

September 20, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes

The September 20, 2010 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, Mayor Anthony DeLuca presiding.

Approval of Agenda Items

Mayor DeLuca called meeting to order and announced Discussion Session will be deleted from Agenda. The rest of the Agenda will stand as presented.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council and the audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Also present were: Manager Rayan, Solicitor's Office Ann Sweeney and Administration Secretary Sorce.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve September 7, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

EXPENDITURES

Approval of Warrants

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Master Expenditure Summary dated September 20, 2010 – Journal Vouchers \$0.00; 4 C.D. Requisitions in the amount of \$152,803.72; EECBG Requisitions \$0.00; Checks numbering 15594 – 15724 in the amount of \$609,754.52 making a grand total of \$762,558.24.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

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

Resolution No. 2010-056

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to adopt **Resolution No. 2010-056** awarding a two year contract to CWM Environmental Inc. for the maintenance and repair of Sewage Pump Stations, Pump Station EQ Tanks, and Wastewater Treatment Plants in the amount of \$98,160.00 the first year; \$102,084.00 the second year, for a total award of \$200,244.00.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mickey O'Conner, 1095 Maple Avenue – Moe is this the same vendor or new vendor? Moe answered same vendor. Mickey O'Conner replied thank you.

Mrs. Kuhn responded just so the public is aware on the memo from Tom O'Grady, our Water Pollution Director, it is the same vendor and it states in the memo there were two bids received and CWM holds the current contract and that they have performed well with no serious problems and it is only a 4% annual increase over the last 2 year's contract.

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

Resolution No. 2010-057

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2010-057** authorizing the proper Municipal Official to enter into a settlement agreement with the Penn Hills Police Advisory Board on behalf of Detective Joseph Blaze.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Don Sanker, Long Road, are you allowed to discuss this at all, or is this a personnel matter that cannot be discussed? Mayor DeLuca answer yes this is a personnel matter. Don Sanker replied who would be the proper Municipal Official, very interesting wording? Don Sanker replied is it the Manager, Mayor who is it? Mayor replied Mayor and Council is taking action on it tonight. Ann Sweeney representing Brimmeier and Associates replied Mayor and Council are the proper Municipal Officials.

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

Items for Consideration:

None

Introduction of Ordinances, Resolutions, Etc.

None

Reports

Mrs. Kuhn replied we did receive from Moe a memo that the State Wide Fall Clean Up is right around the corner and it is on October 16th rain or shine and I also received information from Chris Miller the Chair Anti-Litter Committee from the Crescent Hills Civic Association and I was just wondering Moe and I noticed Tony was in the audience tonight and didn't know if this was on our web-site so that the people of Penn Hills were made aware that on October 16th will be the State Wide Clean Up. Moe replied I believe so. They normally work with John Scaglione from the Parks and Recreation Department . He handles those items and subsequently he sends it out to Jack to be posted on the web-site. Sara replied if you could just check for me I would appreciate it so the public is made aware of it. Moe replied I will. The Mayor replied Pitts clean up is coming up too with the Pitt students.

Mrs. Kuhn replied that there was a really nice article written by Tony LaRusso in the City Regional in regards to violent property crime decreases. I did read in it that they gave statistics for the ten largest Municipalities in Allegheny County and Penn Hills being one of them and out of the ten, four increased unfortunately, but Penn Hills was not one of them. Penn Hills has decreased and violent crime is down 13.8% and property crime has been down 10.3% and the quote was between 2008 and 2009 violent crime in Penn Hills decreased by 13.8%, with a number of property crimes going down by 10.3%. So, it shows that Penn Hills is a safe community and I feel bad that the four went up, but I am proud of hopefully it is the work of our Police Officers and the people of Penn Hills constantly aware of it and it is also part of our Crime Prevention that Dennis Lynch does and is doing such a great job and so I think it is bringing awareness to the public so it was very good news to read and I thank Tony for putting it in and congratulations Moe to your Police officers and everyone involved to let it be known that Penn Hills is a safe community.

Mrs. Kuhn said she did have a meeting with the Penn Hills School District in regards to the LERTA Program that the Mayor has brought forth to Mayor and Council and to the public and the Mayor has the tentative set up for what we were going to ask LERTA for, but we are trying to get the support from the School District because having the School District and the Municipality jointly doing this would be much more beneficial in getting people to come into the Municipality. So it was very productive and I believe unfortunately the scheduling of the Manager he could not attend but I believe Moe you are having a meeting tomorrow to follow up on it. Moe replied that is correct. Mrs. Kuhn wanted to commend the Mayor again for bringing this to our attention because as I stated to the Business Manager and the Interim Superintendent there are many reasons why it is a very good program to bring forth because of the fact that we want everyone to see that Penn Hills is a Community that is progressing and that we are moving in the right directions so that would be very well supported and the other issue that we spoke on at that meeting was there was a gentlemen, what is the name of the company Moe, Moe replied I am not sure of the company right now Mrs. Kuhn. Mrs. Kuhn said now the owner of the company and I try to tell everyone not to let it influence anyone because his last name is Kuhn and I said he is not related in any way, shape or form. I don't even know the gentlemen but he is willing to come in to do improvements on properties that have not had taxes paid for a very long period of time. And that would be a very positive direction for the Municipality and the School District to go for two reasons, the houses that he is interested in doing are an eye sore for the Communities that

they are in, it saves tax revenue because we don't have to demolish them and the other thing it brings them up to the tax rules. So it was a very productive meeting and like I said the Manager is meeting tomorrow to further discuss, but I did want to bring the rest of the Council up to date on it and again I want to thank the Mayor because he is the one who initiated this program and I think it will be very positive for Penn Hills.

Dr. Kincaid would like to thank Moe for his contact with the Estate of William A. Anderson.

Dr. Kincaid replied briefly Moe would you help me with a status report regarding to the Library Café Partners and the liability situation you sent us a memo on. My concern and if you want to know why I am asking the question is with Mr. Ward having that particular venue there several churches are sponsoring the café and churches have their liability whenever they do anything in the name of the church. But is there any status report in regards to that concern? Moe answered when we sent the letter back to the folks that are running this program we advised them as far as the Municipality we will not be covering the volunteers.

Mayor reported that they got good news this past week. The Pittsburgh Business Times did an article on the top 25 largest libraries and our Penn Hills Library was number 5 in the region. Mayor asked isn't that right Karen? Mayor said actually according to Tyrone we should be number 3 because only Mt. Lebanon and Northland is ahead of us. Moe responded we were number 8 now we are number 5. Mayor asked if Karen wanted to come up and speak.

Karen Rafalko, 270 Shannon Heights Drive. -The Carnegie Library System is above us of course, it is an entire system of 18 libraries, and then the Citizens Library in Washington County and the only other two Allegheny County Libraries are Mt. Lebanon and Northland so we fall right under them. So it is quite an honor.

I would like to just take a moment to acknowledge our Library Executive Director Tyrone Ward, Judy Donohue our Library Board President, and our entire Library Board, Staff, Individuals, Volunteer Organizations including the Foundation and Friends who are all working together to make sure the Penn Hills Community and the Eastern Suburbs is served by an outstanding Municipal Library. But most important what makes it all possible is the continued ongoing

support of Mayor and Council and the Municipal Manager. So I would like to thank you and thank you so much.

Everyone responded thank you.

Mayor responded it is indeed a great honor for our Penn Hills Library and it is widely used and the parking lot is always filled so Moe please make sure that the staff is congratulated and knows that they are doing a great job.

Mayor DeLuca announced they would break into The Executive Session – Personnel.

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

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Maureen M. Sorce
Manager's Secretary

Date: