

November 17, 2008 Council Meeting Minutes

The November 17th meeting of the Penn Hills Council was called to order at 7:33 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Mayor Anthony L. DeLuca presiding.

Approval of Agenda Items

The Mayor announced that Item No. 8. 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: Mr. Underwood
Mayor DeLuca
Dr. Kincaid
Mrs. Kuhn
Mr. Palumbo

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

Note: The Mayor announced that Council held an Executive Session earlier this evening to discuss contracts and personnel.

PUBLIC HEARING – Year 35 Community Development Block Grant Program

Mr. Jim Carnahan asked for an increase in the Jefferson Manor Food Pantry budget as the elderly residents of the Senior Center are in need of food assistance. Mr. Carnahan also requested funding for either a pick-up truck or a cargo van to be used by the home delivered meal program.

Mr. Donald Sanker questioned the money spent on the Lincoln Park Community Center and asked if we might not be better off building a new building as opposed to spending money year after year to update an old building.

Planning Director Davidson responded that a new building would be a considerable investment, as opposed to the \$100,000 a year that is spent on the

PUBLIC HEARING (Continued)

existing building. The existing building is architecturally sound. Consideration has been given to this subject over the years and it has been decided that improving the existing building is the way to go.

EXPENDITURES
Approval of Warrants

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Master Expenditure Summary dated November 17, 2008 including Journal Vouchers numbering 1 in the amount of \$33,374.78; C.D. Requisitions numbering 3 in the amount of \$608.95; and Master Check Nos. 9359 to 9476 in the amount of \$381,262.85, making a grand total of \$415,246.58.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn questioned Check No. 9364 to Chester Engineers regarding improvements to the Plum Creek Plant. She questioned who would follow-up on this project since there has been a change in engineering firms. She also questioned finalization of the consent decree.

Solicitor Brimmeier stated the Municipality is waiting for the judge to sign the final order.

Mrs. Kuhn questioned Check No. 9388 to George Stash for grass cutting.

Dr. Kincaid questioned Check No. 9386 to the school district for gas and diesel.

Finance Director Schrecengost and Manager Van Horne stated that was fuel usage for all vehicles for the month of September.

Roll was called and the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0, except Check Nos. 9416, 9359, 9362, 9431, 9432, 9373, 9375, 9437, 9441, 9377, 9452, 9453, 9471, 9391, 9366, 9372, 9438, 9445, 9456 and 9476, which were approved by a vote of 4 to 1, Mr. Underwood being the negative vote.

Ordinances

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2504** establishing an Open Records Policy in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 3 of 2008.

Ordinances (Continued)

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

Resolutions

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-062** approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property in the vicinity of Lime Hollow Road, 367-N-224 in accordance with the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program and providing assurance that acquisition is consistent with the Penn Hills Comprehensive Plan.

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

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2008-063** extending the term of a contract for emergency sewer repairs for the Water Pollution Control Division to Soli Construction, Inc., at an amount not to exceed \$144,450.00.

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

Items for Consideration

Appointments were deleted at beginning of the agenda.

Introductions of Ordinances, Resolutions, etc.

Council had no legislation to introduce at this time.

REPORTS – Mayor, Council, Manager, etc.

Mrs. Kuhn reported that she attended a meeting with HT Capital to provide advice on options on the Municipality's debt service, etc. She reported that she attended the Point Breeze Fire Banquet and 6 firemen received recognition awards for their years of service – Tom Hazlett - 48 years of service; Fred Snyder - 48 years of service; Allan Wickline – 45 years of service; Ron Kohler – 45 years of service; Ted Mileski - 36 yrs of service and Matt Hanlon – 36 years of service. Mrs. Kuhn commented that she received a letter from Congressman Tim Murphy re: stimulus package projects and she discussed the stimulus package with Susan Graham from Congressman Doyle's office. She hopes that the federal consent decree will be lifted in time to be eligible for this new funding.

REPORTS (Continued)

Mrs. Kuhn asked if letters could be made available so that residents can print them out and send them directly to our federal officials urging support for Penn Hills projects.

Mayor DeLuca stated that the projects have to be construction-ready to be eligible for this funding. He asked the Manager and Engineer to gather the information now and be ready to move on the funding request as soon as possible.

Mrs. Kuhn stated the Congressmen have asked for the project, cost of the project and an approximate number of people to be put to work by completing the project, project summary, time of completion, etc.

DISCUSSION SESSION

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| 1. | Police Eligibility List | (S. Kuhn) |
| 2. | Requirements for new police hires | (S. Kuhn) |
| 3. | Funding for any and all Resolutions | (S. Kuhn) |
| 4. | Tracking for Contract Renewals | (S. Kuhn) |
| 5. | Policies for billing for all work and purchases | (S. Kuhn) |
| 6. | Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) | (H. Davidson) |
| 7. | New Business | (A. DeLuca) |

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 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Diane Gionta Fitzhenry
Deputy Municipal Clerk

These minutes approved by Mayor and Council on March 2, 2009.