

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The September 4, 2012 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:36 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. A couple of changes to The Agenda. Under expenditures the master checks should be 22021 – 22268 and on Resolutions, Resolution No. 2012-052 in the body of the Resolution the amount should be \$43,750 the rest of the agenda will stand as presented. Will you please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Manager Rayan, Secretary Sorce, Planning Director Davidson, Finance Director Schrecengost and Solicitor Alexander.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mayor DeLuca – Mr. Gerald Schiller

Gerald Schiller - My name is Gerald Schiller, my wife Elsa we live at 123 Fayburn Court. Fayburn Court is in the Verona Zip Code. The reason I mention that is because we do not get the Penn Progress supplement in the weekly Penny Saver. And the reason I mention that is about a month ago a friend who lives in the Penn Hills Zip Code, 15235 asked my wife about the number of burglaries in our area. Particularly one on our street. I was surprised because I was the

designated Crime Watch Captain on our street in the area for many years and I haven't heard a thing about any of these crimes. When I called Patrick Varine who is the news editor of the Progress her friend read about these in the Progress Police Blotter. So when I called Patrick Varine, the news editor of the Progress he told me Mr. Pusateri of the Penn Hill's Record Department sends him weekly information on Crimes that he publishes in the police blotter. So I called Mr. Pusateri and asked him to put me on the mailing list that he sends to Mr. Varine. Mr. Pusateri said he couldn't do that and that I should take up the matter with Penn Hill's Council if I have a question about the Penn Hills Crime Watch Program. So that is why we are here. What is with the Non-existent Penn Hills Crime Watch Program?

Mayor DeLuca - The Penn Hills Crime Watch is still available they are just doing different things like right now they are running the Police Academy out in Monroeville showing citizens the different techniques that the Police Departments are using.

Mr. Schiller - I thought the primary purpose was to notify area crime watch captains so we could spread the word to our neighbors and they spread the word to be on the lookout for crime. It was operating very well a couple of years ago when Dennis Lynch was in charge of it. I used to get regular e-mails with all the crimes. Now I get nothing.

Mayor DeLuca - yes that is something they have to work on is the e-mails.

Mr. Schiller - it is non-existent as far as we are concerned. I have been concerned about it ran it for years but it's not running at all now.

Mayor DeLuca - I do know they are running different programs but we will see what they can do about like sending out e-mails.

Mr. Schiller - coincidentally, Howard just gave us this brochure on the Penn Hills Library Concerts. Now if you can do this on concerts why can't the Police Department do something like this? This is inexcusable.

Mayor DeLuca – o.k. thank you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 6, 2012.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mr. Underwood abstained because he was not present. There being no further discussion the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

EXPENDITURES

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Expenditures: Approval of Warrants dated September 4, 2012. Journal vouchers 1 - \$557,894.38; C.D. Requisitions – 3 - \$19,806.25; Master 22021 - 22268 in the amount of \$1,703,814.18; Grand Total - \$2,281,514.81.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Jim Carnahan – 201 Jefferson Road – I just like to know one thing on Page 18 on Nick’s Auto Repairs there are different check numbers here in the amount of \$16,000.00. Now what period does this cover? I hope it is not just one month or so. How long does this contract last?

Moe Rayan – we have checks here from July 11 and work prior to that so you are talking a couple months and if you look at it Mr. Carnahan some of the vehicles received substantial repairs, a couple transmission work and stuff like that.

Jim Carnahan – there are some hefty checks in here. Is there anyway that you can get on here the period that it covers or is that not in the program?

Mayor DeLuca – it looks like it is. If you go by the invoice date it looks like some of it is for the end of June, July and the beginning part of August.

Jim Carnahan – how long is this Contract?

Mayor DeLuca – every two years.

Moe Rayan – two years.

Jim Carnahan – is it just about up?

Moe Rayan – it will probably be up in the Spring of 2013, I believe.

Jim Carnahan – thank you.

Mrs. Kuhn – Just so that the rest of the Council and public knows I did also Jim I call the manager on Nick's Auto Repair because of the fact that it was a substantial amount of \$16,000.00 and last month we were over \$8,000.00 so I did call the Manager and asked him why they seemed to be increasing because everyone knows I keep mentioning that we have bought new vehicles. I know that we have vehicles that have 80 to 100,000 and plus miles on them and they are on the road 24/7 but my concern was that it has always been that way. You know from years previously too. So I was very concerned about the increase and the Manager did get back to me after he spoke to the Chief and to the Lieutenant that handles the invoices and it did show that there are like I think five or six that are close to \$2,000 each and if you take that off we are more or less in the ball park, but my concern is that the maintenance seems to be increasing even though we are getting newer vehicles on the road. Now the only questions I did have Moe that I didn't ask you when you got back to me and I do appreciate it because I didn't give you much notice there were two transmissions rebuilt one for \$2,145 and one for \$2,099.95 and it is my understanding Nick's does not do the transmissions but I am assuming that the reason why we go through Nicks and not going out eliminating the middle man is I am assuming that the Municipality is getting a better price because the person doing the transmission is giving the price that he would give to Nick's Auto other than just the general public.

Moe Rayan – I believe that is the reason we are going to Nick's Auto. It is different than what would be given to the General Public.

Mrs. Kuhn – yes, that is what I thought. I didn't know why we were going through a middle man to get the transmissions repaired but I just wanted to make sure that was the reason that we probably get a better price because they are giving a price that they would give to a business other than just the General Public.

Moe Rayan – that is correct.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. and then the other one that I did mention was I did call about Gateway Engineer because I saw that Gateway Engineers cost was over \$80,000 this month. I just wanted to elaborate to the Manager that we are 2/3 of the way through our 2012 Budget and it appears at this point in time through the work of Mayor and Council and especially the work of the Manager and his staff that we seem to be well on track and hopefully we are going to be at the end of the year where we are not going to have a deficit and so I wanted to make sure that we were staying on course and not doing projects that didn't necessarily need to be done because of the fact that we might have an abundance. The Manager went over everything with me in detail on Nick's and also with Gateway that answered all my concerns and questions on the cost of it, but I can see Jim why you would bring it up because when I looked at it it was a red flag to me also. Thank you.

Mrs. Kuhn abstained from check 22107 for \$1,001.89, 22165 for \$195 and 22244 for \$600.00 to Don Kuhn Auto Body, yes on all others.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-050 approving The Memorandum of Understanding between The Imagine Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship and The Penn Hills Police Department and authorizing The Mayor to execute the same.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – The memo that we have attached from the Penn Hills Chief of Police is showing that this is a memorandum that is required by law and that it is identical to the one that we have with the Penn Hills School District. Is that correct?

Moe Rayan – that is correct.

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

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-051 awarding a Contract to Lone Pine Construction, Inc. for Contract 1 The Long Road Pump Station Grinder of The Sanitary Sewer Facility Improvements Project.

Mr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-052 awarding a Contract to David W. Jones Company for Contract 2 The Gascola EQ Facility Electrical Improvements of the Sanitary Sewer Facility Improvements Project.

Dr. Underwood seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-053 awarding a contract to W & J Contractors, Inc., for The 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Demolition, Package 3 Project.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-054 awarding a Contract to Lutterman Excavating for The 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Demolition, Package 3 Project in the amount of \$16,800.00.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-055 awarding a contract to CWM Environmental, Inc. for the maintenance and repair of Sewage Pump Stations.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I see that there were only 2 contractors who asked for the bids and unfortunately there was only 1 contractor that came in, is that correct?

Moe Rayan – that is correct.

Mrs. Kuhn – and is it for a 2 year period and the 2nd year it would be an increase of \$3,600, correct?

Moe Rayan - That is correct, yes.

Mrs. Kuhn – Thank you.

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

REPORTS

Mrs. Kuhn – Mayor, I just wanted to give a report I know that you had asked me to represent you on August 21, 2012 because you had another engagement for the presentation held at Gascola Slag and I wanted just to say that it was a very nice grant that was given for a study for possible development at the sight and that the Turtle Creek COG had worked long and hard to obtain that grant and any development that would be in that area would not only benefit Penn Hills but it would also benefit the surrounding communities. Our Penn Hills Officials and our staffs and especially State Representative Tony DeLuca who have been working for a number of years to bring development not only to the Gascola Slag but also to the Universal Atlas Cement Plant as well. So this grant is the first step for a very positive project and again I want to thank everyone who was involved for a job well done.

Mrs. Kuhn – one other Mr. Mayor. I did receive in our packet Moe the letters that you had sent out to the Borough of Churchill and to the Borough of Wilkins in regarding their use of our sewer system and I hope that we stand strong on that and the only thing that I fear is I am hoping that the surrounding communities do not contact their Congressman or Senators and that they try to put some type of heavy hand on the Municipality and that we are able to stand strong because of the fact it is our turn now and so these surrounding communities who sat back in the back ground and were more or less enjoying the pain and agony that our residents had to go through well now it is their turn and I hope that they don't get to come in and not have to pay their fair share. Moe I compliment on those letters and I appreciate all the work that you have done for it and I am hoping that if that is the case

that we find soon enough so we can also present our case because what's fair is fair.

Moe Rayan – that is correct. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Deluca entertained a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

DATE

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