

JULY 2, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The July 2, 2012 Council meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Anthony DeLuca presiding.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Good Evening, we will call this meeting to order. We have a couple of adjustments to the meeting tonight. Under Resolutions, Resolution No. 2012-041 the correct amount is \$31,700.00 and under Items for Consideration we are adding a Motion to ratify the time extension on the salt contract. With that the rest of the Agenda will stand as presented. Will you please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

ROLL CALL

**Present: Mrs. Kuhn
Mr. Palumbo
Mr. Underwood
Mayor DeLuca**

Mayor DeLuca – Dr. Kincaid could not make it this evening.

Also present were Manager Rayan, Planning Director Davidson, Solicitor Paul, Chief Burton, Finance Director Schrecengost and Secretary Sorce. Some of the officers were there for the Oath of Office for the 2 new Police Officers.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor DeLuca – Chief if we could have them come here. First before we do the Oath of Office I just want to welcome you to Penn Hills. You will see that Penn Hills is a great Community to work in and hopefully we can convince you to move into Penn Hills that would be great. Also by coming to Penn Hills you will be joining one of the great

Police Forces in Allegheny County so I just want to say Welcome to Penn Hills.

Mrs. Kuhn – I just want to also extend my congratulations. We are very thankful to have you here and ask you to always be careful and you will see that the people of Penn Hills are good people and we appreciate your services.

Mayor DeLuca – Raise your right hand, I (state your name) Michael McGuire, Pierce Robison do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Home Rule Charter and Ordinances of the Municipality of Penn Hills. I also swear that I will uphold, obey and enforce the law without consideration to a person’s race, color, sex, religious creed, sexual orientation, age, national origin, ancestry, handicap or disability. I will perform the duties of a Police Officer of the Municipality of Penn Hills, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania with honesty, integrity and fidelity, so help me God. Congratulations.

Mayor DeLuca – next we have a Recognition, is Michael Wesley Booker II, if you can just come up. I asked the Manager, they are suppose to send us a recognition we don’t have it yet but we will get it to but I just want to recognize you. Michael participated in the 100 Black Men of Western PA Mentoring Program and has been selected to receive the prestigious 100 Black of America 2012 Mentee of the Year Award. This award is the highest recognition given by the “100” to our students. Michael and his family are residents of the Municipality of Penn Hills and I just wanted to congratulate you on this prestigious honor. Thank you. Do you have any comments?

Michael Wesley Booker II – No, I just wanted to say thank you, it means a lot to me and to my family and everyone who has had a hand in shaping who I am so I just want to say thank you to all of you. Penn Hills has been a large part, we have lived here my whole life, so it is a huge part of who I am and I want to continue to serve it so thank you.

Mayor DeLuca – thank you. It is always an honor to hear stories of our Penn Hill’s residents and hopefully Patrick Varine you can get this story out, alright that is great.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2012.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

EXPENDITURES

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve the Expenditures: Approval of Warrants dated July 2, 2012. Journal Vouchers – 0 - \$0.00; C.D Requisitions – 9 - \$101,738.68; Master 21562 – 21701 in the amount of \$687,770.52; Grand Total - \$789,509.20.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn abstained from check #21665, Don Kuhn Auto Body for rental, yes for all others.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2012-041 awarding a contract to McRandal Company for the replacement of the senior services boiler in the total amount of \$31,700.00.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – just one question if I could ask the Manager I noticed that we did receive a letter Moe dated June 25 regarding the bonding and I am assuming that bonding is in place?

Moe – yes.

Mrs. Kuhn – is there a reason Moe I think that this is the second time now we have had a bid go out where we had to request that their bonding be in place, isn't it usually the policy that the bond should be in place when they give the bid?

Moe – the bond is in place but when there is a difference of 15% or more then we ask for the bonding company to back the contractor with a letter.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. when they do give their original bid all the bidders do have to have the bond in place at that time am I correct?

Moe – that's correct, yes.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. thank you.

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

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2012-042 authorizing the submission of a Recycling Program Grant Application to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Kuhn – can I address Howard on this we are asking for a full grant on this is that correct Howard?

Howard Davidson – it is a 90% matching grant but we have already spent some money in some areas that qualify as match so it won't cost us any more in terms of local money.

Mrs. Kuhn – is it a pretty safe grant?

Howard Davidson – we are very fortunate if we score, wish us luck. The opportunity is there but there is State Wide Competition for limited money.

Mrs. Kuhn – well is this State? Is there any way that we can get some help from the Representatives?

Howard Davidson – we typically ask for it but we can certainly ask again.

Mrs. Kuhn – I know State Representative DeLuca has given us so many grants I am not putting the burden on him but we do have other Representatives other than State Representative DeLuca.

Howard Davidson – it is kind of routine they put a word in for us. That is all I can say and I sure all the communities across the State go through the same routine.

Mrs. Kuhn – we have contacted them, is that correct?

Howard Davidson – yes, I will.

Mayor DeLuca – make sure you send a letter.

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

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2012-043 authorizing the Municipal Manager to execute an agreement with The SRI Venkatesware Temple (SV Temple) to install storm sewer and inlets and to fill the ravine that runs parallel to South McCully Drive to the entrance of the Temple.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I do see that we have back up information on what the Temple is going to do and what the Municipality is going to do so I am very pleased that it is spelled out in such particular ways and I think this is a plus for us.

Mayor DeLuca – just for the Public the Temple is going to pay for the material and we are providing the labor and equipment for the job.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve the Motion to ratify the time extension on the Salt Contract with Cargill, Inc. until 12/31/12 to purchase salt at the 2011-2012 contract price of \$55.83 to meet the 80% minimum purchase of rock salt.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mayor DeLuca – do you want to let the Public know why we are doing this?

Moe Rayan – sure. This came about after of course we were aware that we had a mild winter and we weren't able to purchase the entire 80% of our minimum estimated quantity that we submit to the SHACOG, the South Hills Council and Government which is the purchasing alliance for many States and Municipalities in the region. There is a minimum and a maximum. The minimum was 80%. We were shy about 14,000 tons and we are not alone actually we are doing better than a lot of other Municipalities. The other Municipalities they are short 5 – 6,000 tons due to the fact that they don't have enough storage areas. The vendor agreed through the purchasing alliance to extend the contract until the end of the year which is December 31, 2012 as opposed to June 30th of 2012 at the

same price of the 2011-2012 contract which is the \$55.83. If Municipalities did not agree to go along with this they would have to be penalized at \$5.00 a ton in our case it would have been close to \$7,500.00 but we are fortunate enough to have the area to purchase that much of the material between now and the end of the year. So, actually by doing that it is a cost savings to the Municipality by \$7,500.00.

Mayor DeLuca – thanks Moe.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor DeLuca entertained motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

DATE

**MAUREEN M. SORCE
MANAGER'S SECRETARY**

