads also so be patient and they will get there and they are out there working believe me and with that I do want to mention one other thing. These pot holes. They are popping up everywhere and before you know it we are all going to be getting calls. I think Mrs. Sapp had some dealings with one tonight. Maybe we could do this. This is just a thought. On our internet or on our web site can you put down the listings of roads that are owned by the State and by the County so that when somebody calls or somebody wants to know who owns that road or call a pot hole in maybe they could go to our web site and say it is owned by the county or hey it is owned by the State and give them a telephone number to call so they can point out where the pot hole is. Does everybody agree? Do you like that idea Mrs. Sapp? Because you had first time experience tonight with it. This way they can call. I know there are bunch of them on Verona Road and I am going to call the County tomorrow.

Moe Rayan - What part of Verona Road?

John Petrucci - As soon you come out where Verona and Saltsburg meet.

Moe Rayan - O.K. that would be Penn Dot. By Mount Carmel and up

John Petrucci - Well Mount Carmel is oh my God I was up the cemetery the other day and it is terrible.

Mrs. Sapp - I think there is a number that you call also I think it is a 311 Number.

Moe Rayan - Yes Something about Fix Potholes, 311 for the City but we will put our own Public Works Department Number

John Petrucci - And maybe a County and a State Number.

Moe Rayan - We will put the County and we have been in contact with the County, Maureen she makes a bunch of phone calls down to Barb at the road department and then we normally send service requests and we ask them to come out. They came out but with the rain and the snow they couldn't keep up with it. Cold Patch.

Mr. Underwood - John also I am going to head you off the path on this one. You will probably get phone calls about street lights you know that we have been on Council so relax sit back and take a day off.

John Petrucci - Can't take a day off.

Mr. Underwood - Put the cart before the horse.

John Petrucci - I am retired and I have all the time in the world to do this stuff.

Mr. Underwood - That is your biggest problem. Just wanted to point that out.

John Petrucci - I am glad you pointed that out but I have been like this for 57 years and I am not going to stop now. 57 years.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. I just wanted to say on the comments on our road crews if we drive into other surrounding communities on a bad day and this is what I tell my residents when they call me. Our roads are cleared so much faster than the surrounding communities. Without a doubt and I tell them there are only so many trucks and employees that we have going on the roads. They do the main roads, am I correct?

Moe Rayan - That is correct.

Mayor Kuhn - Because that is where you start. So everyone's side roads know when you get up and you want to go to work at 8:00 in the morning and you have snow that started at six your road might not be cleared. That is because of the fact that our road crew can only do so much and they do an excellent, excellent job and I do receive which I read in reports a lot of comments from residents that do applaud the job that they have done and as far as social media you are a 100% right John they make statements and unfortunately they make statements because they are angry or upset or weren't happy that they had trouble getting out of their roadways but they don't do research or have the right information given to them. Social Media speaks before thinking and unfortunately that happens a lot of the time. They put down things that they are upset about without realizing the answers for them. Like I said I can't say enough for my road crew because they do an excellent job and as both John and the Manager both stated they can only work so many hours in a shift because of the fact as John stated do you want them out there and run into your families cars or someone on the road or have an accident. So I do applaud our public works and they do a wonderful job.

John Petrucci - Well I promised your guys the amendments for The Home Rule Charter and I have them now. Can you pass them down please? Basically what you do is you get your Home Rule Charter out and it will tell you the page and the section that I am talking about and how it is amended. Mr. Alexander can you enlighten us? I remember you saying we have to get a panel of people together to review it.

Mayor Kuhn - John had brought this up to me and I am in agreement and I thought the Charter came into effect in 1996 but John said it was 1974.

John Petrucci - yes it was adopted in 1974.

Moe Rayan - 1972

John Petrucci - 1972 - 1973.

Mayor Kuhn - You figure in 1972 and this is 2018 so it is only reasonable that there are some things in the Home Rule Charter that do not apply at this point in time. But the Home Rule Charter any change that you make has to be by referendum so any changes that would want to be put into place you would have to put it on the ballot for the voters to vote on, am I correct Solicitor?

Mr. Alexander - You are correct.

Mayor Kuhn - I know that it must have been 8 or 10 years ago we did have there was a committee to look through the Home Rule Charter. We did have a committee but like I said it was overwhelming and they did not put anything into place for Mayor & Council to look at. It looks like there are changes that should be and need to be done so I think what we do is we start and at a starting point and go from there.

Mr. Alexander - Like a charter review committee.

Mayor Kuhn - I do know some of the members who were on the original Home Rule Charter who made it up their reason for having the Manager is in charge of the day to day running of the Municipality and Mayor and Council legislate. They were attempting not to have political favors by someone who was elected running the Municipality so that was their thought. They didn't want the running of the Municipality to be political in any way, shape or form so they had that the Manager would be in charge of that and Mayor and Council just would be as I sad legislate. Now, is that a good thing or is that a bad thing. I think that is a possibility that would go on for referendum for the voters to choose again because of the fact the voters of 1972 are not the voters of 2017.

Craig Alexander - The process isn't in your active charter it is in the Municipal Code for the Home Rule Charter Government.

John Petrucci - Can you get back to me and let us know?

Craig Alexander - Yes.

Mayor Kuhn - And I think probably without a doubt whether it is in the Code or it isn't the first steps would be to have a committee go through it because of the fact that not just Mayor and Council

John Petrucci - An unbiased party.

Mayor Kuhn - Exactly.

John Petrucci - Yes.

Chris Blackwell - Mayor can I just make one comment about the streets. If you go on the Penn Hills Web Site Gateway Engineers prepared a street map and it is on the Penn Hills Web Site and it is listed by State, County and private streets.

John Petrucci - How do you get to that?

Chris Blackwell - Just go to Penn Hills Web Site and go to GIS and it has street map and pulls up all the maps of all the listings of all the local, private, state and county roads.

John Petrucci - Thank you, very good.

REPORTS

Mayor Kuhn - We will go to reports other than John, just kidding.

Cathy Sapp - Report is on The Shade Tree Commission and how we have Shade Tree Tenders in Penn Hills and I think we have twenty of them now so I just wanted to congratulate that community on having twenty Shade Tree Tenders. They are looking for new recruitments in 2018. If anyone is interested, please see Cathy. Congratulations.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. I have several reports. These are information that is sent to Mayor and Council and the one is the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development have completed an evaluation of the Municipality's overall performance during its 2016 year program year including both the planning and information of the community development block grant. The evaluation resulted in the termination that the Municipality is utilizing available resources to achieve as identified long and short term goals for significant change that integrates economics, physical environment, community and human development to create a suitable living environment. They go on with the different programs that are in and as for the progress for projects and activities in low and moderate income a resolve the Municipality is currently in compliance with a 70% statutory requirement. Timeless of expenditures as a result the municipality has met the standard established for determining expenditures progress of non housing community development, primary activities includes street and sidewalk improvements and neighborhood facilities and senior centers. During the 2015 program year \$413,677.48 was expended. Public Service Activities include but are not limited to Youth Services and food banks based on current expenditures the Municipality complied with the 15% public service cap required by the CDBG regulations. This is something to be proud of and especially for Chris and Meg and Damian in the Planning Department. Please extend my congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

Chris Blackwell - Thank you Mayor, I will.

Mayor Kuhn - We also were informed by the Manager that under Act 172 that the State has passed that our volunteer firemen could explore the possibility of Mayor and Council enacting the tax credit against active volunteers tax liability as a financial incentive as permitted by Act 172 of 2016. The Act the Municipality can decide a flat amount they cannot have a percentage of credit available for volunteers local earned income tax but the amount of the tax credit cannot exceed 20% of the volunteers tax liability. It goes on and I am extremely happy for this. I think it is overdue. Our volunteer firemen deserve this and much more so I would like the Manager to make sure the Chiefs are made aware of the Act 172 because there are time limits on it so that those volunteer firemen can become involved in the act. If the state has it available to them I want to make sure that Penn Hills volunteers has the opportunity to take advantage of it.

Craig Alexander - The Act 172 there is a whole process that is involved with regard to making that available to your fire fighters and EMS and it requires creating an Ordinance, having a public hearing and submitting your Ordinance to the State and having them review it and come back again so.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. then as my Solicitor I would ask you to start the process so that my firemen are not left behind.

Craig Alexander - Absolutely.

Mayor Kuhn - I also would like to bring a somewhat new policy for 2018 and beyond. I know that we receive memos from the Managers when we have our employees and our Police Officers retire and they do get a very nice letter from the Manager but I feel that Mayor and Council should also acknowledge those who have served the Municipality for as many years that they do. So when we receive these from the Manager and even though the employee has received the letter from our Manager I believe that Mayor and Council should acknowledge them also. So starting on this one we have Gerry Nosal. The Municipality of Penn Hills accepts your retirement from the Position of Public Works Superintendant. On behalf of Mayor and Council I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your 37 years of service. So I know that Mayor and Council would like to personally extend that thank you also and the other is to Jack Day and his position was Information System Administrator and as I said it does state that Mayor and Council would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your years of service but I feel that Mayor and Council should say it publicly also. Is that fine with everyone?

Everyone agreed.

Mayor Kuhn - Following up on Cathy's remark about the Shade Tree Commission. I thought it was very professional that Mayor and Council received the 2017 Fourth Quarter Report on the Shade Commission exactly what they have done

they give the amount of their donation value of \$12,094 and they state how they received it and most of it was from the Fun Fest and they also give us the information on what they have done and how many hours of volunteers have worked for them. It is very professional and I appreciate very much the fact that they keep Mayor and Council informed. I did receive this report also. It is always great to hear nice things about our employees, the workers that you are writing about do not work for our department because it was sent to Public Works. They are part of Water Pollution Control Department and the letter was I just wanted to write a note of commendation to you regarding Mark Sabol and Frank Miele. These two men were working in my neighborhood and I have had a couple of bad months with my foot which does not allow me to walk or drive to get around. I was trying to get out to my car yesterday to get to the hospital to pick up my husband who had a health scare and was being released. I was standing on my porch almost in tears when they came around the side of the house. They immediately dropped what they were doing to help me. They started my car, cleaned off the snow, shoveled a few feet of the driveway so I could get into the car and then put my metal walker in the back. Mark even helped me over the ice so I wouldn't fall. They were so nice to take care of me and when I mentioned how I just handed them my wallet and car keys without even knowing who they were they both pulled out I.D. to show me and I was in good hands. I was so impressed and told everyone about the angels who came by right when I needed them. In a world that is so cynical and rude I found your employees a breath of love and caring for strangers. Thank you for listening. I know it is not a big deal and I am not doing justice to how I feel I just wanted you to know that you have great employees out there representing Penn Hills well. I hope that Management does not reprimand them for taking time on Municipal time for helping a resident in distress.

Moe Rayan - No not at all Mayor that is why I sent you that.

Mayor Kuhn - And my last is that I did receive a thank you note from Kimberly Wood, Manager of ALCOSAN's Municipal's Relationship and Outreach. Mayor Sara Kuhn and Municipal Manager Moe Rayan thank you for providing us with the opportunity to meet with you this month. It was extremely valuable to gain a better understanding of the Penn Hills Municipality and the unique issues you face. I look forward to working with you and your Council in the future. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. That was the meeting that we had and Judge Gallo was also there and it was very production and ALCOSAN gave us a hint of hope that Penn Hills was going to find some type of reimbursement for everything that we have done for the sewer systems in our Community. We have been fighting this battle for five years, Moe?

Moe Rayan - Just about, 2013.

Mayor Kuhn - Our Gateway Engineer Representative Rick and the Manager have presented at every meeting the reason why Penn Hills is different than every other community. Mayor and Council has presented it every opportunity that we have and we

can't say what is going to transpire but at this point in time we have for the first time have given some recognition for what we have done. Like I tell everyone Penn Hills has paid their share. We are not going to pay a share for our community surrounding us. At least not for one year and ten months.

Craig Alexander - I have one thing to report on. Moe asked me to report on the Sayre's Litigation. It pertained to landscaping and we had a contractor walk out on a landscaping contract and we were in the middle of that litigation and Council gave me a full day to come back with an offer to settle. Council gave the authority to settle the case if they would come up with \$10,000.00. They came up with the \$10,000.00 and now signed the release of settlement agreement and Council needs to ratify or approve that agreement before we are permitted to cash that check. So I am asking Mayor for you to ask for a Motion to approve that settlement of \$10,000.00 with Sayre's Landscaping so that we can close that out and accept that check.

Mayor Kuhn - Fine. Do I have a Motion to accept the Agreement between Sayre's Landscaping and The Municipality of Penn Hills in the amount of \$10,000.00?

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn - Usually honey we are very flexible but right now it is really just Reports of Mayor and Council but being that you might be new if you have a question or something feel free to go ahead and ask.

Resident - At the last meeting that I attended you have said that Penn Hills was intended to be a bedroom neighborhood. Which I was not familiar with at the time. I was wondering if you could speak on behalf of Council or the Community on are we still a bedroom community and is that the direction that we want to go in.

Mayor Kuhn - Well this is just my opinion but when Penn Hills was originally started it was a suburb of the City and at that time we received the name of a bedroom community because of the fact it was homes that were built for people who worked in the City but did not want to live in the City so they came out to Penn Hills because it was a very close and small trip to the Municipality. Now we do not have the roadways that Monroeville have because of the fact they have Route 22 so therefore they have a lot more of commercial traffic than we do but that does mean that we do not work very hard to bring economic development and businesses into Penn Hills and as I said the one that is most prominent is that our Planning Director Chris Blackwell presented us with Pull and Pay. When we even suggested Pull and Pay to the public we had to have several meetings because everyone was opposing it and the headlines were Mayor & Council are bringing in a junk yard and what have you. Well I don't know if everyone

has gone up to Pull and Pay but you will see it is far from a Junk Yard. It is a up to date business that has the latest technology in it and it is absolutely perfect from the roadway as far as appearance goes and it brings in not only jobs for the Municipality but besides real estate tax we also have mercantile tax which is a huge plus for the Municipality, wage tax and what have you so we are always looking to bring economic development into Penn Hills but will Penn Hills ever be a Monroeville not unless the State does something with Rodi Road is my opinion.

Resident - Also a component about Bedroom Community from what I read is that also not typically are people just sleeping in Penn Hills and Community for their jobs but they are also going outside for activity and as I look at your Parks and Recreation I wonder should I push to actually have more happening with it or is that really not the direction that this community wants to go in?

Mayor Kuhn - Well personally I think our Parks and Recreation Department is above average and as I said we have so many parks in Penn Hills plus we have a dog park and our parks other communities come into Penn Hills. I know for a fact because I have family that have their functions in our parks because of the fact that they are so well kept and so enjoyable for the activities that they have. Now if you have any suggestions as to how you can enhance Parks and Recreation then that would be fine for you to present to the Manager and he would present it to our Parks and Recreation Director.

Resident - O.K. you don't have a Recreation Center per se do you? With this new Municipal Building, I know a lot of Municipal buildings will have facilities within the Municipal Building that could be used for recreation. With you building this new Municipal Building, will there be any rooms or anything that would be open to the Community to rent? Like a building someone could rent for a party or an event or to even have your own event in the Community, you don't have that do you?

Moe Rayan - We have the Library that you can rent. There are multiple rooms there that you could rent.

Resident - In the Library.

Moe Rayan - There are fire halls.

Mayor Kuhn - The Library has rooms that are rented on a regular basis. It is a practically new facility and it is beautiful and you can have showers there, graduation parties anything that you would like to have so that is the Municipal Building that does have what you are looking for and as the Manager stated we have six fire departments that have halls of their own that rent out for that function but as far as the new Municipal complex there are not recreation facilities in it.

Resident - Are there reservations for your Library and fire halls on your web site?

Or is that something that could be added?

Mayor Kuhn - I would have to ask the Manager that because of the fact he is in charge of that not Mayor & Council.

Moe Rayan - Could you please state your name.

Angela Brown - Rosedale - So my other one is with your Easter Activity coming up the Church The Bridge often did a very nice activities for that in conjunction with Parks and Recreation they would do an obstacle course. Now because they have their service in a golf course which was flooded they are looking to close their church. So I am wondering one is there no place that we have that we could open our doors to them to have a service and secondly do we have another church that can step in for them when they in the past have done activities with Parks and Recreation for these events.

Mayor Kuhn - As I said I don't believe that the Municipality would be able to give any type of a facility for them to have their church services unless like I said they wanted to rent out a room in the Library or a fire hall situation that they would be able but there again they would have to contact Planning because of the fact there might be stipulations on where a church can be held and what can be held in certain buildings which I am not aware of like I said that is why we ask the residents to present in advance a letter to the Municipality a week before the meeting so that way it is very simple you can just say I want to speak on x, y and z and then that way Mayor and Council especially the management can have the information that you would need.

Angela Brown - Is that procedure on your web site?

Mayor Kuhn - Again I would have to ask the Manager.

Moe Rayan - It is in our Home Rule Charter.

Angela Brown - Well if I was a new resident I really wouldn't know any of this. I am not in politics and I don't

Mayor Kuhn - That is why I say we are very open Council and we don't tell our residents who take the time to come into the meetings and if they are not familiar with the procedures we don't say you have to sit down and be quiet.

Angela Brown - O.K. so I will just talk about things that were brought up. In regards to your pot holes you said there is a map on your GIS, I don't know what that means and it would be nice if it was more

Chris Blackwell - It is a map on our Penn Hills Web Site.

Angela Brown - But you say you go to GIS.

Chris Blackwell - When you go across the top documents, different departments, and then you go to maps, if you are looking for a map you are going to go to GIS and click on GIS and it has an interactive GIS but there are also zoning

Mayor Kuhn - Not to interrupt you Chris but what you need to do is just come up to the Municipality and Chris can show you or call.

Angela Brown - If I was going to complain about a road I wouldn't go to a map I would think that you would have somewhere on your home page that says road problem click here and then you go to the web site and say it is a pot hole would you like to make that complaint.

Chris Blackwell - You would go to the Department of Public Works and you would make a phone call and that is exactly what you would do.

Angela Brown - O.K. so at 9:00 at night Verona Road is icy what do I do?

Moe Rayan - You call 911.

Chris Blackwell - I want to make a comment about the Community whether it is a bedroom community and whether we make that designation. Even more recently you could think of Cranberry you might think Cranberry is huge but just until recently it is not thought of as a bedroom community and you would know by the Warrendale Exit and the number of people on it. Look at Allegheny River Blvd and Rodi Road all the people that don't work in Penn hills it is by definition.

Angela Brown - It would be helpful if this kind of information was on the web site plus your Municipal Building as we would like to see other things other than in Penn Hills Progress where you guys are going. I come to this meeting and I say we are having an issue with the monument discussion, we didn't build the wall that kind of dialogue would be nice to see on the web site. I remember seeing in Penn Hills Progress that it was not budgeted for the demolition of this building would be and so I am wondering you don't have to answer this but that is something I would like to see on the web site.

Mayor Kuhn - I don't mean to interrupt you honey but as I said the meeting really was a conclusion so the best thing for you to do is as I said write this down and be on the Agenda to speak and that way then if you put what you are speaking about and what your concerns are then that way then if you put what you are speaking about and what your concerns are we would be able in fact to have information to give you. Whereas tonight just off the top of our heads and us not knowing what your questions are we don't have the actual information to give you.

Angela Brown - I don't need actual information I am just saying this would be nice information to be on your web site which is what I brought up before but Petrucci did mention about some landscaping. I am wonder if you could ask the garden club, I know Penn Hills has a garden club, Oakmont Garden Club does if our Garden Club could not help with this Municipal Building or if you could not get the boy scouts and girl scouts of the Community to help with some stuff and the landscaping of this.

Mayor Kuhn - Well like I said what you could possibly do is as an individual even if you wanted to contact those people to see if they do something like that and then if you would like to present that to the Manager then he could go forward and see exactly what they could do. These are good suggestions and suggestions that Mayor and Council would take into consideration the only thing of it is as I said

Angela Brown - You brought it up so I am just like trying to bring up stuff that you brought up. I just have one more.

Mayor Kuhn - Alright and that is it.

Angela Brown - So you brought up ALCOSAN again and I did see that their rates are going up and I wonder and you said we were different and I don't need an answer and it would be nice to know how is Penn Hills different from other townships that we are trying to get better rates from ALCOSAN and it would be nice to know is ALCOSAN the only company we have to use because it sounds like they are calling the shots on how much they are going to raise the rates. We have no say in this.

Mayor Kuhn - ALCOSAN is who we have to go through. There are no other plants available to take care of the waste.

Angela Brown - So we can't go through the government?

Mayor Kuhn - This has been explained over and over again to the residents and the thing of it is the fact that Penn Hills has paid to do the mandates that the federal government puts on the communities to do. So Penn Hills has paid all of that and in fact we have paid we are paid over the total.

Moe Rayan - It is over 20 million dollars since 2008. The best thing for you is to get on the web site and pull out all of the meeting minutes and there are pages, 30, 40, 50, 100 pages of discussions that might help you to understand what is going on with the sanitation and rate increases and ALCOSAN's process to increase. It is all described.

Angela Brown - In your minutes with all your other things like chickens and everything else, I have to dig through all of that to figure it out rather than it being completely outlined.

Moe Rayan - Or you could go into the budget message and read the budget message and it identifies what type of increases that took place and it gives a history of what has happened since 2008. Then if you still have questions feel free to contact us.

Mayor Kuhn - All the information as the Manager says is documented for the public to find. If you have a difficult time finding it then all you would have to do is call the Manager and he would direct you on how to find it.

Chris Blackwell - You imply that you are computer savvy, so you know if you pull up the minutes, you go find sewer and it is going to point it out to you.

Angela Brown - If you want to Communicate with your Community you have to be a little more obvious about and not have to make them search for answers. When they see their sewer rate going up.

Mayor Kuhn - Everything that is done within the Municipality is done at the meetings we read every Resolution. We don't put them together we read every Resolution separately and the Agenda comes out one week prior to our meetings and you can come up to the Municipality and get the Agenda and it has all the information and you can go over it and you have a whole week and if you have any questions when we do that Resolution as I said that tonight if there are any questions from the audience please come up. So it is just a matter of doing homework. Get the Agenda a week ahead of time read over all the Ordinances and Resolutions and then anything that you have a question on when we are passing that Resolution or Ordinance that is your opportunity to come up and ask the questions and get answers.

Angela Brown - O.K. Thank you.

Mark Brodnicki - I met with Moe at the spur of the moment and we went to the new building and he gave me a tour and I just want to commend him on his work.

Mayor Kuhn - Oh that is good. Unfortunately I haven't been able to tour the building if you could believe it.

John Petrucci - Nice Building.

ADJOURNMENT

John Petrucci entertained a Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Meeting is adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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