

April 7, 2008 Council Meeting Minutes

The April 7th meeting of the Penn Hills Council was called to order at 7:43 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Mayor Anthony L. DeLuca presiding.

Approval of Agenda Items

The Mayor announced that Item No. 10. a. Appointments were being deleted from the agenda. There were no other changes and the agenda was approved as amended.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council and the audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll was called and the following members of Council responded:

Present: Dr. Kincaid
Mrs. Kuhn
Mr. Palumbo
Mr. Underwood
Mayor DeLuca

Also present were: Manager Van Horne, Solicitor Brimmeier, Gateway Engineer Minsterman, Controller Sciulli, Finance Director Schrecengost, Planning Director Davidson and Deputy Clerk Fitzhenry.

Presentation – 2008 Penn Hills Progress Citizen of the Year

Penn Hills Progress Reporter Vera Miller presented the 2008 Progress Citizen of the Year award to Wanda Ivanco, volunteer at the Penn Hills Senior Center for her dedicated service.

Mrs. Ivanco thanked Vera, the Progress and the audience for the award. She thanked all the people who have served on her committees and the staff at the Senior Center for their support over the years.

Citizen's to Address Council

Mr. Jim Carnahan voiced his concerns to Council regarding proposed fees for use of the Sr. Center.

Council and the Manager made brief remarks regarding the costs of utilities,

Citizen's to Address Council (Continued)

janitorial services, etc., when people use our buildings. They acknowledged that the fees would come up in the next several weeks for approval by Council.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2008 Council Meeting, the March 5, 2008 Council Meeting, the November 13, 2007 Council Meeting, the October 15, 2007 Council Meeting and the October 1, 2007 Council Meeting as presented.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the minutes were approved by a vote of 5 to 0; except the March 17, 2008 Minutes which were approved by a vote of 4 to 0 to 1, Mrs. Kuhn being the abstention; and, November 13, 2007, October 15, 2007 and October 1, 2007 Minutes; which were approved by a vote of 4 to 0 to 1, Mr. Palumbo being the abstention.

EXPENDITURES

Approval of Warrants

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve the Master Expenditure Summary dated April 7, 2008 including Journal Vouchers numbering 0 in the amount of \$ -0-; C.D. Requisitions numbering 18 in the amount of \$13,599.16; and Master Check Nos. 7131 to 7327 in the amount of \$1,274,195.62 making a grand total of \$1,287,794.78.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Ordinances

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2494 authorizing the emergency installation of a water line at Penn Hills Park at an amount not to exceed \$24,145.00.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn raised questions about the item being handled as an emergency repair when the Municipality has known for some time that there was a leak.

Ordinances: (Continued)

Council decided to discuss the waterline issue in an executive session later this evening.

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2495** authorizing Jim Locke Automotive to restore police vehicle 38 in the amount of \$10,962.50 as part of a trial in vehicle longevity.

Mrs. Kuhn seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Resolutions

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-018** authorizing an agreement with Strategy Solutions, Inc., for the preparation of a strategic plan (previously deleted on 3/17/08).

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-020** authorizing the submittal of a community conservation partnerships program grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for lighting improvements at Penn Hills Community Park.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-021** permitting the Municipality to piggy-back off of an existing contract with the City of Harrisburg to allow for the purchase of a public works truck.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Items for Consideration

Appointments were deleted at the beginning of the agenda.

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve a 4-year labor agreement with the Municipal Employees Organization representing employees of the Water Pollution Control Division.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Executive Session

Council went into an executive session to discuss the Penn Hills Park waterline issue. The executive session lasted 24 minutes from 9:03 p.m. to 9:29 p.m.

Upon returning from executive session, Dr. Kincaid made a motion to Table Ordinance 2494 authorizing the emergency installation of a water line at Penn Hills Park.

Mrs. Kuhn seconded the motion to table and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions, etc.

Council had no legislation to introduce at this time.

REPORTS – Mayor, Council, Manager, etc.

Council had no reports at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion to adjourn and it was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

NOTE: The following item was discussed in Executive Session following the adjournment of this meeting: Litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Diane Fitzhenry, MMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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Note: Problem with recording equipment and tape.