

JANUARY 12, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The January 12, 2015 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Anthony DeLuca presiding.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor DeLuca – Good Evening we are going to call this meeting to order. We are going to amend the Agenda. We are going to make a motion after the last Resolution to authorize the Manager to finalize the paperwork for the settlement of the Code Enforcement Law Suit. The rest of the Agenda will stand as presented. Will you please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor DeLuca
Mr. Underwood
Mr. Palumbo
Mrs. Kuhn - Absent
Dr. Kincaid

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

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Wendy Reitenauer – Did not show.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Minutes for December 31, 2014 – Special Budget Adoption Meeting minutes.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-001** adopting The Municipality of Penn Hills Cafeteria Plan.

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. 2015-002** awarding a One Year with Dr. David Sherer at Wertz Memorial Animal Hospital for Veterinary Services for the Municipal Canines.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-003** awarding a Contract to Automated Entrance Systems Company, Inc., in The Total Amount of \$9,012.00 for The Municipal Building UFAS/ADA Exterior Door Modifications.

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. 2015-004** awarding a Contract to Allen Demolition, LLC for The Penn Hills 2014 Demolitions Package 8 in The Total Amount of \$65,000.00.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to authorize the Manager to finalize the paperwork for the settlement of the Code Enforcement Law Suit.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

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

Mayor DeLuca – I just have a real brief thing I do want to congratulate everyone involved in helping to settle this case. Since this Administration came about we have done a lot of things with Code to try to make them more accountable to our citizens. We started by putting them in different zones, we implemented the new software which is now the Citizen Serve and this by far was probably the biggest issue Council faced

because Council knew we needed four officers. When this did come about one of the questions was how we can make sure Code is back up to staff so we approached it two ways. One of the ways was clarification on the bargaining unit and the other way was to play out how this law suit went. It just happens to be the fact that both of them happened at the same time so now Council is at our next challenge which is getting Code back up to full staff if the Public has to know we did pass the Unified Building Code Laws which means all our Code Officers have to be certified. When we did advertise for the Code Officer position we really didn't get a big response and none of them were certified. So now our biggest challenge is getting them back up to staff and getting Code certified so I ask the public to be patient and we will get there. Any other comments?

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

REPORTS

Mayor DeLuca – first I want to present a Certificate of Recognition. I am not sure if the public knows but our Planning Director Howard Davidson is retiring at the end of the month and I just want to say Howard it was a pleasure working with you. I want to thank you for all your years of service to the Community of Penn Hills, I think you have done a fantastic job and I would like to present this certificate.

Mayor DeLuca – **WHEREAS**, Howard Davidson served the Municipality of Penn Hills as an employee since November 1976 with dedication and distinction; and, **Whereas, Howard's** years of service have been marked by exemplary and energetic leadership in the vital accomplishments of the Municipality of Penn Hills; and, **Whereas, Howard Davidson** announced his retirement as Director of Planning from the Municipality of Penn Hills effective January 2015; and **Whereas**, Mayor & Council and all employees of the Municipality of Penn Hills wish to extend their deep appreciation to Howard Davidson for his consistency and strong support for the Municipality through his 39 years of service; and, **NOW, THEREFORE, I ANTHONY L. DELUCA**, Mayor of the Municipality of Penn Hills do hereby tender this Certificate of Recognition to **Mr. Howard Davidson** commending him for his many contributions to the Municipality of Penn Hills over the past 39 years extending my personal best wishes to him and his family; **IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PENN HILLS ON THIS JANUARY 12, 2015, A.D.**

Gary Underwood – Howard, our discussion that we had briefly I think you need to inform the public of the statistics that you have acquired doing your job, please.

Howard Davidson – Mr. Underwood wants me to tell you that I was sitting at a Council Meeting one night doing the math and calculating how many Council Meetings I have attended and I think when I got to 1,000 I stopped. I challenge all of you to get to that number. I worked for all five Mayors and I know you are all trying to do good for Penn Hills. Keep up the good work.

Mayor DeLuca – thank you Howard.

Howard Davidson - There is one guy that might compete with me Ed over there and Sara is not here tonight and Sara has been to a lot of meetings. The rest of you guys have to catch up with me.

Mayor DeLuca – the Manager was just telling me Ed that you are approaching 50 years of service so I want to congratulate you on that.

Mr. Palumbo – how many years?

Mayor DeLuca – 50 years.

Mr. Palumbo – that is like a marriage.

Mayor DeLuca – Howard I wish you the best in your retirement. Any retirement plans?

Howard Davidson – play the guitar.

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Howard Davidson – you will see me at the podium as the CDC volunteer; I will be selling you tickets for the Rotary Club.

Mayor DeLuca – o.k.

Howard Davidson – I will be around.

Mayor DeLuca – I have another report. I was at the Volunteer Thad Stevens Number Five it was swearing in of the Officers and we were talking after the swearing in about how hard it is to get volunteers and contributions and they were telling me out of the 3500 letters Thad Stevens sends out asking for donations they only get about 300 letters back so we are trying to talk and see what we can do. I read an article in the paper I am not sure if it was in the Trib or the Post Gazette about Mount Lebanon doing cut out size of their volunteers and posting them in their businesses and I think their goal was to try and get volunteers but I think maybe if we are able to and I talked to Rich Grove, Moe you will have to give him a contact There is a Grant out there to help us fundraise. If we are able to we should try and help them with the fundraising and

maybe have something in the stores where they can contribute donations to our volunteers. Another idea since we are upgrading our website having something on there for the volunteers explaining all seven companies need volunteers and in what areas. The other thing was I am not sure if we can do it maybe have like a PayPal account where they could go through the website and make donations through the website. The other ideas with these cut outs maybe have them in the banks and talk to the banks to see if when people are banking they can maybe just contribute right there and have the bank do like a needy transfer to volunteers or the association. So we have to do something they provide a valuable service to the Municipality of Penn Hills and they save the taxpayers a lot of money by volunteering their time so we have to try to do what we can. The other thing we were talking about the Code Enforcement when people come in and get an occupancy permit as they move in if we can have Code generate a list and send them to the various fire departments so they can go out and see the new members that are moving into their area so they can knock on the door and give them a friendly hello. A lot of the problem is we are getting more people from the City moving into Penn Hills and they think we have a paid Fire Department not realizing they are volunteers. So if we can make that happen generate a list and send it to the seven fire departments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Anthony DeLuca entertained a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

DATE

MAUREEN M. SORCE
MANAGER'S SECRETARY