

NOVEMBER 18, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The November 18, 2013 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor DeLuca – Good evening we will call this meeting to order. The Agenda will stand as presented, we have one addition Nancy Anderson will speak. We will put her under Citizens to Address Council. With that the Agenda will stand. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

**Mr. Underwood – Absent
Mayor DeLuca
Dr. Kincaid
Mrs. Kuhn
Mr. Palumbo**

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

RECOGNITION

Mayor DeLuca - The Penn Hills Lady Indians, the 2013 Fast Pitch they went undefeated 10-0 this year in Fall Ball and we want to congratulate them, congratulate your coaches and your parents. Really girls that is a fantastic accomplishment you should be really proud of yourselves and I wish you continued success as the team moves on further. Council, does anyone else have any comments?

Mrs. Kuhn – I just want to congratulate all of you. It is so nice to see nice young people in our audience and congratulations to their parents too because I know that you have to be very dedicated to take them to their practices and their games. So it is very nice to have this

for Penn Hills to be something to be proud of so thank you girls for all your work.

Dr. Kincaid – I will just add to that. It is wonderful to see something very positive coming out of Penn Hills. All of us in this room love Penn Hills and we want the best for it. These young girls, Lady Indians, represent the best that Penn Hills has to offer Mayor and we are very proud of them and congratulations to all of you.

Mr. Palumbo – I would also like to thank you for representing Penn Hills. It is quite an accomplishment what you girls did 10-0 and I understand you represented the Municipality well. Thank you.

Mayor DeLuca – if we could have Ron Donahue come up.

Mayor and Council came down and shook the girls' hands. Each girl was called up and presented a certificate. The whole team, coaches got their pictures taken with Mayor & Council.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Mayor DeLuca – Is there a Leslie Pandy here?

Leslie Pandy – 341 Bryant Drive – Mayor DeLuca and Council thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to speak. My grievance is and I am sure that you are all aware of the - I received a letter about my sewage bill and it is not a recent sewage bill. This sewage bill is from 2008 and I am certain that you have heard about this I read it in the local paper a few months ago but I am still receiving notices from Portnoff Law Associates and I have four things that I am upset with. Well I wouldn't say upset with but perplexed about why now after five years are you telling me that I owe a sewage bill. Five years past. Second this is my very first notice, I don't get a pink slip, a yellow slip I don't get a call I don't get any type of notice I get a letter from an attorney law firm, that is my very first notice that I ever had about a sewage bill. Third this bill is saying it is from Central Tax and Central Tax cannot be very well trusted and since a lot of the mishandling and the discrepancies how do I really know that what they are sending me

is true because what they sent me I can probably do this on my son's phone what they sent me. Fourth I am not disputing if I do owe the money. If I honestly and truly do owe the money I do not have a problem paying the fee and I am sure that it was just with all the mishandling of it at the time I am trying to be very objective and I am certain that it was overlooked but why am I being penalized for fees and interest for something that I wasn't even aware of. I want to know what is your resolution about this? Because I am very disappointed that one you never notified me about this. You didn't consult with me in this matter before taking legal action. I am a law abiding citizen and I do pay my taxes and I wrote a letter. I never received a response from the Municipality. I know you received it because I got the slip back from the Post Office and I also wrote to the law office to send me what they had and they sent me like I said whatever they printed out on the computer here for me and actually these documents when I am looking at these documents it is telling me I have already paid and I am up to date, if I am looking at this correctly. I am not delinquent but I still have three letters from the law firm that I still owe. That is my response from them. They don't even explain they just say you owe this and every month I get another letter and it tells me I owe more money and I want to know what the resolution is about this. Something has to be done because I know I am not the only one.

Mayor DeLuca – first the answer to your first question. When we did switch over to the water companies and we were phasing out Central Tax what happened in 2008 you received two water bills you got one from Central Tax and you got one from the water companies. The water companies are for the same quarter that is up to date. Central Tax always fell like a quarter behind. So when we were switching over all the residents got like two sewage bills at the same time. The reason you talked about pink slips you wouldn't get a pink slip not from the water companies because that is only when we switched they started fresh so anything that happened with the water companies you wouldn't of gotten a pink slip or a yellow slip or anything like that it would have been on a current basis. Central Tax when they turned over the records, what do we do with all this because they were a horrible collection agency for the Municipality and actually I think they are bankrupt right now. So it took time to

sort through the records and stuff but if you could give the Manager what you have so he can research it with the finance office and then also your phone number so he can get in touch with you and talk to you.

Leslie Pandy – who is the Manager?

Mayor DeLuca – Moe Rayan.

Leslie Pandy – o.k. I am trying to write your name down.

Mr. Rayan – o.k. just give me your number and someone will be in contact with you.

Ed Schrecengost – explained to Leslie Pandy. (in-audible).

Moe Rayan – you need to call my office.

Mayor DeLuca – if you call the Manger tomorrow then he can talk to you and we can get things straightened out.

Moe Rayan – I will write my number down for you.

Mayor DeLuca – next we have Irene.

Irene McLaughlin – thank you. Returning from the conversation that we started back On October 7 at your last Council Meeting on the issue of full Code Enforcement Staffing and I am here on behalf of the Penn Hills CDC Housing Committee which I do chair and there is a number of members from the CDC and the Housing Committee here as well and I thank them for being here. So we did start to have the conversation and I do appreciate that you made it very clear that your hands are tied as far as two litigated positions so I don't want to go over that again and I don't know with regard to other positions whether you want the opportunity to explain to all of us what might be happening.

Mayor DeLuca – yes after the first conversation we talked to the Manager about it and then just recently promoted John McCafferty and he is no longer Acting Director but Director.

Moe Rayan - excuse me there is a correction. It is proposed in the Budget.

Irene McLaughlin – o.k. excellent.

Moe Rayan – if it is approved it will be effective January 1, 2014.

Irene McLaughlin – is there a way we can help support that through any budget process.

Mrs. Kuhn – well we have our budget meetings. The first one is just for public input. Mayor and Council we don't give our input at that time we take the input from the audience and then we have a second one and then sometimes a third one.

Mayor DeLuca – the first budget meeting is at 7:00 P.M. December 2, 2013. Then December 16, 2013 is when Mayor & Council give their recommendations and comments about the budget.

Irene McLaughlin – o.k. excellent. Thank you very much. I do appreciate that a lot so that clarified that there is now a proposed Director in John McCafferty as of January 1 so then does that now mean that there is an open position?

Mayor DeLuca – yes on January 1, 2014 once he moves up there will be one open position which we can fill.

Irene McLaughlin – o.k. excellent and there is a Housing Coordinator position in addition?

Moe Rayan – I will have to look at the budget but I believe John McCafferty acted both as the Housing Coordinator and the Acting Director. Once he goes up to the Director's position probably his duties will be the Housing Coordinator as well. Some of that work in

terms of the rehab loans and so forth that was phased out to the Planning Department, Chris Blackwell under the supervision of Howard Davidson is performing some of that work and some schooling took place through Chris Blackwell so we are hoping that he will be able to attack those tasks.

Irene McLaughlin –very good. I very much appreciate that. Do you mind if I look back to see if there are any other questions?

Don Sanker – 780 Long Road – green bag filled with debris on Beulah Road.

Moe Rayan – it is the responsibility of the property owner that purchased the bags they have to get them picked up and of course these bags are purchased from Home Depot. Is that what you are talking about?

Don Sanker – the resident hasn't done anything about it for six weeks. It is just sitting there and it is a main entrance into Penn Hills.

Mayor DeLuca – we need a number.

Moe Rayan – or an address so we can contact the resident, send them a letter and go through the motion.

Don Sanker – I will go up the hill tomorrow to get the address.

Irene McLaughlin – thank you very much Council I do appreciate it and do look forward to December 2, 2013 and will be in support of the proposed budget regarding Code Enforcement.

Mayor DeLuca – next we have Nancy Anderson.

Nancy Anderson – hi my name is Nancy Anderson and at the October 2 meeting I spoke to Mr. Rayan about the abandoned house next door to me. It has been abandoned for three years and I believe now that a bank owns it but I can't get any information on that since the bank has owned the home. They have cut the grass before that I

had to deal with the Code Enforcement and I had to keep calling the gentlemen that owned the home and then Code Enforcement would come and take care of it. There are people coming and taking pictures of the house and they have masks on their face like if you were painting or something like that. How do you go about in Penn Hills getting a house condemned? People that I have spoken to that come to the house said that it is not livable. I mean you can't live inside of it the roof is caving in the walls inside are all ripped out. It is at 6027 Verona Road. It has been abandoned for three years. The people they just left we didn't even know so it was probably seven months before we even realized that nobody was even in there.

Moe Rayan – I know before the meeting you mentioned you sent an e-mail again if you did I apologize I didn't remember seeing it or but any case I will report the address to the Code Enforcement. Generally they will come out and try to locate the property owner whether it is a bank or an actual individual who owns the property and they will go through the inspection process and if it is determined that it is not structurally sound and there are other means of taking care of that in terms of tearing the house down.

Nancy Anderson – what are the procedures of having the house condemned?

Moe Rayan – that is the procedure, the Code Enforcement would have to declare that yes.

Nancy Anderson – even though the bank owns that the Code Enforcement can still make that decision.

Moe Rayan – then they would have to contact the bank and I don't know the details but generally contact the bank and see if the bank is willing to take that task upon them and if it becomes a public hazard then the Municipality would have the ability to condemn the property and tear it down.

Nancy Anderson – so I would call you on this or you are going to call me?

Moe Rayan – I will report this to Code Enforcement and somebody will be in touch whether it is going to be me or a Code Enforcement Officer.

Nancy Anderson – so I can resend my e-mail that has all my information on it.

Moe Rayan – yes please. I think at the last meeting we spoke and I asked you for that stuff but for some reason either I got it and did not recognize what it was or whatever the case may be but we are here now so we will go forward at this point.

Nancy Anderson – thank you. I appreciate any help.

Moe Rayan – you are welcome.

Mayor DeLuca - to do demolition Howard it all depends on where we are on the list?

Howard Davidson – first so you all know the first process is an inspection. We go make an inspection and site the owner of the property for any violations now the best thing that could happen is the owner would go and correct all the violations. In this case it might be unlikely; the next step is more serious. That begins the process. We need to make an inspection, we need to determine their code violations and we need to site them formally; we need to provide them with a hearing if they want it with the Magistrate and go through the whole process. The demolition process continues on to things that the Planning Department takes care of, historical reviews writing specs, taking bids all that. I am in the midst of it all the time.

Mayor DeLuca – let me ask you this Howard, if we determine that it should be on the demolition list are we going to have to be chasing the bank or are they going to be selling it so they don't want to deal with it and sell it to another bank?

Howard Davidson - we have talked about this at CDC Meetings, Housing Meetings; we have talked about it at Council Meetings. One of the problems we have with bank owned properties is sometimes the bank says they own the mortgage but they don't own the house.

Craig Alexander – right they don't go forward with the foreclosure and take the deed. So it sits there in limbo.

Howard Davidson - So we need Mr. Alexander and all the lawyers to take care of that for us and get us a different ruling so that we can go after the banks as owners. That not being the case we will go after who previously owned it we will do what we have to do. There is a process for condemning the house no matter who owns it whether it is the bank or a previous owner if it is truly a house that needs condemned. Some of the issues that are problems particularly are houses that should not be condemned. They should be remodeled they are not that bad. They just happen to be vacant. Those are high grass problems, maintenance problems we have plenty of them. We are working on them every day. I was not aware of 6027 Verona Road until now. We will start the process.

Nancy Anderson – yes because all the houses around it everybody takes care of their houses.

Howard Davidson – well not all of them because I have demolished some houses on Verona Road.

Nancy Anderson – well I mean around where I live.

Howard Davidson – we will start the process.

Nancy Anderson- o.k. I appreciate it. Thank you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2013.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

MOTION FOR EXPENDITURES DATED OCTOBER 21, 2013

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Expenditures dated October 21, 2013, Journal Vouchers are 1 at \$2,693,588, C.D. Requisitions 2 at \$1,530.78, Master from 25823 -25987 - \$1,221,377.35 this comes to a grand total of \$3,916,496.13.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

EXPENDITURES

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve the Expenditures of November 18, 2013. Journal Vouchers, 0, \$0.00, C.D. Requisitions 14 in the amount of \$16,871.79, Checks 25988 – 26643 in the amount of \$1,347,005.51 making a grand total of \$1,363,877.30.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn abstained from Check #26076 and #26214 in the amount \$353.90 for a bumper repair and the other for \$600.00 for rental for Don Kuhn Auto Body and yes on all others.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-059 awarding a Contract to John Capone and Ken Rowe for The Senior Services Center Handrail Program.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I just want to say that this is a very good program and I know a lot of seniors contact me and I believe I asked this before Moe and do we if they call and ask how they can get on the program did we tell them to contact the Senior Center or the Municipal Building I apologize I forgot.

Moe Rayan – they can contact either. They can contact my office or can contact the Planning Department or the Senior Center.

Mrs. Kuhn – once again I think it is a very good program.

Moe Rayan – thank you.

Dr. Kincaid – in the same regard are there any deadlines for these contracts?

Howard Davidson – no this is an ongoing program. It will last until the money runs out. If the money runs out we will come back at you and see if we can get some more.

Dr. Kincaid – very good. Thank you.

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

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-060 awarding a Contract to JB Mechanical, Inc., for the Senior Center 2013 Rooftop HVAC Unit Replacement in the Total Amount of \$15,900.00.

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 Resolution No. 2013-061 awarding a Contract to Belback Services, Inc., in the amount of \$12,118.68 for the repairs to the 2003 Sterling Vactor Truck used by The Water Pollution Control Department.

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. 2013-062 awarding a two year contract to Belback Services, Inc., for the maintenance and repair of Municipal Sewer Jet Vehicles.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Don Sanker – 780 Long Road – One bid received out of 10. I know they are very close and they don't work for the Municipality in the past and I am just curious to know why we would only get one company to bid on this when we asked ten companies to do it. Any idea?

Mayor DeLuca – it could be the specs.

Don Sanker – it could be very special work and they are the only company qualified to do that in which case I have to ask why would we send out to ten companies if the other nine are not qualified to do that?

Moe Rayan – it is not qualification Don it is the type of work and this is heavy equipment and not too many people want to bother with it. We have had in the past Duquesne Light doing that type of repair for that particular department for years and years. Once they decided not to continue that type of work we struggled to get people to do the repairs on that so really this has nothing to do with the specs you are taking drums out and putting drums in but it is a big vehicle it is half of this building here so not too many people want to bother with it.

Don Sanker – o.k. thanks.

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

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-063 adopting the 6-Year Capital Improvements Program of 2013-2018.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Lee Brown – 305 Pike Street – I am questioning the necessity for constructing of a new EMS Building. I mailed you all out a letter about a month ago explaining my position on that. The school bus garage would suit the needs with some remodeling obviously.

Moe Rayan – certainly the school bus garage would fit the needs and we wanted to do that until we were questioned by the school district as a result of the rejection from the EMS Unit. The EMS individual and you belong to that unit whether you knew about it or not you and I discussed that in my office a couple of weeks ago. The people wanted us to go out there and justify why we wanted to take the EMS out of this building. For whatever reason I don't know who these people were but we didn't feel that we needed to go and justify our position at the school district and tell them why we are moving EMS from here out to a mile and a half down the road where we felt it was a perfect place for the EMS Unit so that answers that as far as why we are not going over there. Justification for the improvement I don't know why you don't like improvement.

Lee Brown – I would love to have new EMS quarters but \$2,000,000 versus

Moe Rayan – well it is not \$2,000,000. We submitted for a grant, the EMS Supervisor submitted for a grant just like any other Community trying to build new buildings and improve themselves and we were lucky enough to get a preliminary approval on that grant for \$600,000 it is a matching grant. At this point, the proposed fund is to go towards a new EMS quarters but of course that would have to be determined at a later date. Once we find out the construction costs

and so on and so forth, there is more to it than just we are going to go and build a building. There is much more to it than that.

Lee Brown – I just want you to know that the Paramedics did not reject it. It was presented to us as a done deal and I presented it to the rest of the Paramedics as we are moving up the road.

Moe Rayan – the folks from the school district starting asking why we wanted to move and what happens to the other side of the building. You yourself as a paramedic you responded from St. Margaret's, you responded from the pump where were we going to put the building so actually in terms of response time it has nothing to do with it. I don't know who went up there Lee and put a bug to it I can't answer that.

Lee Brown – I talked to Mr. Liberto and he didn't know why we weren't moving.

Moe Rayan – I don't know. We were asked to go there and we rejected to that. If people rejected to go out there then that is fine then.

Lee Brown – you don't know who rejected?

Moe Rayan – no I don't. I don't need to know.

Lee Brown – o.k. I clearly am not understanding. Thank you.

Moe Rayan – o.k.

Mrs. Kuhn – I don't want the press or the public to get a wrong impression here that Mayor and Council stopped something. That proposal was given to Mayor and Council from the school district and then the Manager and the Chief of Police went over there to look at the property and I know that myself I received a letter from the paramedics stating that they were not in favor of moving over to that location because they were concerned about it not being in the middle of the Municipality. Secondly the proposal never went to the school

board. This was just done in house and I was also told that the school board was not completely in favor of our using that building because it was suppose to be a two source thing. We were using it for the paramedics and we were also using it for the mechanics garage and they did not want our police cars and our ambulances to be top priority for repairs and as a Municipality we cannot have police cars or ambulances sitting over there not being repaired. So it wasn't something that it was a done deal it was never a done deal because it never even went to the school board it was all proposal that was given to Mayor and Council through in-house administration at the school district and that is why it didn't come to fruition.

Don Sanker – 780 Long Road – same issue. Assuming we receive the \$600,000 Grant any ideas currently as to where the matching money would come from? Is there bond money available, is it going to be included, I haven't seen the budget, is it going to be included in the 2014 budget?

Moe Rayan – it is proposed in the 2014 budget.

Dan Sanker – so we have the matching money to do this?

Moe Rayan – yes.

Don Sanker – thank you.

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

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-064 authorizing an amendment of an agreement between The Municipality of Penn Hills, The City of McKeesport, and The County of Allegheny to form a Housing Consortium, and providing for a change in program years.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – as noted in the memo Howard you did say that we did not receive release of funds in the month of March so this would not affect our allegation or project activities, is that right?

Howard Davidson – that is right. It is something that we have to do if we want to continue to be a part of the consortium and if you remember I think it is in our interest to be a part of that consortium because it is Federal money, there is a chance of Federal money to support housing projects coming to Penn Hills. As far as the calendar change if it follows the same pattern as it has for the last several years we are going to get our money around the same time anyway so it is just going to be some paper work for the Planning Department quite frankly.

Mayor DeLuca – Howard, one quick question. Us extending Year 13 to the end of June that is not going to mess us up with HUD?

Howard Davidson – no, in fact it is going to show HUD that we are cooperating with the County and we are cooperating with the whole process. HUD is asking for this to happen. They ask the County to change the program year and to do that the consortium had to be adjusted so it is just a matter of cooperating. By the way I passed out the year 40 CD Program to you tonight it is not part of this it was just information for you to take home and get ready for an upcoming hearing in the future so everything is going to roll along in the same kind of calendar we are going to look at the CD Program for the year 40 around January get our application in March and get the money in around the same time of year and hopefully not August.

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

REPORTS

Mrs. Kuhn – Moe get your pencil ready. I have several that I just want to give the Manager. Anthon & Charleston, they are requesting need for stop signs because the traffic is speeding so much on these streets some of the residents are reluctant to even go out and walk on

the streets. I am not sure but I told them that I would ask Moe if this has to go before Traffic Safety Committee before anything can be done, was I correct in that?

Moe Rayan – that is correct. The Traffic Safety Committee would have to inspect the site and make a recommendation either way to Mayor and Council.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. so how do they go about putting this on the agenda for The Traffic Safety Committee?

Moe Rayan – well they can get a petition together and send it to me and I will handle it from there and forward it on to the Traffic Safety Committee and of course 95% of that committee is volunteers with exception to Officer Sestili and Darlene but the rest of them are volunteers and they meet once a month so we will just try to get it on their agenda and their schedule to look at it.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. so what I can tell the residents is they need to petition and get signatures and drop that off to your office. Is that correct?

Moe Rayan – yes that will be fine.

Mayor DeLuca – now real quick. For a stop sign to go up it has to fit the criteria.

Mrs. Kuhn – right, I did tell them that I would make sure of this because I didn't want to give them information if I wasn't 100% and I said I believe that it had to go before the Traffic Safety Committee and that they have to have certain criteria to get it and a lot of times it doesn't come up that the requirements are there. So I did make that clear to them but I just wanted to make sure I was giving them the right information.

Moe Rayan – that is correct.

Mrs. Kuhn – some of the residents on Torrens have called and said that one of the buildings #9 has new occupancy and that Code Enforcement had told the residents to be watchful and if anyone came in to let us know and they would make sure that there was an occupancy permit for them so they were just following the directions that were given to them.

Moe Rayan – we will follow up. Building #9.

Mrs. Kuhn – yes, #9. I did receive a call there is a man hole cover I don't know if that has been taken care of, they did contact the Public Works on Mohler Street and the man hole cover has been removed.

Howard Davidson – that has been reported.

Mrs. Kuhn - o.k. that has been reported. Alright. I did ride over to Mohler Street and Moe there is terrible debris on that street. It is so bad that it is hard to even get a vehicle to go down through the street because there is so much there. Now I did speak to some of the residents and they did say that the Municipality do send workers over when they call about the complaints and that some of them really take care of the debris but it is a problem. In that same area Ross Park has serious problems Moe, serious problems. There are condoms and drug paraphernalia all over down there and I know there is only so much that we can do but that is a Municipal Park, am I correct?

Moe Rayan – yes.

Mrs. Kuhn – and it being a Municipal Park that is just not an acceptable situation so I didn't know if you could ask the Chief if there is something that could be done about that. I did walk the streets and I do apologize I forgot the name of the road that the residents came up and spoke to us.

Mayor DeLuca – Suncrest.

Mrs. Kuhn – Suncrest and it is a beautiful neighborhood. The homes over there are so well kept and manicured and I know I did

speak to you Moe in length about it but with my visible eye I could see the code violations and you did tell me where we are at with that that it actually went back to the Magistrate and that he found him guilty and put a fine on him again. The only thing I was asking Moe is I didn't ask you if you contacted the residents to let them know that. I didn't want them to think that the Municipality just brushed this aside and that we haven't been trying to do everything within our legal bounds to correct that situation because it is a horrible situation for those people to contend with.

Mayor DeLuca – I talked to the Magistrate and it is not as simple as it seems.

Mrs. Kuhn – I did tell them that the Municipality has taken it through every legal step that we can but unfortunately they know how to play the game and they take it to the last day and then appeal and then what have you. It is very sad to have to live next to I wouldn't want to live next to those conditions. And finally I was sad to hear that our Community lost a 26 Year Veteran Police Officer, Officer Stan Nunenberg. I knew Officer Nunenberg and he chose to live in Penn Hills while he served on our Police Force and he loved Penn Hills and even after his retirement he remained in Penn Hills so I wanted to send my sincere condolences and thank you to his family and I was just wondering Moe if we have any type of policy regarding if an Officer or even a retired Officer passes and if he is in Penn Hills if we have a policy where they would have a Police Escort because I thought that would show respect and gratitude to their families for the service that they have given to our Community.

Moe Rayan – I don't believe that there is a written policy in that respect however if there is a need for the funeral procession that dictates the necessary police escort then and it has been done in the past.

Mrs. Kuhn – O.K. like I said an Officer that served that many years I thought it would be respectful of us to his service and to his family if we would have that. And I did have one last thing and that is regarding the ALCOSAN rate increase. I know our reporter is in the

audience so I would appreciate if the word could get out that it is ALCOSAN who is increasing the sewer rate 17%. It is NOT Penn Hills. Unfortunately ALCOSAN does not bill so their increase gets put onto the bills that go out from the Municipality and I am fearful that when people get these bills and they see this increase they are going to think once again Penn Hills has increased the sewage and we have not. We have not increased our sewage since when five, six years.

Moe Rayan – since 2008.

Mrs. Kuhn – five, six years so I would appreciate if the media could get that into some type of print and if we could put it on the web-site and I don't know maybe Don Kuhn would put it on his new sign down on Sandy Creek Road.

Moe Rayan – actually Mrs. Kuhn I did forward a letter and we can post that on the web-site and it is a four year program through ALCOSAN and it is a continuous increase not necessarily in that magnitude, not necessarily 17% however it is an increase in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Mrs. Kuhn – I apologize it is not immediately the 17%.

Moe Rayan – no it is 17% in 2014 you are correct. But it didn't stop there. There is another increase in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Mayor DeLuca – I think next year it will be 11%.

Mrs. Kuhn – somehow we need our residents to understand that is an ALCOSAN increase and is not a Penn Hill's increase because they will be very upset when they receive that. So any way if we can get that information out I certainly would appreciate it.

Mayor DeLuca – Moe has one report. He just told me today the Municipality got some good news, Moe.

Moe Rayan – yes, good news from the S&P rating for our Municipality. It has been upgraded to AA-/Stable. Of course that is

pretty huge to have that type of rating from S&P and that was based on the recent review, recent questionnaires that we received from them that we had to answer and supply the backup data. Not only does it look good it does help us if we go after restructuring some of our debts or trying to refinance some of our debts to receive a better rate. In the past we use to purchase insurance to get lower interest rates now with this type of upgrade and our rating and the stability of our Municipality we are able to get lower interest rates on our own and save money so we don't have to buy insurance to go ahead and get low interest rates. That all happens under Mayor & Council's watch so I want to congratulate you and congratulate the Finance Department and congratulate all the Department Directors for keeping an eye on their expenditures and spending the tax payer's money wisely and have the ability to reach the end of the year on a good note. We are proposing our Budget at 6,000,000 and some change surplus. Of course that is not going to sit in the bank. We are proposing projects for that for that money to be used in the Community and also to receive a surplus in 2014 with somewhere around a \$2,000,000 mark and change. So again congratulations to you Mayor & Council and to the Department Directors.

Mayor DeLuca – congratulations and just a quick note for the audience a lot of times we forget like how far Penn Hills has come. When I first became Mayor we would end the year we would be lucky to end the year with maybe \$100,000 at the end of the year and for us to go from there to like \$6,000,000 fund balance it is fantastic and not too many Communities can sit there and say how much progress we made over the years. So I do want to congratulate you Moe and all the Directors and you Ed for doing a fantastic job and bringing us to where we are now and just have to keep it going.

Moe Rayan – thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor DeLuca entertained motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion adjourn.

Mrs. Kuhn seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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