

## **June 7, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes**

The June 7, 2010 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, Mayor Anthony DeLuca presiding.

### **Approval of Agenda Items**

Mayor DeLuca made changes to Agenda to delete Citizens to Address Council and the Discussion Session and the rest of the Agenda will stand as approved.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Council and the audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

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

Also present were: Manager Rayan, Solicitor Brimmeier, Engineer Minsterman from Gateway Engineers, Controller Futules, Planning Director Davidson, Water Pollution Control Director O'Grady and Administration Secretary Sorce.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve May 17, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

## **EXPENDITURES**

### **Approval of Warrants**

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Master Expenditure Summary dated June 7, 2010 including 7 Journal Vouchers in the amount of \$2,071,112.08; C.D. Requisitions numbering 7 in the amount of \$14,686.85; Master Checks numbering 14592 – 14757 in the amount of \$1,081,558.34 making a grand total of \$3,167,357.27.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn questioned check 14597 and 14598, the one is Brimmeier and the other is Campbell and Durant. They are broken down as professional services. Is there any other way Council could receive what the large amounts are for.

Moe said we do get invoices broken down on invoice itself.

Moe said copies of the invoices could be given to Council to show the breakdowns of invoices.

Mrs. Kuhn asked about Check #14599 Chester Engineers. Mrs. Kuhn knew there was a situation with Chester Engineers about some specs done improperly. How is this being handled? Moe responded that the check is being held until the situation is resolved. There will be a meeting with Chester Engineers and Tom O'Grady in the next week.

Mrs. Kuhn asked about Check 14790 on page 4 and Check #14647 on page 12 for demo – D.J. Demo Company – where are we with the demolition of the Public Works Garage. It is really deteriorating. Moe responded that he was waiting for the grant from Rep. DeLuca's Office. There was a problem but it has been resolved. As soon as we receive the Grants the demo's will start sometime soon after.

Mrs. Kuhn asked about Check #14693 on page 15 to Penn Hills School District for 2010 salary for 1-1/2 employees for the tax office. Mrs. Kuhn asked how many people in tax office and Moe responded 3. Mrs. Kuhn responded so we pay 50% of the tax office salary. Moe replied yes. Mrs. Kuhn replied thank you Moe.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

### **Resolutions**

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-038 awarding a contract for the Long Road/Beulah Road Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,317,475.00.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mickey O'Conner – 1095 Maple Avenue. Funding Source - Where is 1.3 million coming from? Moe - It is coming from several different avenues Mickey – EPA/DEP Grant – Capital Fund and some of Water Pollution as well. Mickey O'Conner asked do we have to pay before we get the grant money. Moe answered yes we pay as we go and will submit for reimbursement.

Mrs. Kuhn asked if all proposals from all bidders are bidding on same work detail. Tom O'Grady said yes and that they were all very close bids. Mrs. Kuhn asked and when we say we are getting grants for this do you know what portion of grant is being paid for. Moe said around \$140,000 and part of that is coming from Plum Boro annual payment to offset the cost. Mrs. Kuhn said that it speaks well for Penn Hills that 1.3 million is going for repairs and we don't have to borrow for it. It shows we are in the

right direction with our sewer budget and mandates that we have to do. Good job to the Manager and Tom O'Grady. Thank you very much.

There being no further discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-039** authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acting through the Department of Transportation to sweep certain State Roads within the Municipality two times each spring for a three year period.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn wanted to clarify that the Municipality carries out the minor routine maintenance of the state highway and then the state reimburses us for it.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Dr. Kincaid moved to approve **Resolution No. 2010-040** authorizing an agreement with American Towers Inc. for the lease of Municipal Property in the vicinity of Royal Drive and Shannon Road for the Construction of a Communications Tower.

Mrs. Kuhn seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2010-041** authorizing an agreement with Michael and Kelly Bauman for construction within a sanitary sewer easement at 323 Lime Oak Drive.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn asked if the Bauman's were in the audience. Mrs. Kuhn said we did receive a memo stating the property owner is responsible to reimburse any cost and expense as a result of the construction within easement. I did see the picture of your home, it is a lovely home, I am assuming you have children and I hope they have a good summer in it.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a vote of 4-0.

### **Items for Consideration** **Appointments**

Mayor Deluca appointed Jean Meyer to be appointed to the Library Board.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, Jean Meyer was appointed to the Library Board by a 4-0 vote.

## **REPORTS**

Mrs. Kuhn wanted to make a quick report on the Memorial Day Parade. It was a great success. I enjoy walking the parade every year. The Penn Hills residents thoroughly enjoy the parade and they are very supportive and everyone involved in it had a great time and a lot of fun. Our park personnel, please relate to them they did an excellent job and John did a wonderful job coordinating the parade and I believe the parade was larger this year than it has ever been and it is a fun day and it speaks very well for Penn Hills and the residents enjoy it. The young and old thoroughly enjoy the candy. The other thing is I am pleased to see that the Municipality is receiving a well desired share of grant money. I see we received a \$50,000 for police in-car cameras, \$817,000 for the CDBG Fiscal Year and \$26,000 for the JAG Joint Application which is a lot of money coming into Penn Hills and I would like to thank personally State Rep. DeLuca's office for his diligent in striving to secure so many funding and grants for the Municipality and the projects that we have. We are so fortunate for having such a good friend in the state legislature. Moe, I thank you for sending out the letters regarding naming of the three pavilions in Universal Park for our Fallen Heros and asking their families permission. When that comes in if you want to contact Mr. HRomyak on your own or through me for the funding and making of the plaques that would be fine. I also would like to acknowledge Mr. Jeff Olander from Olander Engineering and Mr. Rick Minsterman from Gateway Engineering for their contributions toward the Fallen Hero Memorial. Again Moe thank you so much for the job you are doing for the Penn Hills residents. Once again we were confronted with a possible short fall in the sewer budget for the consent order and you just didn't rubber stamp it because it said consent order, which has been done in many years previously and why we are in this situation that we are in, but because of the Manager's hard work he makes sure he calls everyone in and he makes sure it gets resolved and the way it gets resolved is the fact the work will be done without going into our reserve and Moe thanks again for all that you do.

Mayor DeLuca keep up the good work Moe you are doing a great job.

Dr. Kincaid wanted to piggy back on what Mrs. Kuhn has said in regards to the Memorial Day Parade just in case some persons missed it. We do commend John it was a great parade, but what to my surprise the light was we got positive publicity because the next day on the front page of the Post Gazette with everything going on in the city, I was surprised we were the main headline. There was a picture of a child, she was the great granddaughter of my secretary, and out of all that was going on in the Pittsburgh Region it was Penn Hills that made the big photo and that really gave us some positive publicity. I am very pleased with that because we get a lot of negative publicity. Thank you.

Mayor DeLuca stated we got approved for a 5% Certified Safety Committee credit. This will be applied for our premiums for a one year period on our policy. This happened with the hard work of our safety committee so make sure you thank them for all their hard work.

Mayor DeLuca announced we received a letter from Allegheny County , Office of Property Assessment. They will be conducting field reviews in our Municipality for the next few weeks. The purpose of the field reviews is to verify property data which include condition of property, as well as feature exterior finish and any additions made to the property. Property Assessment Data Reviewers are required to carry ID. This is posted on web-site.

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

Dr. Kincaid made motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Kuhn seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL**

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Maureen M. Sorce  
Manager's Secretary

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Date