

August 16, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes

The August 16, 2010 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:42 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, Mayor Anthony DeLuca presiding.

Approval of Agenda Items

Mayor DeLuca announced Jim Getsy cancelled for tonight, under Resolutions we are moving **Resolution 2010-046** before **Resolution 2010-045**. The rest of the Agenda will stand as presented. After the Pledge of Allegiance we will have a moment of silence for Ed Schrecengost's Son, Paul and for Howard Davidson's Step-Mom, Mary Lou Davidson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council and the audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Also present were: Manager Rayan, Finance Director Schrecengost, Solicitor Brimmeier; Planning Director Davidson, Gateway Engineers Minsterman; and Administration Secretary Sorce.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve July 19, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn asked Mrs. Sorce to change total on page 2, second paragraph to \$19,000.00 instead of \$190,000.00. Typed in error. It has been changed.

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

PRESENTATION: CHRIS SHELBY – H-T CAPITAL MARKETS
BOND REFINANCING

Thank you very much. I am Chris Shelby and I am with H-T Capital Markets, and although we haven't actually attended a meeting very recently we have been working with the administration in terms of keeping you abreast of the bond market and what we have available to you. I think you are all fairly well up to date on what we are trying to do but as a quick summary we have identified the issue that was done Series A of 2000 through the Pennsylvania Finance Authority to be refunded to be currently refunded meaning that we would be calling the bonds in from this issue within 90 days of the stated call date which would be December 1 of 2010. We are doing the current refunding because that allows you to have no escrow account that is not performing well these days, and when the new loan is put in place the proceeds of that loan will immediately be used to call in the outstanding bonds no later than 12-1 or very near that date 12-1-2010. The issue outstanding originally was \$12,410,000 and the interest rates were between 5.45% and 5.5% today. In today's market, those rates were out in year 2022, today's rates in that area are now 3-1/2% range. It is a huge reduction and it does resolve in some very significant savings to the Municipality. We have suggested your request for consideration tonight to pass an Ordinance which is what we call a Parameter Ordinance. With me tonight is Pat Healey from Cohen & Grigsby acting as Bond Counsel and he will give you a better description of the Ordinance. But what the Ordinance does is it puts the Municipality in a pro active position so that these bonds may be put into the market place as soon as we have obtained both the Municipal Bond Insurance Commitment which we have basically already obtained, but secondly we have just had our interview meeting with Moe and your Administration and Ed today with Standard and Poor's to get what is called the underlying rating of the Municipality, so with insurance which carries with it a triple A rating also in today's market you are required pretty much to have what is called your underlying rating which is your standard loan rating without insurance. And then with those two pieces together, and we did this with the last issue as well, we can go into the market. That could be as early as tomorrow or maybe even Thursday of this week. Tonight's Ordinance, if approved, sets forth our ability to go into the market and get the deal done without your having to reconvene as a Council and with that minimum 3 day advertisement requirement which is already in place for tonight's meeting, and it sets forth a minimum level of savings in the prevailing market. Today we have seen savings increased. I don't want to quote a savings amount but we have included in the Ordinance a minimum savings level of \$1,000,000 that is cash net cash to the Municipality from this bond issue. Right now if we were in that market today we are seeing more money there. The more money you save has no effect on the fees or the structure of the issue, those are already set. So as interest rates improve or whatever else happens and more savings can be accrued to the Municipality that is not

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in anyway impacted by other fees going up and everything else is pretty well set. So with that I will turn it over to Pat Healey as your Bond Counsel, but I am certainly advocating that the Ordinance be adopted tonight because that totally puts you into a pro active position and then when we can get this bond issue into the market which again could be in the next day or two if not probably no later than next week we can confirm and lock in these savings which of course we will check with your Administration and so forth and it would also require a signed authorization to accept those savings which means they must exceed your minimal level and further be in line with the market. If I may, I would like to turn over to Pat Healey

The Mayor asked would the payment remain the same and whenever the original bond would end will this new bond end at the same time.

Mr. Shelby answered exactly the same time. Right now our last computation at least for that comparison your debt for that bond issue goes through 12-1-22. The last payment on the new issue is 12-1-22, and the existing debt service of the 2000 A Bond Issue as it stands today as if it was not to be refunded is \$16,434,000.00, the debt service for the refunding issue which will yield to you minimally \$1,000,000.00 and I expect it to be significantly more than that is \$16,435,000.00, so over the identical period of time and almost to the dollar the identical amount of debt service. The savings again are net to the Municipality after all costs so when we quote a savings number we are quoting it having taken into account all the estimated cost of issuance. Mayor said thank you Chris, and Chris said now he will turn it over to Pat and again we are here for any further questions.

Good evening my name is Pat Healey, I am with the law firm Cohen & Grigsby, your Bond Counsel. I think my partner James Chiafullo was out to the prior meeting but you will be seeing me from now on. The Ordinance you have before you for consideration tonight is a typical Debt Act Ordinance. This particular Ordinance authorizes the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement that Chris described and it required that the Bond Purchase Agreement have a net savings level of \$1,000,000. The adoption of the Ordinance authorizes the Manager and your Mayor or in his absence your Deputy Mayor to pull the trigger to tell Chris when Chris presents numbers we are satisfied with these numbers or these savings to go ahead and lock them in and then the Mayor, Manager or Deputy Mayor are authorized to execute the Bond Purchase Agreement which H-T Capital Markets needs in order to secure its buyers at that time. So if Chris has scheduled to hold toward the end of the week if they price the bond sometime this week then that purchase agreement would be executed and it wouldn't require another meeting of Council at all. This would actually be the last meeting and the only action required is the adoption of the Sewer Ordinance. The Ordinance authorized

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the Bond Issue as I described and authorizes the Mayor, Manager, or Deputy Mayor to executive all documents necessary in connection with the Bond Issue when the time comes to close the deal which will be closer to the September 1 or shortly after the September 1 date. It pledges the Municipality's full faith credit and taxing power for payment on the bonds which is the same as your prior bond issues. It authorizes me along with your Mayor and Manager to submit to the Department of Community and Economic Development the filing package that needs to be sent in to have the Bond Issue approved by DCED which then deems the bond valid. And that is something that we would do shortly after the Bond Purchase Agreement is executed. I would be happy to answer any questions on the document. It is substantially similar to the ones you adopted before including last year. The Mayor thanked Pat Healey.

EXPENDITURES
APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

AUGUST 2, 2010

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Master Expenditure Summary dated August 2, 2010 – Journal Vouchers - \$0.00; C.D. Requisitions (8) in the amount of \$22,067.15; EECBG Requisitions (1) in the amount of \$17,750.00; Checks Numbering 15127 – 15275 in the amount of \$1,239,116.50 making a grand total of \$1,278,933.65.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

The Mayor said for the public's knowledge the August 2, 2010 Expenditures were already approved because we had to cancel our last meeting so this was done by a phone vote so we are just ratifying these expenditures tonight.

There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a 5-0 vote. Mrs. Kuhn abstained Check #15241 on page 10 to Don Kuhn Auto Body.

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Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Master Expenditure Summary dated August 16, 2010 – Journal Vouchers (1) \$458,319.38; C.D. Requisitions (2) in the amount of \$15,137.45; EECBG Requisitions \$0.00; Checks Numbering 15276 – 15378 in the amount of \$415,713.52 making a grand total of \$889,170.35.

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Mr. Underwood seconded the motion

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

Resolution 2010-044

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-044** authorizing the execution of a Consent for Right of Entry Agreement between the Municipality of Penn Hills and The United States Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for Mine Reclamation (Project No. PA-10-039) referred to as The Fratangelo II Subsidence project in the vicinity of Springdale Drive.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion

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

Resolution No. 2010-046

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-046** amending The Five year Consolidated Plan and Community Development Budget Years 35 and 36.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn replied after reading Attachment A, if I am reading it right Howard, the existing current balance for Shining Arrow improvements is \$23,149.39 which we are taking out \$10,000.00 from the contingencies for street improvements. Is that correct? Howard Davidson answered that is correct.

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

Resolution No. 2010-045

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-045** awarding a Contract to A. Folino Construction, Inc. for the 2010 Community Development Paving Program in the amount of \$164,734.94.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

Resolution No. 2010-047

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-047** appointing Cohen & Grigsby to serve as Bond Counsel for the refunding of the General Obligation Bond Issue, Series A of 2000 and authorizing the proper Municipal Official to enter into an agreement so doing.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

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

Resolution No. 2010-048

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-048** authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached agreement between the Municipality of Penn Hills and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation for a five year contract to perform snow and ice removal as described in agreement.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

Resolution No. 2010-049

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-049** granting conditional use approval to Troyer Lumber, LLC. for Timber Harvesting on 40 acres of ground owned by David Braun and James Murray in the vicinity of Hunter Road and Colorado Street.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

Resolution No. 2010-050

Granting conditional use approval to Hebron United Presbyterian Church to expand the existing Barclay Community Center to include a 4,320 square foot building addition, located at 10460 Frankstown Road.

This Resolution is Tabled until September 7, 2010. A meeting between

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Dawn M. Danyo, Gerard Associates Architects, Manager Rayan and Solicitor Brimmeier is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31, 2010 to try and resolve Hebron to construct sidewalks on their side of Duffield Avenue.

Ms. Danyo stated that this in the church's best interest to resolve this situation amicably and we believe that we can do that with the two alternative approaches that the church is prepared to offer. Unfortunately, if we cannot agree on a settlement, if you will, our only recourse will be to file a claim in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. I just want to make you aware of that as a matter of process.

Mrs. Kuhn said the one question that I have is you are stating that the church is willing to install sidewalks on the opposite side of Duffield which is not the property of the church based on if the owner would be responsible for maintaining it. Have you spoke to the owners? And has the owner said if they would or wouldn't be responsible for maintaining the sidewalks? Ms. Danyo stated they have not specifically spoken to the owners affected. The one owner owns a residential property, the other is the apartment complex and we do not know who specifically owns that property, then there is one more property on the corner. I believe that being consistent with your sidewalk Ordinance the way it is currently written, when a sidewalk falls on a given person's property that person automatically becomes responsible for maintaining it. Mrs. Kuhn asked Ms. Danyo if we go along with that option then the option could be reversed because you haven't contacted the owners to see if they are in agreement, is that correct?

Ms. Danyo answered well we feel that we don't need to because your Zoning Ordinance stipulates that wherever the sidewalk falls that property owner is required to maintain it. Mrs. Kuhn asked wouldn't you have to get permission from the property owners to put a sidewalk on there? Ms. Danyo responded it is within the right-of-way. Mrs. Kuhn replied I think that is questionable. Mrs. Kuhn asked if the legal documents you are going to give to us tonight were given to the Planning Commission at any of the three meetings? Everything was discussed at the Planning Commission meetings. Mrs. Kuhn replied so in fact when the Planning Commission heard you the three times you were in front of them the information as you are stating was not presented to them at any of the three meeting. Is that correct? Ms. Danyo replied that is correct.

Mrs. Kuhn asked if the soils report was given to the Planning Commission. Ms. Danyo referenced that at all meetings, we would have been happy to furnish it but Mr. Davidson expressed no interest in obtaining a hard copy.

Bonnie Brimmeier stated it was not made as an exhibit as part of your presentation to the Planning Commission, Ms.Danyo replied that is correct.

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Mrs. Brimmeier stated which would have been your prerogative and your burden to do so if you would had wanted it to be considered by the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Kuhn replied in fairness to the Planning Commission who made a decision on this they did not have in their hands the soil report that you are eluding to tonight.

One other question Howard, the church that is by the Old Public Works Garage that had the sidewalks installed there. Is that a similar situation or not? Howard replied yes it is very similar they built an addition to their community center. Mrs. Kuhn replied but didn't they also if I am not mistaken have to do some excavation? Howard said they were also given about 2 years from the time they built the addition to build sidewalks. Hebron Church was given the same time period to build sidewalks when the Barclay Building was first built. But as you know, that sidewalk is yet to be built. This issue of sidewalks was discussed at length at the Planning Commission Meeting, they spent a lot of time debating and discussing whether or not sidewalks should be built, where they should be waived, where they could be waived, what side of road they should be on, they spent a lot of time. They went and visited the site and took a look at documents that were presented to them. Hebron Church wants you to decide who is the appropriate person to form a committee to deal with the situation. I think that the committee is called The Planning Commission, The Penn Hills Planning Commission and I think the committee has dealt with it. You are obviously free to add to or do whatever to do with the recommendation but that committee's recommendation was made after a lot of serious thought. They have sympathy for the church for the amount of money that it cost, but there was a lot of discussion about the need for sidewalks in the community and at this location the need for sidewalks also. We asked you if you wanted to table so you could go and discuss with your lawyer the legal aspects of maintaining sidewalks across the street and you choose not to be tabled. We felt it was unfair for them to use an option of their own to go on the other side of the street, where it is easier to build a sidewalk and then disregard maintenance responsibilities for that sidewalk. We felt if they couldn't maintain the sidewalk on the other side of the street well then bring it back on your side of the street. We are just trying to make it easier for you. That was the general feeling of the Planning Commission and Planning Department in regard to that issue.

Mr. Underwood asked one question. Wasn't the hill tapered before you brought something back to the Planning Commission that enabled you to put that sidewalk in? Ms. Danyo said no we don't have a sidewalk. Well then I think we should talk to the Planning Commission before we really sit down and talk to you to find out their side of the coin because we are hearing your side and it is only fair to get the Planning Commission's side and hear all sides of the argument before any decision is made.

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The Mayor asked - you want me to discuss the legal acts of it and you don't want our Engineer to look at the soils samples? Hebron church's representative answered I believe that would be a second step after our initial meeting.

Dr. Kincaid tabled the Resolution until the September 7, 2010 meeting and wanted to add for his own comfort level that after the review and evaluation if there are costs incurred they will not be owed by the Municipality. That is the motion.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor announced this motion is tabled after all were in favor.

A meeting will be set up within 30 days to discuss further action on this subject.

Resolution No. 2010-051

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-051** authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for improvements to the intersection of Rodi and Maple Roads.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn wanted clarification that this is a total grant for \$250,000 so I am correct on that? And this is for widening the road and the installation of a traffic signal. I believe when this first came out I wanted to make sure and be on record as stating that the Grant that we will be receiving is the cost of the widening of the road and the improvements and that the traffic signal is still the cost of the developer. Is that correct? Moe Rayan answered yes. And going over this I see that all the expenses are going to be it states on page two paragraph #1 the scope of work and specification for the project will be prepared by PBS&J who will serve as the project manager. All his fees and expenses including but not limited to preparation projects, specification inspection approvals will be part of the Grant, but those are cost for the improvements to the road and properties, that we are not going to be paying for the engineering fees for the traffic light, am I right or wrong Moe, That is the understanding that we have Mrs. Kuhn.

Howard Davidson responded the grant will also pay PBS&J engineering fees. Mrs. Kuhn asked for the traffic signals? Howard answered for preparing the specifications, administration costs and for putting this all together, that is my understanding. Is that not yours Moe?

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Moe answered no.

Mrs. Kuhn that wasn't mine either.

Moe answered I thought Mr. D'Andrea was going to absorb the cost with the \$500,000 private contribution (monies). Howard Davidson said you could say this in a sense the total cost is estimated at over \$480,000, the grant is \$270,000, Joe is paying everything extra. Mrs. Kuhn said that is not the point Howard. The point is the grant is for \$250,000.

Howard responded I am not going to say that none of that \$250,000 is going to pay the traffic engineers. Mrs. Kuhn said it was her impression and I believe it was also yours Moe, that anything that goes toward the traffic light, it was my understanding all of the traffic light expenses was being paid by the developer. If we are taking some of that funding it is going to be less money distributed for the improvements of the road and whatever improvements we have there. I thought there was a separation there, and that is why I voted on all of these which we had many things we voted on. I always asked that questions and I was always informed that all those traffic signals cost would be at the expense of the developer. So now am I being told that is not accurate. Did some of the expenses, like engineering fees expenses, I have no ideal what they are they could be small, they could be large.

Mr. Davidson replied Penn Dot and the County is going to make sure that Joe puts up the difference in an escrow account before they will award contracts.

Howard asked Mrs. Kuhn are you talking about the maintenance?

Mrs. Kuhn said no I am not talking about the maintenance, I am talking about, we voted for a \$250,000 grant that we would be receiving from Allegheny County and it was my understanding that that grant money was not to go for any cost of the traffic signal, and that we were told from day one that all the traffic signal was going to be paid by the developer. And that this \$250,000 was going to be for improvement to the streets. Now if there are extra improvements that it was suppose to come from the developer if I am not mistaken. I just want to make sure that the grant that Penn Hills is getting and that we voted on is in fact for improvements and not to help pay for the traffic signal that was suppose to be paid for by the developer. Moe Rayan replied that is correct apparently there is a discrepancy between me and Howard, the \$250,000 grant was suppose to go toward the road way and at that meeting the discussion took place and Howard and Bonnie can correct me the County indicated that payment to the engineer would be made directly by Mr. D'Andrea. That is my understanding. Bonnie replied that is also my

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understanding. Bonnie replied we very specifically discussed that at the meeting. Moe replied we will get clarification before the final execution of this agreement.

Mrs. Kuhn replied so all of these items on here, #8, #9, #10, my question before voting on this which I have asked every time I voted on something that has to do with this and I was always told all the grant money would go toward the road improvements not the traffic signal. Now is that accurate for this vote or is that not accurate?

Mayor DeLuca responded if we don't have the answers can we table this for tonight and bring it back on the next meeting? Moe replied we need to be clear on this that is correct. Mayor responded do we have a motion to table? Dr. Kincaid moved to motion to table this Resolution. Mr. Underwood seconded. Everyone agreed.

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-052** authorizing the Municipal Manager to execute any and all documents pertaining to the refunding of the Municipality's outstanding Pennsylvania Finance Authority, Beaver County, Pennsylvania Guaranteed Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2000 and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,010,000.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn responded this is in regards to our refinance. Is that correct? Moe replied yes. I just wanted to make one statement that I don't know if Mrs. Berg is still in the audience or if she left that she stated that she is against this debt service and against borrowing. I don't know if she didn't understand what the Mayor explained very thoroughly in the beginning that this is not borrowing more money this is just in fact just refinancing so the Municipality will receive a million plus to be used for Capital Fund Projects and we are not going to be extending the loan as the Mayor had stated and it is not going to cost any more so the borrowing did not come from this Administration. All we are doing is refinancing that did come from previous and it is going to be a win win situation because of the fact that the Municipality is going to get a huge amount of money to help us with other projects.

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

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Ordinance No. 2010-2522

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approved **Ordinance No. 2010-2522** authorizing the borrowing of \$123,234.00 and authorizing the execution of loan documents between The Municipality of Penn Hills and PNC Bank for the purchase of two (2) 3-Ton Dump Trucks for The Department of Public Works.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 2010-2523

Mr. Underwood made the motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2010-2523** amending certain provision of The Pension Plan or Program applicable to the Police of said Municipality.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 2010-2524

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2010-2524** authorizing the incurring of non-electoral debt for the purpose of providing funds for a Capital Improvement Project and a Refunding Project, by the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,010,000; finding a sale by negation to be in the best interest of the Municipality; providing for maturities, interest rates and redemption features; covenanting to pay debt service; pledging full faith, credit and taxing power for the payment of the bonds; appointing a paying agent, registrar and sinking fund depository, establish a sinking fund; appropriating the bond proceeds; accepting a proposal; ratifying prior advertisement and directing further advertisement; authorizing the payment of expenses; ratifying the preliminary official statement; authorizing approval of the final official statement; authorizing the opening of a clearing fund; adopting a form of bond; authorizing the execution and delivery of a disclosure agreement and repealing inconsistent ordinances.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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Moe made comment to Bond Counsel and H-T Capital that he just wants to make sure that the fees for every entity that is involved in this whole Bond Group Financing Incorporated is to come out of the proceeds subsequent to the proceeds and the signing that the Municipality will not be responsible for any additional monies that was not included in the proceed. I just want to make that clear.

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

REPORTS

Mrs. Kuhn replied I have several. The first report is once again, there was a nice showing of appreciation for our paramedics and I did want to bring up that it is wonderful that we have such recognition and that people take the time to recognize that. I did want to bring that to everyone's attention.

The other is we did have a memo from the Planning Department from Mr. Davidson from July 23, 2010 that I thought was very good information and without a newspaper I wish we had more people in the audience but just to bring to the general public's attention that many things are happening in Penn Hills, The Walmart at Saltsburg Road site plan and sub-division were approved at the Planning Commission Meeting. Also the beautiful changes they made to the old Tivoli's Restaurant which is now the reproduction office that is going there is and it is absolutely breathtaking on Rodi Road and how nice that it is on the corridor that everyone coming into Penn Hills can see it. Huge plus for Penn Hills. We do have that there are forty new units going in at the old golf driving range on Leechburg Road for senior citizens housing and that also is a plus so I thank Howard for updating us. Often when Mayor and Council are out amongst the people they say why isn't anything happening in Penn Hills. Well as you can see even as bad as the economy is Penn Hills still has a lot of building going on and improvements which is very very nice. I also want to say that we did get a letter from Alcosan and they are having an open house on September 18, 2010 from 9-4 p.m. I don't know Moe if that is on our web-site, so if not could it please be put on? Moe replied yes. Also for the public to know and if we could put on the web-site about the Allegheny County Health Department on the rabies and it is down throughout the County and they will be doing different types of protection for rabies for the wild animals and they did want the people to know that the bait they use does not pose any risk to any humans or any pets. Mrs. Kuhn asked Mr. Rayan that in one of his reports that we are funding from FEMA is it still on track and will we be receiving a great deal of funds for all the cost during the terrible storms in February of 2010. Is that correct? Moe replied that is correct, that is

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based on the last meeting that Fire Marshall Mason had with the FEMA folks they told him that we should be receiving a check somewhere in a time frame of August 20 and August 28 and that sum was 75% of our total cost incurred during the storm which was close to \$153,000, we are hoping to see substantial return on that right around \$114,000 dollars. You also gave us a report that we are having testing for our police, for new police officers and that the written examination is on September 2, 2010. It is on our website for anyone that would be interested? Moe said it is correct yes. Mayor DeLuca asked if it goes through August 26 and if that was the deadline to get your application in. Moe answered yes the 26th of August. Mrs. Kuhn also wanted to tell Howard Davidson and his entire staff that the letter we received from HUD giving what is equivalent to an A+ record on everything that we do as far as the Penn Hills Community Development Program. That is a very big program for the Municipality and I do appreciate it and could you please extend it to your staff also. That is a job well done. Howard Davidson responded thank you. Also the last thing is Mrs. Kuhn stated she received a letter from Congressman Mike Doyle and I have to say I was a little bit disappointed when we had sent letters in regarding our firemen and the equipment that we could use any help that we could get from them and the response was the Funding Program was already ended at the end of May and it will not be reopened until the Spring of 2011. The only reason that I was upset about this was that the fact the fire department chiefs had contacted the Congressman's office and other Senators and our Federal Government and Congressman Doyle was kind enough to send a representative to meet with the fire dept. chiefs and we told him that we were having a difficult time receiving any grants for our Volunteer Fire Departments and if they could let us know when the grant period came up so that we could be in the asking. So I was a little disappointed when we sent the letters out that they said that it had already past and it would have been nice if they would have let the fire chiefs know so that we could have put it in, but that is over and done with so we are going to move forward and I believe the next one is spring of 2011 so we will make sure that we are doing something for that.

Mayor DeLuca also wanted to commend Howard and his staff for doing a great job.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Howard Davidson and Mayor and Council discussed Tax Abatement Programs.

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Public Comment Period

My name is Ed Zullo from 113 Elizabeth Drive, I think it was a good thing when you put the meeting minutes on the Municipal web-site and keeping up with that, it is a good thing. One thing I would like to suggest to you for a link off of your web-page is something relatively new called Face Book and I think that Face Book would be a good thing for the Municipality to utilize to get your message out. There are 500 million users on Face Book now. It started with some college kid in an ivy school and now is used by 500 million users. I printed off a couple little articles about using Face Book to inform you what it is used for.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor entertained motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid made motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

MAUREEN M. SORCE
ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY

DATE