AUGUST 6, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The August 6, 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. The Agenda will stand as presented. Will you please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor DeLuca

Dr. Kincaid Mrs. Kuhn Mr. Palumbo

Mr. Underwood could not be present this evening.

Also present were Manager Rayan, Secretary Sorce, Water Pollution Director O'Grady, Planning Director Davidson, Finance Director Schrecengost and Solicitor Alexander.

Mayor DeLuca – first we have a presentation for Don Long. About three months ago at #7 they had their annual dinner and Don was presented with his 25 years of service and I just felt we as Council should bring him here and say thank you for your years of service and everything that you do for the Community. So we have a certificate here in recognition of faithful and dedicated service to the Municipality of Penn Hills and the Penn Hills #7 Volunteer Fire Department for the past twenty five years and I just want to thank you for those twenty five years and everything that you do. All volunteers.

Donald Long - thank you.

Citizen to Address Council

Mayor DeLuca – Brad Benecki

Brad Benecki - My name is Brad Benecki, I live at 528 Crocus Avenue off of Hoover Road, 15235. I have owned my home since 2002 and I like my house very much and plan on living here a long time. I just have a parking concern on Crocus Avenue particularly on 529 Crocus Avenue they consistently park at the end of their drive way not in their driveway and this is directly across from my driveway exit making it very difficult and at times not possible to exit my driveway. Since this residence became a rental several years ago these are the fifth residents I have asked to please not park at the end of my driveway. The last tenants were very considerate to use the driveway and parking pads, the current tenants have been there since 2011 and I have asked kindly on more than one occasion if they could try not to park at the exit of my driveway, they have shown no consideration at this request making it very difficult to exit my driveway on a daily basis. I have a handicap friend who can no longer come over since he cannot maneuver his vehicle in and out of my driveway nor is he mobile enough to walk up from the street. Also I had a man working on my bathroom that was having such a hard time getting out of the driveway due to the car parked at the exit that he called the police. The only parking code I could find to reference relating to this issue is 464.04 STANDING OR PARKING PROBHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES (3) opposite to the entrance to any garage, or in such a manner as to prevent convenient ingress or egress to or from garages on streets the width of which is twenty-four feet or less from curb to curb. I measured Crocus Avenue at the end of my driveway and it is 20 feet wide. I can say that all the homes have off street parking except 505 at the end of the street but they actually do have a pad there but it is kind of irrelevant to this situation. The next page is a picture of my house and my driveway. I use it all year long, I take care to shovel my driveway, use my driveway and I have always used my driveway. I commend Public Works for making such effort in keeping my street clean. I live on a little dead end street and they make an effort to come and plow my street and I do appreciate that very much and I have called them personally and thanked them for that. The next page is the main car that is parked there daily and that is what we look at every time we leave my driveway. It is not a very easy situation. On the next page is off of the Allegheny Website which shows the lots. I am the bright orange dot that is lot 284 and then the lot that I am talking about is lot 259 that has the pink dot. State that the blue dot show that Brentano's Cement Shop I am sure you are all aware of they do sculptures on Rodi Road. They have three lots on Crocus Avenue. The next picture shows those lots. There is a parking pad next to the duplex that could hold two cars there and if you look at the blue print that is owned by Brentano's so that would be public domain, I would believe, so there is plenty of parking there for people if they don't want to use their driveway. I would also state that the duplex has driveways and garages which are never used. Those people also park on the street. The next is on the second lot. That car has been parked there and not moved for at least two years. I can say at least two years because I have a dog that is two years old now and I walk up and down the street and it has not moved in at least two years.

Mayor DeLuca - do you know if the inspection sticker is valid?

Brad Benecki – no they were last validated in February 2011. I never looked in the car but I can see that there is a club on it. The next picture shows a couple more lots which you can see has plenty of off street parking available and that is just a pile of garbage that has been sitting there for over two years also. It looks kind of small in the picture but it is actually quite a substantial pile of garbage right there.

Mayor DeLuca – Now is this part of the Bretano's property?

Brad Benecki – yes, you can see lot 241 they consistently use you can see they have a black car parked there now they consistently park two cars there so I am not sure where their property line is exactly within that parking pad but I am sure by the pictures there are plenty of options for off street parking that is not owned particularly by anyone on Crocus Avenue. If you don't care to use your drive way and be considerate you can walk 30 feet from a parking pad because it has really been serious stress on me trying to back out of my driveway. I

have a Nissan which is a mid-size car and by best friend Mike here who helps me out a lot with coming over my house and driving me places when I am not always able to drive he has an Ion, but if you have a full size vehicle and like my friend that has a handicapped vehicle there is no way you are going to get in or out with the cars parked there. I do like my house very much and that is why I showed that picture because I think it is very cute and I like it and I don't like the extra stress of inconsiderate people parking there.

Mayor DeLuca – have you brought this before the Traffic Safety Committee?

Brad Benecki – yes because I sent you an e-mail yourself and your father actually called me at home which I highly commend so he pointed me in the right direction to address the Council and I believe Darlene also told me that she knows about it so the next step is to try and address Council and try and get a No Parking Sign. But another concern I have even if you put one directly across from my driveway where else are they going to park are they going to start parking on the other side of the street. I kind of though my neighbor was going to come too because she has concerns with it too, I knocked on her door but she lives at block 261 and she has off street parking, a garage but she also has a parking pad which she uses to turn around in if she has overflow parking she can fit two cars on her pad. I think my friend Mike wanted to come up and say a few words. I appreciate your time thank you very much.

Michael Alpretti – I just wanted to say yes I do try to drop in on him. He has got his problems. Brad has physical problems and I have physical problems but it is hard for me to get up into that driveway then I know I have to maneuver myself out of there so most of the time I just park down on the street so then I have to walk all the way up that driveway and of course you can see the problem I have. So that is all I wanted to say. It is pretty annoying.

Craig Alexander – Mr. Mayor it would appear that that vehicle violates the International Property Maintenance Code for abandoned vehicles. You can't have an inoperable or unregistered vehicle in one location for over six months.

Mayor DeLuca – I think we passed an Ordinance where you can actually go on the property to remove it. We will make sure the traffic Safety takes a look at it from what I see I can't imagine why they wouldn't put a no parking on that side so hopefully we can get this on our agenda this month or the month after. O.K. thanks.

Mrs. Kuhn – I know myself when you have someone who parks in back of a driveway especially when the road is that narrow it is next to impossible to get in and out of it. In essence they really are blocking your way in and out so something has to be done for that because there is no reason when you have a driveway as large as he has at his home he has to be parking on the street to be walking up to his home that is just not acceptable. Now the house that the neighbor lives in does he have a driveway?

Brad Benecki – yes.

Mrs. Kuhn – is there a pad parking on their property?

Brad Benecki - no.

Mayor DeLuca – alright we will get this on The Traffic Safety Meeting and then we will get it taken care of.

Brad Benecki - I appreciate that.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 2, 2012.

Mrs. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Dr. Kincaid abstained, there being no further discussion the motion was approved by a 3-0 vote.

EXPENDITURES

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Expenditures: Approval of Warrants dated August 6, 2012. Journal vouchers 0 - \$0.00; C.D. Requisitions – 16 - \$175,624.24; Master 21702 – 22020 in the amount of \$2,262,894.12; Grand Total - \$2,438,518.36.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I have a question on Page 12, Check # 21739 – Gateway Engineers, I see Rick so maybe he can help me answer this. The ones I am questioning are the Feasibility Study. One for \$6,817.22 and then another one for \$768.50 and the other page \$297.00. Just if you could just remind me Rick what these Feasibility Studies are for especially the one for the \$6,800.00.

Rick Minsterman – yes, no problem. Essentially there are several locations that Penn Hills connects to the ALCOSAN Sanitary Sewer and as a requirement of the Consent Order all those locations all the sewage that flows to those locations those points of interconnection are to be evaluated for capacity so they are to be object to see that the sewers can handle the rain events both from a 1, 2, 5 and 10 year storm event and then areas that do not have sufficient capacity are to be identified and then a Feasibility Study which is evaluating different alternatives to correct the situations where the sewage can't be handled depending on the storm event. So essentially that is a study to conduct the evaluation and to perform the alternative analysis and it is very simple for me to say in a few sentences but the actual evaluation to determine if a sewer segment has correct capacity takes a lot of different aspects of an investigation.

Mrs. Kuhn – so basically that is making sure that if we have a problem then we are anticipating what that problem is and then correcting the problem, is that correct?

Rick Minsterman – yes exactly.

Mrs. Kuhn – so we are looking ahead so then if we find there are any problems there then we go in and we correct them.

Rick Minsterman - exactly it is a comprehensive evaluation looking forward into your system and then planning out what are the alternatives to fix them and then the timing that it takes. They are usually Capital Improvement Type Projects so then you can plan in the future what is the cost, what are the rates, how aggressive you can be to attack those problems within a certain time frame. In the Consent Order you are required to have these problems corrected by the year 2026.

Mrs. Kuhn – not to interrupt you Rick but I am assuming when you have these Feasibility Studies that is also documentation for us to show the Federal Government what we are doing, is that correct?

Rick Minsterman – absolutely and what it also does is tells you the areas that you don't have problems. So a vast majority of your system is in great shape and has sufficient capacity and it just focuses on the areas that do not. So when the regulators come back to you and say prove to us that 99% of your system is in good shape there is a sufficient amount of evidence to show that it has been investigated, it has capacity and does not require any funds to be expended.

Mrs. Kuhn – that is what my hope was, like I said that is what I thought it was but I just wanted to be sure because of the fact I did want to make sure that we are doing that type of documentation so that we don't get into any trouble and that way when they do come we have evidence to show what we have done and what needs to be done and what does not need to be done. Thank you.

Moe Rayan – excuse me Mayor if I may add something, Mrs. Kuhn actually I was going to ask Rick to expand on the Feasibility Study this evening under Reports just to give you an update where we are at relative to the Feasibility Studies which pertains to the ALCOSAN and what we had to report to ALCOSAN by July 31, 2012 and the actual report in our draft report it accumulated all the studies that were done. ALCOSAN is under Concent Order just like we are with the Federal Government and they are asking all the surrounding communities to report to them a draft report by the end of July, which we did, then the actual report goes to them by the end of July of 2013 and that is what Rick will expand on that, the point of connection and the overflows and so on.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. because that is what I was hoping and I just wanted to make sure what I was thinking it was is exactly what it was because I knew that we do have to keep those records and give that information to them so I was assuming that is what it was but I just wanted to be sure that I was correct in my assumption. I have another question, it is a very minor question but it just something that took my attention on page 15 Check #21860 it has there typewriter maintenance \$115.50 a month which I would be assuming would be approximately \$1,400 annually. I just didn't know who is still using typewriters that we are having a typewriter maintenance.

Moe Rayan – Believe it or not all the departments Mrs. Kuhn even the Administration Offices. We do certain things that we cannot print from the printers as far as the computer and logging all the Resolutions and Ordinances and so on, some of the time cards keeping and so on, so there is some use for them but the \$115.50 is for all the departments.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. then on Page 22, Check No. 21751 to Nick's Auto Repair. Now I am looking and I am assuming I don't know if I am right or wrong but I was looking at the dates, it appears that it says there invoice date 6/15 – is that the date of the services.

Ed Schrecengost – no that is the date we received the bill.

Mrs. Kuhn – so that is the date you received the bill. So that doesn't necessarily mean that was for the month of June 15th, is that correct?

Ed Schrecengost - right.

Mrs. Kuhn – so we don't know exactly how many months this \$8,500 bill represents then unless I go through all the vouchers is that right? The only reason I was questioning is it seems like we are getting back up in the high figures here and I was hoping after we had purchased some of these new vehicles that our maintenance was going to start going down instead of going up and this seemed like this was a large amount for that period of time.

Moe Rayan – I think this particular invoice Mrs. Kuhn reflects it is an overlap like Ed was saying the date that he received but it was actually for work performed in perhaps May and it just kind of ran into June and made a higher bill but I can go through with the Finance Department and make sure what it is.

Mrs. Kuhn – it just seemed relatively quite high and like I said I was hoping after we had purchased which you know I had brought up prior to this when we purchased the newer vehicles I was hoping that our maintenance would go down instead of being increased. And I know I have asked this before Moe but it seems like I get different answers on this. Nick's Auto Repair for parts and labor or is that just Labor?

Moe Rayan – parts at our contract price from the vendor – it is both combined, but at our cost based on the contract that we have from the vendor.

Mrs. Kuhn – the only other one I have is on Page 27, Check #21885 and #21928 and that is for the high grass cutting. I am assuming that amount represents a good number of grass cuttings which I like to bring to the attention to the public that the Municipality does do grass cutting when it is in certain areas when it is too high because I do get phone calls on residents complaining which I don't blame them when you live in a house on a street and you take care of your house it is very sad if you have a neighboring house that the weeds are so high but the one question I wanted Moe is some are

asking me how do you get a property on the list for the Municipality to cut the grass?

Moe Rayan – just simply call the Code Enforcement Department and place the complaint and code enforcement will take it from there. They will investigate trying to track down the owner and make contact with the owner or the bank and so on and eventually it gets cuts by the property owner or the bank or the Municipality and placing a lien on the property.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. so if a resident has a complaint their first step then is to go to Code Enforcement give the address and then Code Enforcement will do an investigation from that point.

Moe Rayan - that's correct.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. thanks Moe.

Ed Schrecengost – the new police cars are not on the road yet.

Mrs. Kuhn – they are not on the road yet. Is there a reason why they are not on the road yet?

Moe Rayan - well the four that we just received actually tonight there is a contract in front of you to outfit the vehicles. We bought four cars they were on the road in November so in the past four years we got a lot of cars and keep in mind please we have vehicles on the fleet that are still 05 and 07. We have 2011 and 2012 but we still have 2005 and 2007 vehicles and those are the vehicles they are still running but they require maintenance just like anything else and of course we are not fast enough to phase out these vehicles because they are running 24 hours a day.

Mrs. Kuhn - I do realize that but when I look at the maintenance and the cost I am looking at monthly and when I see what the average is per month when I have one month that is that high that is a large jump from what the average month is so that is why it was a red flag

to me. And Moe the police vehicles like what you are saying we bought back in November, they are on the road?

Moe Rayan – yes they are on the road. The ones that we just purchased that came in probably about a month and a half ago and those vehicles are new to the law enforcement so there are not too many vendors out there that will outfit them so it had to go out because they are different than the regular sedans or the regular SUV's that we have, these are something new on the road and a lot of police departments are buying them, hopefully down the road more vendors will be able to bid on that type of work.

Mrs. Kuhn – but these are the second phase of cars – the first phase are on the road that we bought back in November?

Moe Ryan – yes, we got them about a month and a half ago.

Mrs. Kuhn - o.k. thank you.

Mayor DeLuca – Ed on those invoices for Nick's are we still having the Directors holding the invoices, are you still seeing that? I seen one on there for May is that because of the timing, or when they got billed for it or what?

Ed Schrecengost - probably the timing.

There being no further the discussion the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote. Mrs. Kuhn abstained from Check #21747, Check #21790, 21867 and 21995 to Don Kuhn Auto Body and yes to all others.

ORDINANCES

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve <u>Ordinance No. 2012-2548</u> prohibiting the discharge of grass clippings and the raking of leaves and lawn debris onto the streets and roadways within The Municipality.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Jim Carnahan – 201 Jefferson Road – I am not talking to much about the streets and the roads but they have a habit down at the Senior Center when they are cutting the lawn, they must be cutting it at the wrong time because when the winds blowing it gets all over the cars and the one staff worker who has a corvette went out and talked to them about it because he really marked it up. They have been trying to tell them to come at a time when there is no traffic down there so I would appreciate it if someone would talk to them about it.

Patrick Varine – Penn Hills Progress – I am just curious if the reason behind the Ordinance is clipping and leaves getting into the drains in the sewer systems?

Moe Rayan – that is correct.

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

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve <u>Ordinance No. 2012-2549</u> amending Section 1058.24 of the Codified Ordinances which prohibits certain discharges into the Municipality's Separate Storm Sewer System.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I realize that we need to have this Ordinance because of the fact of the sewer problems, the only question that I have is in section 1 prohibited discharges include soaps and detergents now what happens if you are washing your car in your driveway and that goes down the driveway down the road and into sewers are we going to be, I don't want to have an Ordinance in place that we cannot be making sure that we going to be able to enforce it and on the same token I don't know how we are going to tell residents that they can't wash their car or even furniture in their driveway, I hate to cause you a problem Moe.

Moe Rayan – we have been battling this issue with the DEP for years probably since 1999 when that whole thing with the storm water management and the NPDS so that was never resolved at this point of course all of these meetings that we attended and our engineers went to and all these reports that we do every year and turn into the DEP it is part of housekeeping, they haven't told us what type of detergent that we have to tell our residents to use to clean cars and wash their furniture on the driveway and so on so it is still up in the air but we adopted the Model Storm Sewer Management Ordinance that was suggested by the DEP back in year 2004 and that is pretty much the language that they had in their Ordinance at that time but it hasn't been resolved and they haven't come out and made an issue of it, because I don't think they have the answer.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. the other things I understand, the gasoline, oil, antifreeze, paints all those other things I see, but if this is what DEP is saying then if we have a call from a resident or what have you unfortunately what you are telling me Moe, the Municipality has to go by what the DEP has put into place, but I think that is very difficult to enforce.

Moe – yes it is. It has been on the table with the DEP for many years and Rick you can correct me if I am wrong have you heard any new thoughts about this, I haven't been at a couple meetings in a couple years but where I left off when I was down at the Public Works Department I don't think it has changed since then.

Rick Minsterman – no it is still a recommended Ordinance. In fact you are going to see that enforcement is going to be very difficult because in some water sheds they are imposing what they call TMDL's which are chemical restrictions in the storm water. For example in Saw Mill Run I believe it is phosphorus that they actually have a limit that the Municipality has to try to enforce that can be discharged from The Municipal Storm Sewer. So that means restrictions on fertilizer for residents and things like that. Phosphates and other chemicals there are many chemicals in soaps that hurt and harm the storm water in the stream so that is why that is there and what Moe was talking about they are talking about green soaps and things that are friendly

to the environment however they haven't been proposed yet. So this is set up when they are proposed they are able to use those types of detergents.

Mayor DeLuca – so what are they going to do say that the municipality is over the limits for like a couple years, are they going to fine the municipality?

Rick Minsterman – it is very new and it is very controversial as far as the Municipality saying how am I suppose to enforce this but I am guessing they are going to allow some infractions for awhile but at some point they are going to mandate that you adhere to limits of discharge and like I said it could be abolishing fertilizer in a community through an Ordinance. It could be abolishing a certain chemical in a fertilizer, it could be requiring some special kind of fertilizer. So washing cars and fertilizer and even salting roads now is going to come under fire at some point. There are many changes on the horizon for storm water similar to the pain that the communities and residents are going through for the sanitary sewers, the storm sewers are close behind unfortunately.

Moe Rayan – as you know we test all of our flows a couple times a year and we report the results to the DEP and the storm water issue as well, so it is not as bad as what is going on with the sewage and so on but it has been in the works for probably since 1999 and eventually it will reach the level that Rick is talking about.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve <u>Resolution No. 2012-044</u> authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into an Agreement with The Penn Hills Football Association.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – Mr. Mayor, I just want to say congratulations to the Midget Football they have been looking for this scoreboard for many, many years.

Moe Rayan – they scored on the scoreboard.

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

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-045 authorizing the Proper Municipal Officials to enter into a Municipal Police Cooperative Agreement for The East Hills DUI Task Force.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I have several questions, I was hoping maybe the Chief would have been here. This Task Force, it is saying DUI Task Force my question would be and maybe Craig you could help me out on this, the first question I have on this does it just relate to DUI's or are we in the position now where other Community Officers can come into Penn Hills and perform the exact arrest that our Officers are performing in Penn Hills?

Craig Alexander – I think the answer is it just pertains to DUI's and DUI Check Points. What you see occurring in there is a North Hills DUI Task Force, there is an East Hill's DUI Task Force there is one that was just authorized over in the North Versailles, North Huntington area and what it is is the District Attorney's Office gives out grants to form these DUI task force and with that Grant money you are able to update all your equipment so it is attractive for your local police departments to join these DUI Task Force and what it is there is multiple communities that come together to have DUI Check Points within the various communities. So it doesn't permit Plum to come in and start policing Penn Hills' borders or Penn Hill's to go into Plum or Verona or any other neighboring Communities what it is it is simply a task force of adjacent communities that are part of the East Hill's DUI Task Force that permits them all to do DUI Check Points.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. because that was my concern. I have no problem with the DUI Task Force because I do know that sometimes they do them on the border lines and so it is used by multiple police departments but I just was concerned that is why I wanted to know if in fact because as I read through here the wording says East Hills DUI Task Force but as I read through here it was a little confusing just where the line was drawn and I wanted to make sure because of the fact that if that would have been the case when they would come into our community I wanted to see if they would be under the direction of our Sergeants, our Lieutenants, our Chief and where the line is drawn here. If it is only for the DUI Task Force I have no problem whatsoever and then I did see on here like there is #5 and #4 if any officer receives any injury it goes under their boro or township or whatever it is and not that it would not come back onto us. Then my final question Craig would be is if there was an incident where there would be someone who would be suing does that mean that because we are going to be responsible or would Penn Hills be brought into it if it was another Plum Boro, Monroeville another officer who created the problem would we then be pulled into the law suit too because of this task force?

Craig Alexander – I think that if somebody is alleging that their rights were violated let's say a person came through the DUI Check Point and was stopped by an officer who happened to be a Plum Boro Police Officer and the person said this Plum Boro Police Officer violated my civil rights I am going to file a law suit, I think any lawyer would name every police force within that task force. I think in the outset you are going to be named.

Mrs. Kuhn – but at this point in time the Resolution that we are passing is just for this DUI Task Force?

Mayor DeLuca – I believe like two years ago we passed it.

Craig Alexander – so just that Mayor and Council is aware you just can't set up a DUI Check Point on any street that you want to. It has to be a road that has been designated as a high DUI area and then they have to publicize it ahead of time to let you know where the DUI check point is going to be.

Mrs. Kuhn – Craig if you could just look at #6 because that is what I was looking at as far as the legalities. Here I have it highlighted.

Craig Alexander – The wording is a little vague but what is appears to be saying that is if an officer from one municipality injures somehow physically injuries somebody then that municipality needs to protect and save harmless the rest of the municipalities. So you would be named but then you would say wait a second you got to cover what the damages are.

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

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve <u>Resolution No. 2012-046</u> awarding a contract to J.M. Paving, Inc. for the 2012 Community Development Paving Project in the Total amount of \$109,154.00.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-047 awarding a contract to Russell Standard Corporation for The Parks Chip Seal Project in the Total Amount of \$42,837.00.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve <u>Resolution 2012-048</u> awarding a Contract to Tresco Paving Corporation for the 2012 Municipal Paving Project in the total amount of \$426,022.40.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-049 awarding a contract to H.C. Global for the purchase and installation of equipment to up fit four police vehicles in the total amount of \$20,012.56 excluding shipping costs.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I do see Moe we do have one bidder on it.

Moe Rayan – yes.

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

REPORTS

Rick Minsterman – o.k. tonight I wanted to go over basically the Draft Feasibility Study work that's been occurring for the past several years, you have paid tens of thousands of dollars for these studies as I mentioned earlier very comprehensive evaluation of literally every sanitary sewer segment in Penn Hills which is required by the Feasibility Study requirements. Let me start large and work down to the individual points of connections which are called POC's Point Of Collection to the ALCOSAN interceptor. You are involved in six POC's; I will go through each one of them.

Letters were provided too that will have a lot of this information so you don't necessarily have to write it all down but you could refer to the letter. Now of those six POC's only two POC's where Penn Hill's is the lead Municipality and what that means is you are either the only Municipality draining to the point of connection or you are the main Municipality so in POC's where there are many municipalities, because if you think of a POC it is a drainage shed it is not defined normally by municipalities it is defined by area, by gravity so the sewers would all

flow by gravity to a specific point of connection. So in two of the POC's you are the lead municipality. We will go over those and in 4 of the POC's you are not the lead someone else has taken the lead in submitting a Summary Draft Feasibility Study Report. Those were due on July 31, 2012 the drafts, the finals are due July 31, 2013 so we have one year to finalize the drafts and basically to commit both financially and to the technology that is being implemented to fix these sewers by that 2013 July date. What we think will happen after that is when you make the submittals and you commit to what you think you need to do in your repairs the DEP will then probably take two years maybe longer to actually review all of these. There are hundreds of POC's, 83 Municipalities that are all submitting reports like this so we figured by 2015 responses will come back in some cases, the DEP will accept what you have proposed and in other cases they will deny it and say that it was not aggressive enough. Normally I doubt they are going to say you are spending too much money but then there will be a period where they will challenge and you will have negotiations back and forth on what exactly gets proposed. So you know too a little background on why they might argue as I talked about looking at your system from a 1, 2, 5 and a 10 year storm event. I think you all know the IO year storm events are pretty rare the probability of them occurs only once every ten years so they are very large storms and that actually is what the DEP is hoping everyone will design their systems to control. So in a ten year storm event no overflow. Very costly. In most cases the municipalities are going to succumb to a 2 year storm event. Part of the Feasibility Study was to look at the cost for 1, 2, 5 and 10 and you can bet if the two year storm event control is similar in cost to this ten year storm event you are going to be required to do the ten year storm event. An exception might be that the cost to do the 10 year event versus the two year to control the two year event is significantly higher and not feasible as it relates to the community. Not being able to afford that repair and maintain a reasonable percentage of their income going towards the sewer rates. So those are a lot of details we will get into but I will try to keep it short by staying at the higher level. So we will get into the first POC is known as T-09. This is a very large drainage area it encompasses Monroeville, Wilkins Township, Turtle Creek, Plum Boro. The volumes of flow that are estimated are 117.0 Million Gallons Per Day. That is

the peak flow. That just gives you an idea of the volume of flow coming down to this point of connection. 117 Million Gallons Per Day is the peak. Monroeville was the lead Municipality they have along with three rivers and other Municipalities in this POC have done a comprehensive study, they have gone through numerous alternatives and they came up with the preliminary Capital Cost for their preferred alternative to resolve the capacity problems in T-09 which Penn Hills is a part of at \$18.7 million dollars. So that project for the POC is slated for \$18.7 million. The good news is that Penn Hills is a very minor contributor to this but you can see that even one percent is 180,000 so even a very minor contribution to flow to this POC will result in a significant amount of paying or buy in to fix the sewers. So one of the things that we won't talk about tonight cause it hasn't been evaluated is what is that cost. What is that percentage how is this cost going to be broken out by Municipality. The first phase, the draft phase was to evaluate the technologies not to look at who would pay what and why and how. It is from a technical standpoint to solve the problem with the least cost for the overall project. Now you could see where one community may pay more for the good of the overall project whereas if the higher price project was recommended that same community might actually pay less. So depending on how communities are evaluated do they allocate your percent by the number of houses in the POC or is it by the discharge of flow that you're contributing. So you can see however you look at it it could result in a different cost allocation. So that hasn't been attempted yet you can image that is going to be a pretty hairy undertaking, but right now for T-09 that is the cost and by the way that is for a 2 year storm event. They didn't identify what the cost was well we didn't summarize what the ten year event was I would expect that it is significantly higher, double or triple that in cost and that is why it was not proposed as the preferred alternative. That is T-09.

Next and I am going to go through the ones that you are not the lead municipality on first that you are just a contributor.

Next is known as M-47. The Communities that are involved with M-47 and when you hear all these there are a lot them you are going to wonder why you are involved with them but your contribution is also

very minor to this particular POC as well. So it consists of Penn Hills obviously, Churchill, Braddock Hills, Edgewood, Swissvale, Wilkinsburg and that is it. Oh yes and PWSA. PWSA is the lead Municipality that is the City of Pittsburgh Municipal Authority who is handling their sanitary sewage. They prepared the report. The design storm in this particular is a two year design storm so it is the lesser control but in this case there is also combined sanitary sewage that is introduced. On that side of the coin and we don't talk a lot about combined sewers because your order isn't written that you have any but they control the combined sewers by the number of overflows. Overflows are legal in a combined sewer so they want you to design your system so that you either have zero overflows, 4 overflows, or ten overflows. Similar to the 1, 2, 5 and 10 year storm events for sanitary but for combined sewers it is how many times you are going to overflow. With a two year storm for the sanitary side of the equation and overflows for the combined side the estimated cost will first the flows you see the difference because it is storm water introduced is 420 million gallon per day which would need to be controlled under zero overflows and a 2 year storm event. So you can see compared to the 118 million that was in the other separate sewer when you introduce storm water to a combined system the volumes of flow goes way up so the cost do too obviously. So the cost associated with that and this is the high end cost of all the options because they go through 2 year with zero overflows, 4 overflows, 10 overflows there are a bunch of scenarios, but 0 overflows in a 2 year storm event \$42,000,000 is the cost estimate for that project. Once again even one percent of a \$42M dollar project is \$400,000 so a very minor contributor is going to write a hefty check.

Next is A-42. The lead Municipality is PWSA; Wilkinsburg is also a part of that POC. This happens to be one that Penn Hills is a significant contributor and I am going to guess between 15 and 25% and that is just based on flow that you contribute to this POC. So you could infer at this point that could roughly be potential contribution from Penn Hills to resolve the problems in this particular POC. Once again I will give the worst case scenario. In this case the worst case scenario is \$43,000,000 but it also goes all the way down to \$9,000,000. Now if you do the math that is a few million dollars depending on which

alternate is selected. The alternates once again that were selected are the least cost best alternative to solve the problems in this sewer shed. Now the problems in this sewer shed at this POC are in the City. They are seeing them in the City. This is close actually to the Washington Blvd. area. So these are areas that they are struggling with controlling both storm and sanitary. So there are options that Penn Hills has that will be evaluated now that we understand what the overall project is in ways if we got out of that POC altogether then you wouldn't be a contributor for example so if we can find a way to come up with a different solution than to contribute to this solution then you wouldn't be a part of this and so therefore you wouldn't have cost. So that is the role that the Feasibility Study will play out now that this report from PWSA is complete is to find out how can we limit, minimize or eliminate the cost to Penn Hills as a part of this POC. So this is the one that is going to take the most effort that has the most concern from a standpoint of cost. Remember that these projects aren't required to be installed until 2026. #1 and #2 one of the tactics that may be employed if these costs are real and I didn't mention that in the beginning I believe these costs are significantly exaggerated meaning the people that are putting these together are being ultra conservative in many ways and these costs are very high, but still everyone used the same tool to estimate so the cost you can compare versus one engineer being conservation and one being very liberal. It is the same tool, but still I think the tool is over estimated a bit but the point I was making was when these particular costs now that they are out we can look at what options there are to avoid these costs and look at other ways to solve these problems. So anyway I think it goes without saying that the reason you are at the top of the sewer shed, PWSA is at the bottom of the sewer shed and there is another municipality coming in. What is happening now is that the way that these agreements are being structured is that the upper municipalities don't have the luxury of only fixing their system. They have the burden of assisting with the system downstream. Because part of the problem of the downstream communities is seeing is as a result of the upstream communities flow so that is the logic behind why the upstream communities are required to participate. One thing that hasn't been evaluated yet that we certainly will, if your flow if the flow you are contributing is reasonable and I mean doesn't have excess

infiltration and inflow or is consistent with what a small amount of infiltration would be for the number that you are discharging to then we would be able to argue that we are not a part of the overflow problem that we are discharging the correct amount of flow so that level of argument hasn't been made yet either. So when I say 15 – 25% that is a wild guess based on just looking at preliminary flows trying to give you some level of where you might be in this whole process. By no means could it be less than my low end of 15% based on lots of techniques that we are going to evaluate.

Mrs. Kuhn – can I just ask you a question before we go on so while we are on this because this is very concerning. If we have a certain number of houses that the flow is going through our system into say the City of Pittsburgh system if our houses are putting in the amount of flow that is approximately allowable for that house and because the City of Pittsburgh might be having a larger flow then why would we have to pay a percentage at all? Because if we have flow going in there but our flow is a normal flow and the City of Pittsburgh or whatever other shed it would be if they have an overflow in essence then they are saying that Penn Hills has to pay for the City of Pittsburgh's overflow. That is not fair.

Rick Minsterman – that is one of the tactics that I mentioned that we would evaluate if to look at that if the excess is coming from our municipality or somewhere else and that could be the basis of how distribution of cost is expended. Let's say that you were higher that would be normal but you were able to spend a small amount of money to reduce that flow to then get it to a normal flow and now not participate in this project at all. So yes that is certainly what we would be looking at on Penn Hill's behalf. What happened in this report and what they had proposed was no evaluation of who was contributing what. They measured the flow at the point of connection and said it is 400,000,000 million gallons per day during these types of events and this is a problem because our system down below can't handle it so it wasn't evaluated yet on the cost allocation. That is why I was saying in the beginning these were just engineering projects. they are real projects, the cost might be a little high but they are real costs and there are going to be mandates by the regulators to

implement these projects. So our task now is to look at how we do just what you said evaluate what we are contributing and who's causing the problem the most.

Mrs. Kuhn – just because they have an overflow, they can't say well because you have 10% of houses going into that then you have to pay 10% of our overflow, Penn Hills has paid in our municipality to control this, so I don't feel that this is fair and DEP is not very fair and they make their generalizations here but I mean we need to be proactive here and make sure we are going to say to them this is not acceptable we are not going to take this charge.

Rick Minsterman – these reports are brand new they are just out they just were due July 31 so this is all within a month of us getting this information. We summarized it, got it to Moe so then you could make the submittal so all of this is very new and very just discovered and that is part of like I said what we will do know is go back and defend and say why this isn't our problem. Or to evaluate if we do have a problem if there is something that Penn Hills is creating we will look to fix it internally and not participate in some \$40,000,000 effort. O.K. so next is Sewer Shed 842-A and also there is a sub-shed, a smaller shed of 842-A-30, we will just call it 842-A. This particular POC, Penn Hill's is the main contributor to this POC. Basically only Wilkinsburg has a very small number of homes, I think it is 20 compared to our 7,300 so they have a very minor contribution to this almost no input at all. But essentially this POC is experiencing capacity problems and it is all within Penn Hills and a lot of these you are going to know when I talk about them we talked about them in the past. Lime Hollow is one. Lime Hollow is a chronic area of overflows that system obviously red flagged it did pop out of the analysis to say that it did not have capacity sufficient capacity that capacity problem also surfaces along Sandy Creek Road although we were able to find a method to eliminate that but for now so you know basically the cost for Lime Hollow there were different costs, the costs basically to reconstruct the Lime Hollow Sewer Line which is an upsize sewer line so it can take all the flow and deliver it downstream so that you don't have overflows and it is 2.3 million dollars. That is the high end that is to control the highest level of storm as you move down the scale there

are other options that could temporary relieve the situation but probably won't be accepted by DEP so this evaluation or this alternative to solve the problem at Lime Hollow can be ongoing, that number is like I said high. So when I get through all these the summarize at the end although this \$2.3 million dollars is a lot of money but we talked about this in the past when we compare the things that Penn Hills is going to have to do compared to the other Municipalities and you have heard the magnitudes of projects so far in just three or four areas this is going to be very small in comparison to those. I will keep going. The next is Beulah Road. I think most of you know about Beulah Road there was a project already, a significant project that was in the Consent Order to upsize Beulah Road all the way down to the facility at the base of Beulah Road, Long Road at the time we implemented that project we knew that first of all the project was designated a long time ago and it didn't necessary solve the Beulah Road problem. We still have grinder pumps on Beulah Road at particular homes because it stops the flooding at those homes. Those grinder pumps need to be removed as part of the permanent solution in the Feasibility Study. So there is an extension of that sewer expansion that needs to be implemented to catch all those homes and solve that problem completely. The projected cost is about a thousand lineal feet of sewer line that needs upsized is around \$900,000. There is also a potential savings of around \$200,000 if we can reroute sewage through the backyards and avoid upsizing the pipe along Beulah Road but obviously getting the \$200,000 savings would mean going on to private property and getting easements and getting permission and so we would have to evaluate what the level of effort would be to do that versus the \$200,000 that we might get. So anyway that would be something that would be looked at over the next year.

Mayor DeLuca – excuse me on Beulah Road I thought we were looking at I know we weren't sure but when we upsized that certain portion of pipe we were hoping that it would correct the problem so are you saying no matter what we still have to finish it?

Rick Minsterman - What is happening is the line that we upsized is functioning great. From the point where it goes from a small diameter to a big diameter it can't get out of the small diameter fast

enough into the big diameter so it eventually backs up. So there are few sections that are functioning just upstream of where we fixed but as you move up into the system it is just too small to handle the flow. So let's assume worse case \$900,000 on that particular solution. Next this is an interesting solution or even a situation we have been calling it Nadine Road, you may know that there are 18 homes on Nadine that are all on private on lot sewer systems. Those systems have begun to fail. They only last so long, once they fail you need to get a permit from DEP to reinstall those systems. By the way they are quite expensive they are mini treatment plants, they are not sand mounds and filtration systems so they are very expensive so it is either to condemn the home or pay a lot of money to have your sewage treated so there have been two families that have opted that their systems have failed and opted to take that large cost to treat their sewage. **DEP** said they will not issue any more permits to allow the home owners to repair their systems so either they are served by public sewers or the houses will eventually be condemned. With that in mind and realizing that we have a pump station at that location we looked at what the elimination of the pump station would do in cost savings and then run a complete new sewer line down Nadine Road, #1 to eventually save the houses but certainly not to be the reason to do it but as a great benefit and what that would cost so to get to the point to run a sanitary line all the way down Nadine I can't remember the length but it is few thousand feet so it is three thousand feet or so let's say and to control a ten year storm event, nine million gallons a day flow at a cost of about \$5,000,000. I am sorry it is \$1.9 million dollars to install that new system the bad news, the good news is the savings that you could realize over a thirty year period by closing the pump station is \$1.9 million dollars. So it is actually a wash when you look at the total life cycle of the new sewer system, constructing that and retiring the pump station that you have. So that would be all the operation and maintenance you have on the pump station that would be replacing the pumps every so often as a cycle so all that cost with running a pump station actually equal the cost to install a line along Nadine. Like I said you heard the benefits. This project also eliminates some of the Sandy Creek remember when I said the Lime Hollow cost they had some Sandy creek upsizing this project would also eliminate the portion of the Sandy Creek upsizing as well. But

you have to spend the \$1.9 million dollars today and then it takes you thirty years to get it back. Some may see that as a detriment I look at it if you took a loan and you had the debt service per year to pay for the \$1.9 million over thirty years would be similar to the savings that you would not be paying anymore as a result of decommissioning the pump station. One last thing the timing of these things you would have to build the project and then decommission the pump station so we couldn't decommission the pump station for ten years collect that money and wait and then build the new sewer because the sewage from the pump station had nowhere to go.

Mayor DeLuca – Rick on that pump station we would build a line and just get rid of the pump station and just let it flow down the new line?

Rick Minsterman – all the flow that comes to the pump station gravity wise and then it is pumped up to a different location it would just be connected to the gravity point and run down Nadine and then connect to the new point of connection in ALCOSAN down by the water Nadine Treatment Station.

Mayor DeLuca – where is it pumping to, is it pumping to one of these other connections?

Rick Minsterman – yes it pumps it up and it goes to Sandy Creek and then down to the Volk Station where the office is where the Water Pollution Control Department so it is adding all that flow to that facility which also removing all that flow from the Volk Facility saves cost and operation there as well as overflow at that location.

Mayor DeLuca – o.k. out of that \$2.4 million how much would we save if we spent the \$1.9 million and would that eliminate that project?

Rick Minsterman – which, the Sandy Creek. No it would not eliminate the Lime Hollow it would eliminate some of the upsizing it would be a small amount less than \$100,000 dollars.

Mayor DeLuca – for Lime Hollow?

Rick Minsterman – for the Sandy Creek portion of Lime Hollow yes.

Mayor DeLuca – if we did the Nadine Project then the Sandy Creek/Lime Hollow would be around \$100,000?

Rick Minsterman – yes, you might get that savings out of it.

This is a design, we would need to get permission from ALCOSAN, they would need to have room in the line and there are certain things like that that still would happen but this letter that I am reading from now is our announcement to ALCOSAN as to what we are proposing and we aren't even saying we are doing this, we are just saying this is one of the options Penn Hills is considering if they have objection to it or if there is a problem with it they are going to get back to us and say no you can't do this for this reason then we begin to talk as to why if you even wanted to do this.

Mayor DeLuca – on the Lime Hollow and Sandy Creek when Penn Hills first got into this mess they connected ALCOSAN down at Allegheny River Blvd, wasn't anyone concerned that the lines were to small back then didn't anyone look to see?

Rick Minsterman – I think the basis of your Consent Decree back in the early 90's was to manage the flows at points of overflow and I think Lime Hollow wasn't active at the time or sort of flew under the radar. Just like Beulah, Beulah was a similar one that they extorted so much from you in these other areas that even they didn't have the Gaul to come after you for such small overflow. But now that everything else is corrected now they stand out as large overflow events because everything else has been controlled. O.k. the subset that I mentioned which was A42-A30 is known as Quigley, it is a Quigley Pump Station. It is very odd, it is part of a Consent Decree punishment that I call it and it is really a facility that protects ALCOSAN, when a flow gets to high this pump station activates and pumps the flow back to Volk, the Volk Station which is the Sandy Creek Station where the office is and for some reason it is not allowed

to continue to flow down into the ALCOSAN. In a normal rain events or normal operation it flows directly to the ALCOSAN sewer. When it starts to rain and the flows pick up it kicks on to the pump station and kicks it back to your equalization facility and saves space in the ALCOSAN line. So you are paying a substantial amount associated with that cost of that pump station. I know there is a cost savings to it, I know what it was, we didn't want to tell, we didn't want to list it to ALCOSAN what the cost saving was to Penn Hills but it is a significant cost saving over a thirty year life of removing a pump station. And the cost of removing it is about \$35,000, so this is a no brainer from Penn Hills perspective that this pump station should be removed. Now the glitch is going to be what is ALCOSAN going to say that was part of the Consent Decree what is wrong with their line that they can't take our additional flow so ALCOSAN as Moe mentioned has a Consent Decree we have Consent Order and their Consent Decree they are required to accept all flow from the municipalities. So I am curious to see what they are going to say when their order says that they have to accept our flow when in this case they are not. So we will be challenging that to see what exactly the reason would be and maybe they just issued their report like we issued this five page report from Penn Hills they issued a 1,000 page report for their facility so we have yet to see what they are proposing in this particular line because if they upsize their line then that means our sewage can be accepted easily. Because it is basically just a reroute of the sewage that gets to the very same line anyway but it uses our equalization facility to hold it until ALCOSAN is ready to take it. So anyway this report says to ALCOSAN we want to eliminate this pump station. O.K. next is POC T-04-02 that is also primarily dominated by Penn Hills, Wilkins and Churchill. You may remember the Lougeay Road Pump Station that is an offset of this but in this particular POC there is no problem with the capacity, there is no project proposed so there is no cost. So this is the first one that I have heard of in any community where there is actually no required projects. Now the reason is because you have done your projects and this is primarily Penn Hills and the work that you have done and the tanks that you have installed the pump stations are functioning still correctly to this day and so therefore there is zero cost here. There is work mentioned the Lougeay Road Pump Station there is a potential cost savings there if we can negotiate the other

municipalities to send flow, there contribution to their POC is that they have to upsize their line, I am talking about Churchill and Wilkins. They are sharing a line that runs down Rodi Road it is severely under capacity and they are facing a multi-million dollar project to upsize that line so that they can then send their flow it has nothing to do with us however we have identified and are going to make a case to them to say hey for a fee you can avoid your project and come into our interceptor which has space. The fee obviously is the kicker. We are working on that right now that is only a benefit, only a bonus to Penn Hills still no cost in that POC. So last one is one that we really didn't receive yet or I should just say we just got but not at the time these were written, I think we just got it the 31st of last week. It is A-45 it is an overflow point in Verona. Verona is the lead candidate there. It has most of the flow they have identified a project of about \$840,000 to control a 2 year storm event. So at this point I don't know where we stand flow wise, percentage wise once again it is a small project relative to what we have been talking about tonight in tens of millions so really I haven't sat down and totaled all of this certainly can't total the ones where you are a contributor to but if we just look at the 842 that we talked about that there were several projects there that is where I actually come up with that \$5 million dollars it is for the total projects that we spoke about but it doesn't take into account savings we can gain both from the Quigley Pump Station Retirement and Lincoln Pump Station Retirement so that is worth \$2 million dollars in itself. When you look at housekeeping in-house in Penn Hills you are the second largest municipality in Allegheny County. Obviously the City of Pittsburgh being one and your total potential outlay could be \$3 million dollars that is amazing that is a tremendous accomplishment and that \$3 million dollars sets you until 2026 so all along for years I have said wait and see when the day comes when the other Municipalities are writing their reports you are going to see a lot of money expended and I hoped and I think it came true that Penn Hills was not and so just hearing a few of these like I said there were hundreds of POC's the four we talked about were in the tens of millions. So you know there is going to be a fierce battle and we are going to be laying low and taking no pain so anyway I just wanted to say that I think that is a tremendous accomplishment not that you haven't paid your dues and haven't worked hard to get there. You are

going to see rates from everyone else rise above Penn Hills. This is an excellent report and the funny thing is ironically when you did your projects in the 90's to do those same projects today would probably be 30% more in capital costs. They figure about a 3% each year so it could be 50-60% more so ironically I say by doing them was a benefit to doing them now.

Mayor DeLuca – real quick on that ALCOSAN they have to do upgrades to their treatment plant and the whole ALCOSAN when they raise their rates is Penn Hills just going to be on the line for the projects they did for the plant or are we going to be on the hook for the other Municipalities?

Rick Minsterman – it is not for the municipalities. Only for what ALCOSAN owns and builds which are the interceptors and the treatment plant. The projects I talked about tonight has nothing to do with it.

Mrs. Kuhn – that is our main concern is that we paid our dues it is our time now and we are not going to contribute to someone paying for what they have to do.

Rick Minsterman – exactly. So that is all I have, sorry it took a long time but it is very important it has been happening and for years you had to be thinking what the heck are we paying these bills for Feasibility Studies.

Mrs. Kuhn – and even though Rick because of the fact that Mayor and Council was given the reports and knew what was going on it was very difficult to explain that to our Residents because they kept saying how other communities aren't paying other communities and we kept telling them but they will but they will but that was no concern to them they were talking about now. So it is good to see this has come into effect because now in the next short period of time they will see and this is so wonderful that Penn Hills is going out of this pretty well clean because of the fact of what we have done and now it is time for the other surrounding communities to pay their dues too. Penn Hills was a poster child for so many many years by DEP.

Mayor DeLuca - thanks Rick.

Rick Minsterman - you are welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Deluca entertained a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

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MAUREEN M. SORCE MANAGER'S SECRETARY