

March 17, 2008 Council Meeting Minutes

The March 17th meeting of the Penn Hills Council was called to order at 7:39 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Mayor Anthony L. DeLuca presiding.

Approval of Agenda Items

The Mayor announced that Item No. 5.a. Resolution No. 2008-018 and Item 6.a. Appointments, were being deleted from the agenda. The Mayor also announced that a motion was being added to the agenda exonerating Rolling Hills Baptist Church from the point of sale of Penn Hills taxes. 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: Mr. Palumbo
Mr. Underwood
Mayor DeLuca
Dr. Kincaid

Absent: Mrs. Kuhn

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

EXPENDITURES

Approval of Warrants

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Master Expenditure Summary dated March 17, 2008 including Journal Vouchers numbering 1 in the amount of \$33,374.78; C.D. Requisitions numbering 4 in the amount of \$4,046.85; and Master Check Nos. 6982 to 7130 in the amount of \$509,253.68, making a grand total of \$546,675.31.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Approval of Warrants (Continued)

Dr. Kincaid questioned Check No. 7017 regarding road salt. He asked the Manager for a brief explanation of supply and costs.

Manager Van Horne stated that some of the salt has been on back-order, the rate per ton has gone up in price and we will be getting more. He explained that the nuisance snows have caused problems with overtime and salt costs.

Roll was called and the warrants were approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Resolutions

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-019** ratifying the execution of an agreement with the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Oakmont for wastewater billing and collection services.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mr. Joseph "Mickey" O'Connor asked if the agreement would be available for public inspection in the Manager's Office.

The Mayor stated that the agreement is available for public inspection.

Roll was called and the motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Items for Consideration

Appointments were deleted at beginning of the agenda.

Mayor DeLuca made a motion to exonerate Rolling Hills Baptist Church, from the point of sale of Penn Hills municipal taxes.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Exoneration of Taxes – Rolling Hills Baptist Church

Mayor DeLuca explained that the church moved from its original location on Cypress Hill Drive which was listed by the County as tax-exempt to a new location on Gernert Drive – the former Penn Hills Presbyterian Church, which

Exoneration of Taxes (Continued)

was also tax-exempt property. He explained that once the properties were sold they reverted back to taxable property without the knowledge of the church. He explained the current site of the church on Gernert Drive should still be tax-exempt and that is why he is recommending this motion.

Roll was called and the motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Introductions 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.

Solicitor Brimmeier asked for a brief executive session.

NOTE; The Mayor announced that Council will hold a brief executive session after the adjournment to discuss Litigation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, 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 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Diane Fitzhenry,
Deputy Clerk

These minutes approved by Mayor and Council on April 7, 2008.