

FEBRUARY 2, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The February 2, 2015 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:33 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Anthony DeLuca presiding.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor DeLuca – Good Evening we will call this meeting to order. 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

Mrs. Kuhn
Dr. Kincaid
Mayor DeLuca
Mr. Underwood
Mr. Palumbo – will be here shortly.

Also present were Manager Rayan, Secretary Sorce, Solicitor Alexander, Planning Director Blackwell, Finance Director Schrecengost, Fire Marshal Miller, Director Parks & Recreation Scaglione and Controller Futules.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Deluca – I would like to make a motion to approve Felix Catlin III to the Library Board.

Dr. Kincaid – I second the motion.

Mayor DeLuca – motion has been made and seconded.

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

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Wendy Reitenauer – 216 Hochberg Road – I timed this it shouldn't be too long. This is the first time I have requested to address Council. I have lived in Penn Hills for over 16 years. I would like to speak about Animal Protection Laws in Penn Hills and ask that the Council adopt more specific and humane laws similar to those adopted recently in the City of Pittsburgh. I believe we need to establish some clear standards of humane animal care in Penn Hills. It is appalling and unfortunately becoming more

common in our neighborhood that there are people who either don't know or don't care about the basic needs of the animals under their ownership. It is a blight on our Community and an offense to the conscious of residents who are forced to witness animal neglect and abuse day after day but are helpless to change it. Common sense tells all of us that animals need adequate shelter, sufficient food and water, care and attention. However, so many animals particularly dogs kept in Penn Hills are left outside without these basic necessities. The Police can confirm that there are numerous calls from Penn Hills residents who witness animal abuse and neglect on a regular basis. Some of the effects of this are neglected dogs outside barking so there are a lot of barking calls that annoy residents day and night for hours on end. Dogs never given attention, played with, taken inside. Of course there are always dogs running loose, dogs locked in sheds and out buildings, dogs tied up in yards with no shelter, no regular food or water, dogs penned up and neglected in back yards. Even dogs that are left alone in yards for days at a time with no caregiver coming to provide food or water. Anyone with even the basic sense of compassion can see the suffering of these animals. While you may not witness this in your area of Penn Hills where you live, I do and I know of residents around the Penn Hills area that do also. I can tell you from my own experience and from discussion with others that it is extremely stressful and upsetting to witness this ongoing problem of abuse and neglect and have no way to improve this situation as a resident. To improve this situation I mean for both the animals themselves and the residents who have to witness this. You might say call the Police. Well calling the Police does not necessarily improve the situation because there really aren't laws in Penn Hills to establish humane care on the books or they are too vague. Owners cannot be required to improve situations for these animals when there is nothing really specific. They are able to evade their responsibility due to ineffective laws. In some cases owners even monitor 911 calls and bring the animals inside before the Police arrive so the Police don't see the abuse and therefore can't enforce any penalty. The suffering is perpetuated for months and years with no accountability on the part of the owners. What about calling animal welfare organizations, well animal welfare organizations in the whole area are grossly understaffed. The Humane Society of Western Pennsylvania currently has one humane officer for the entire Allegheny County. They are supposed to have two but one left and they only have trainings a couple times a year and they don't expect to get another one until sometime in May. Their standards for animal care are also quite low. I have heard personally a humane officer consider an awning over a driveway to be sufficient shelter in any weather for a dog kept outside obviously that is only to shelter a car from sunshine, it is not to protect from wind, rain, snow, it is truly inadequate. For them if an animal is not on the verge of death that they see they are not likely to enforce and they have said that to me because they are so understaffed. I believe that we have an obligation to do what we can to make a safe and pleasant Community for the residents who live here and for the pets also. Any Community should address known problems of animal neglect and abuse. To live in a neighborhood where dogs are chained outside or left outside 24/7 without shelter or adequate food or water is not a good neighborhood to live in. It is a Community of junk yard dogs and that is what I am seeing Penn Hills becoming. A Community of junk yard dogs where people just leave dogs outside and let them survive

on their own basically. When perspective home buyers drive around the neighborhood where this goes on and they see dogs outside barking constantly because they are neglected and they are in need when perspective home buyers see that they are naturally disgusted and they want to go somewhere else where they know it is going to be a nice Community for their children and a nice place to live where they are not bothered by barking dogs constantly. As adults what are we teaching children in the Community by looking the other way when we know there is abuse. Kids are learning that animal neglect is the accepted norm in Penn Hills. They are being taught by example of irresponsible adults in the neighborhood that animals are disposal things not living creatures that need care just like them. Other children in our neighborhood that are taught at home to respect and care for their own pets see this abuse in their neighborhoods and become distressed. They ask their teachers at school, they ask their parents why doesn't someone do something to help these animals? That is a good question. Over a century ago animal welfare organizations like the ASPCA were started to protect the basic welfare of animals. This was over a century ago yet animal neglect and abuse is still around us in our Communities. It is over looked; it is ignored as if we don't know what to do about it. It is a shame when abuse is tolerated and becomes the acceptable norm in a Community whether it is the City of Pittsburgh, Wilkinsburg, Forest Hills or Penn Hills. That is why I applaud the City of Pittsburgh Council Member Darlene Harris for proposing concrete and enforceable animal protection laws to replace the vague weak inadequate that have enabled abuse and neglect to continue. I simply urge Penn Hills to adopt the similar Ordinances that have been passed in the City of Pittsburgh. It basically, I have a copy of it here; it really prohibits people from leaving dogs out 24/7. It doesn't provide or stipulate a certain kind of dog house or anything like that it simply says dogs should not be left out 24/7 because when they are they are neglected and they become a nuisance to others and people get dogs leave them in the backyard and forget about them. I see it all around where I live and I just simply feel it is time to address this. It is a matter of conscious. If your neighborhood is like that and you are forced to see this and have no way to do anything about it it is very stressful to live around that and one more thing we have the Hoffman Animal Agency in Penn Hills but they are not animal welfare. They don't take care of animal neglect or abuse. They simply are around for animals that are caught running around or don't have tags. We really have no agency in Penn Hills other than somebody calling the Humane Society in. We have no way to make sure that animals are not abused and neglected. I would just encourage some laws on the books and some resources put toward enforcing those laws.

Mayor DeLuca – do you have a copy for us?

Wendy Reitenauer – I have a copy of the City of Pittsburgh Ordinance that was passed.

Mayor DeLuca – thank you. I will have our Solicitor look at this.

Mrs. Kuhn – Moe do we have any type of Ordinance on this because of the fact

Mayor DeLuca – the only Ordinance that we do have is the barking.

Mrs. Kuhn – right we have the barking Ordinance. I know that unfortunately the problems that were addressed are noticeable in Penn Hills even to myself. When we walk the Municipality if you walk past a house and these dogs coming running up to the fence and are barking and that it is very frightening to an adult so I am sure it would be more so frightening to a child and the fact that if someone was looking for a house in Penn Hills it would be a detriment but besides that I mean I have dogs and you know it is very sad especially in this type of weather so I don't think our Police really have anything that they can base any of the complaints on so I think it would be in an interest to have the Solicitor to look over that and bring something to the board.

Mrs. Wendy Reitenauer – I agree with that. The Police really don't have any way to enforce anything. Thank you for that comment.

Mayor DeLuca – thank you.

Mrs. Wendy Reitenauer – thank you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Minutes for January 12, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Kuhn abstained - I wasn't at the meeting but I do want to once again thank Maureen for the wonderful job that she does on it when I read it I feel like I was there and I also want to say to her that I appreciate that our minutes are done so quickly so that we are not behind on anything.

Maureen – thank you.

EXPENDITURES

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Expenditures dated February 2, 2015 – General Vouchers – 0 - \$0.00, C.D. Requisitions are 11 at \$28,295.91, Master 29984 – 30186 - \$2,258,316.06 with a Grand Total of \$2,286,611.97.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – On Page 3, Check #30149 I see it is for our salt and I guess Moe I am just asking I know we were very lucky in November and December but I think we have certainly made up for the abundance that we had those two months in January so I was just wondering how our salt situation is to date?

Moe Rayan – the salt situation is pretty stable at this point Mrs. Kuhn however in the past couple of weeks we have been going through it pretty regularly and we keep ordering some more so but as far as the shortage or anything like that we are not experiencing any such nature of that problem so thankfully we are on track so far.

Mrs. Kuhn – thank you. Also on Page 4, Check #30047 to Comcast. I had received a phone call from a resident's daughter and her mother and father are elderly and she lives out of state and unfortunately her mother has had a stroke and will be in rehab a good many weeks if not months and her father is going to be moving down with her to Atlanta until her mother can come out from the rehab because of the weather she didn't want to leave him here alone. The point of it is she had called Comcast to see if they could suspend the contract for three months until May 1st so that her parents didn't have to pay for it when no one was there. Well first of all she said that it took her three phone calls and each time she had to wait twenty minutes before anyone even came on the line and they told her that being that the bill was in her mother's name and not her father's name that they could suspend or have it in escrow whatever they do that they would have to have the mother. So she explained to her that her mother unfortunately at this point in time cannot speak and is not able to write and she said that the only way that you could do it you would have to get a power of attorney so she called me and said that she thought that was really in humane to treat someone like that and I wasn't asking to put something on that would be costing money I was just asking for something to be in escrow for three months so my parent's didn't have to pay for it. So I in turn called and did the exact same thing she did. Well I was on hold for twenty minutes so I hung up and I called back and got the automation and when I pressed the button for new service I was only on hold for probably two minutes. So if it is new service they seem to pick it up immediately but if it is to cancel or change your service you are on for twenty minutes. So I pretended the exact same scenario and I was given the exact same information so I said I have to speak to a supervisor because of the fact this just does not seem acceptable and they would not give me a supervisor and said that this is their policy and I said I realize that but there is always an exception to the policy. They wouldn't do anything without power of attorney. I hung up and called the young woman back and she said that she had called back and her aunt got on the phone and said yes I am Mrs. she didn't want me to give her name (Mrs. Smith) and they said o.k. we will suspend it so this great security that they have that they would not do this for someone seems to not be that great when you can just have anybody say yes I am Mrs. so and so. I just didn't know being that we do have our agreements with Comcast if maybe you could contact them and tell them of this situation because in my opinion I think that there is a better way of handling something of this magnitude and like I said if it was something, she even said I will give you their social security numbers which I told her isn't the best thing to do but I could see if it was something so important but it must not

be that great of a security if someone can just say yes I am Mrs. such and such and they do it. So I was just wondering if you could do about that. And my last one is Page 25, Check #30119 to the DeNinno Case. It is the last one. I am just wondering what our status is being that we seem to be hitting the balls out of the ball park here with our long lasting legal situation I was hoping that we were close with that with DeNinno.

Moe Rayan – actually the case has been resolved and he is waiting to receive a check from the insurance company so hopefully this is the last communication – monetary communication that we have here in Penn Hills for the attorney’s are handling this particular problem. He keeps going back and forth and writing letters to the Judge with regards to his check that was written in his name and his attorney’s name and now he is disputing that and would like to have the check in his name only so I am not sure what is going on with that Mrs. Kuhn but I am hoping that whole issue is resolved.

Mrs. Kuhn – I don’t know and the solicitor can tell me if this isn’t a question to be asked in the public but when and if this is resolved and it seems to be finalized I am hoping that it means that everything that he has the numerous things that he has done with appeal after appeal after appeal if this finalizes all of that also?

Craig Alexander – Solicitor – that is absolutely correct this is a global settlement of every pending issue that was in existence up until today.

Mrs. Kuhn – thank you that is good news.

Mayor Deluca – Now we just have one left out there.

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

Mrs. Kuhn – abstained from Check #30167 to Don Kuhn Auto Body and yes to all others.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-005** authorizing destruction of certain Municipal Records in accordance with The Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual.

Mrs. Kuhn seconded the motion.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I assume this is just housekeeping am I correct Moe?

Moe Rayan – yes that is correct. These are Resolutions that are almost 14 or 15 years old.

Mrs. Kuhn – the reason I ask that is because I always want it on record so that the Public would be aware. We do know that we are not permitted under our Consent Decree and mandate to get rid of records from people calling in for problems with their sewers and so that does not have any situation with these ones, is that correct?

Moe Rayan – yes that is correct. These are all documentations pertaining to contracts that were awarded to vendors, architects, contractors throughout the Municipality and its projects.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. thanks Moe, the only reason I ask that is because of the fact going back numerous years when attending meetings we do have some people that want to jump the gun and say that we are doing something illegal so I just like to bring it to the Public's attention that that is not the case. Thank you.

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

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-006** authorizing Execution of an Agreement with AMBCOACH for ambulance billing for a period of three years commencing January 1, 2015.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I do see Moe in our backup that there has not been an increase from AMBCOACH since 2002 and that the increase is a \$.95 increase for billing, is that correct?

Moe Rayan – that is correct, yes, I believe it was \$15.40 and now it is \$16.35 or something like that.

Mrs. Kuhn – thank you.

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

Mrs. Kuhn made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-007** authorizing The Submission of an Application for Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant Funding.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I just want to acknowledge that State Representative Anthony DeLuca is supporting this and if this would happen to come through it would be a great win for the Municipality and its residents so I would like to extend my thanks to him.

Mayor DeLuca – yes and this \$6 million dollar grant will help us with the Municipal Complex on Duff Road so hopefully it will go through.

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

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-008** rescinding Resolution 2014-037 which awarded a Contract to ROAC, Inc., in the amount of \$28,000.00 for The Demolition of Seven (7) Structures as a part of The Penn Hills Demolitions Package Number 7.

Mrs. Kuhn – reading this and with the next one coming up we had already had given the Contract to this ROAC back in July of 2014 and he has never executed the contract and his bond issue came into question, is this correct? So that is why we are taking this from him?

Mayor DeLuca – well the reason why is because we tried to get in contact with him and he never responded back to us because he never gave us the proper insurance or the bond and unfortunately with the next resolution and normally with that performance bond it would cover the difference and we don't have that.

Mrs. Kuhn – that was my lead up question is Moe before we give them the Contract is there a reason the bond isn't in place?

Moe Rayan – by the Municipal Purchasing Guidelines all they are required to do is submit a bid bond and once the contract is awarded to the contractors or to a particular vendor thereafter within the paperwork it has to be submitted after the contract is awarded to them. It is not prior to the award.

Mrs. Kuhn – is there anyway maybe the Solicitor can answer that that it can be corrected because of the fact just like with this it is ending up costing us more money because of the fact he had no bond, he didn't have a guarantee bond anyhow.

Moe Rayan – actually he submitted a bond that was for a different project with the hopes that we weren't going to catch it. He did have a bond when he submitted the paperwork; he just never came back and responded to us or executed the Contract further.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. because I know that is part of the reason for having it bonded so that something like this doesn't occur. So if there is some way that we can find to correct this falling between the cracks it would be very beneficial so it wouldn't happen again.

Craig Alexander – Solicitor – I would explain to him that he submitted the wrong bond and ask him to submit a corrective bond.

Moe Rayan – well we didn't find out that the bond was for a different project that he performed for the Turtle Creek COG Council Government. He just gave us the same bond and when we started calling the bonding company trying to get a hold of him they are the ones that discovered that there was some alteration in the text itself of the bond.

Mrs. Kuhn – Moe then I am just hoping that we have no other contracts at this time with this person.

Moe Rayan – no we don't. Actually this is the first time that something like that happened that I am aware of Mrs. Kuhn.

Mrs. Kuhn – and I do see in the letter that we are turning this over for further investigation, correct?

Moe Rayan – yes we contacted the DA's office for a follow-up.

Mrs. Kuhn – thank you.

Mayor DeLuca – when I was just talking to the Solicitor and the Manager we are going to put them on a no-bid so he won't be able to bid on any projects in Penn Hills again.

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

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2015-009** awarding a Contract to Allen Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$32,000.00 for The Demolition of Seven (7) Structures as part of The Penn Hills Demolitions Package Number 7.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Chuck Miller – Fire Marshal – Good Evening Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council. I think I met you all Fire Marshal here. I am here tonight to address a situation that is not just unique to Penn Hills but to every Community within the Country. Fire Alarm Systems, Fire Sprinkler Systems, Kitchen Hood Systems and everything are required to be maintained and inspected and kept in compliance with the Fire Codes. Unfortunately, there is nothing in the Fire Code that says that the companies that are doing all of this maintenance and inspections have to be reported once it is done. We have nothing in our Ordinances that require them to do that currently so I get two companies out of the forty vendors that service equipment within Penn Hills that actually send reports to me. A lot of these companies won't send reports for a couple of reasons. If I own a store and there is something wrong with my system my fire alarm

company tells me about it and then they send a report to the Fire Marshal's Office and they get a violation notice saying you have to fix it, well I am no longer going to use that company. There are a lot of people out there that think that way and that is the way business is done. So I am bringing to you tonight is just a little innovative technology that is out there and it is called the Compliance Engine. The Compliance Engine is basically it is an on line server that these vendors will be required to by Ordinance to report any of their inspections, maintenance and issues through the server which then will develop a report for me every morning. I will be able to see which properties are in compliance, which properties aren't. The other nice thing about it is when they do send it it levels the playing field. If you want to do business in Penn Hills as a vendor you must comply and report to the Compliance Engine. Now how do we get all forty of these vendors on board? Thankfully Mount Lebanon has already done this. They sphere headed it in Allegheny County and all forty vendors that work in Mount Lebanon also work in Penn Hills so since April they are 100% on board they understand the reporting procedure and everything. The cost; cost is actually based on the vendor. The vendor pays \$10.00 per system per year. So if you have a building that has a fire alarm system and a sprinkler system that vendor has to pay \$20.00 a year to the Compliance Engine to keep it in operation. Now they can do 100 inspections of those systems each year it doesn't matter it is just the initial fee and that is what keeps the Compliance Engine free for the Municipality and the taxpayers. What is does for the Municipality; well right now unfortunately we have no data base to tell me anything beside those two companies that send me those reports of what is in compliance and what is not. There is over 450 businesses and 80 apartment buildings and some of that apartment building range from around 222 units. For one person to keep paper track of all of this going on and chase all these vendors down and I sent letters out. I sent probably thirty or forty letters out when I first got here telling them I would like this. I got two replies back and those are the same two companies that send me their stuff. The rest of them are like we aren't doing it. So with the Compliance Engine like I said will give us that data base and historic record once it starts running. Right now we are probably about 30% compliant with Fire Safety in Penn Hills. With Compliance Engine most Municipalities like the City of Reading who have taken it on within five years have found themselves to be 90% compliant with Fire Safety. What does that do for the Municipality? Well it makes the Municipality a little bit more marketable. It is a fire safe Community we have less fire loss. What does it do for the fire service? Well because these systems are being maintained properly and inspected properly there is less false alarms. The City of Reading in 2011 answered 12,012 false alarms and in 2012 they answered 1,033 false alarms and in 2013 937 false alarms, 2014 they answered 700 and some false alarms. On average for Penn Hills to go into a fire alarm that is at least three engines and a ladder truck and that cost adds up real fast. That is a couple hundred dollars for each false alarm. Now we do have a False Alarm Ordinance which I have used a couple times already to force people to get their stuff fixed but that is already after the fire department responded. False alarms on the systems just malfunctions because it is not being maintained. Cooking fires are not false alarms. So that is what I am looking at trying to get an Ordinance to get it passed to make Penn Hills a much safer Community when it comes to fire make our Compliance much higher

than anybody else that is out there doing it right now. Some major cities have come on board with the Compliance Engine in the past year like the City of Los Angeles. This is the wave of the future if we can get into it while it is young and fresh we can be one of those forefront leaders of Fire Safety and show the rest of Allegheny County and our residents that your Fire Safety is our number one responsibility.

Mayor DeLuca – can you give us a copy of the Ordinance?

Chuck Miller – it is attached. It kind of gives me an Administration Assistance without any cost to the Municipality which is nice and the other thing is I get that report in the morning and look at it to see if these violations are serious violations or if they are violations that are not serious. If it is a serious violation I can send a violation letter it already goes out on letterhead and everything, they mail it out, it doesn't cost us any postage or anything at that point of time, they send out reminder letters thirty days before their next inspection due or annual test. For me to do that by myself it is almost impossible, it is a lot of work for one person to do and the Compliance Engine is one of those things it is a force equalizer.

Mayor DeLuca – let me ask you with the Compliance Engine how will you know if someone is not reporting, like do you already know the companies that operate in Penn Hills?

Chuck Miller – yes, there are 40 in the Tri-State Area that operate in the Greater Pittsburgh Region and those have already been identified like Mt. Lebanon did this. The Compliance Engine what is nice about them is as soon as we come on board with them they have a team that says O.K. Penn Hills is our focus. So they will send out every letter to all these forty plus vendors and say Penn Hills is now with the Compliance Engine here is their Ordinance if you plan on doing work in Penn Hills you must comply, these guys are already on board now if another company pops up they keep tabs on that. When fire alarm vendors become vendors they have to have a license to do that you just can't decide one day I am going to be a fire alarm testing company. You have to be licensed to do that. They see that they get this report from the NFPA each year and they will send them a letter saying hey you need to get in Compliance or if I go out and do an inspection well I don't recognize this company at all then I will let the compliance know, they will track them down and force them into Compliance. The City of Reading has been doing it about five years now and have actually come across some systems that they didn't even know existed in the City of Reading which is hard to believe but they didn't. Over about an average of a five year span the systems you didn't know about will bubble to the top and then you can really focus on those and get them compliant. Like I said a lot of major major Metropolitan Areas are going to this because of staff reductions, fire prevention bureaus aren't staffed like they used to be in the 70's and 80's and our fire threat hasn't been reduced at all the fire threat is still there as long as there are people there is fire threat. It is just staying on top of it. You start burning down businesses in your Municipality that is a huge shot that we can't afford to take no Municipality can afford to take.

Craig Alexander – Solicitor – I would also like to add that the Fire Marshal did forward all that information to me and I have already reviewed it and I have no issue with it.

Mayor DeLuca - so Moe you can get it on for the next meeting?

Moe Rayan – yes.

Chuck Miller – thanks for your time.

Chris Blackwell – I have a Resolution I would like to introduce for next meeting on the 16th. You got information from me on Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh. We met with them in combination with the CDC and we were very impressed and they are a faith based non-profit which is doing a lot of work in the City of Pittsburgh. They have been doing that for about twenty-five years. They are funded by various foundations and UPMC and we think there is a lot of opportunity really for some cooperation with our rehab program. You will see in their information here they said that they were planning on doing maybe sixteen homes households in the Municipality of Penn Hills. They showed us their list of applicants and I would say more than half of them we knew the names and they are already recipients of our rehab programs. Both our hand rail and our grant program and our loans so when you look through their information you can see where they can only do so much and sometimes there's people that they get a \$1,000 grant from us and there is really something else that they need like an electrical service but they really could of used some kitchen upgrade or some painting and we say we can't help you, this is all we can do. Well the other side is maybe they need \$20,000 worth of work on their home we have the \$15,000 rehab program and we can't go that extra we just can't do those extras. We fixed their roof we make their home secure but there are some other things that they could use. So we see a real possibility for cooperation with this organization and they are just coming to you really for a Resolution of support and that is what we are asking for at the next meeting.

Mayor DeLuca – yes I am fine with that. Do you want to prepare the Resolution?

Chris Blackwell – yes, certainly. Thank you.

REPORTS

Mrs. Kuhn – This is just a personal report and I apologize I felt very bad that I was not able to be here at the last meeting when it was Howard's last meeting so I know that Chris will let him know that I am speaking for him in his absence. I read the minutes and I saw that Howard did say that perhaps I might trump him on how many meetings I have attended in comparison to him and I will say I have had a relationship with Howard since 1976 and we might not always agreed with one another but we were never disagreeable with one another and when I would go in I will say this to the

Planning anything that I ever asked, anything that I ever needed Howard always knew exactly where it was and was always there to give it to me. It seems very odd not to have him here but as I said we might have butted heads with one another on different opinions or situations but that is o.k. but we were never disagreeable with each other and I do want to welcome Chris. I have worked with him too since he was very very young and I have seen him progress so there is no one I don't think better that would be able to handle the position than Chris and I do agree and know that Howard will be playing music when he is retired because that was really always his first love. So if you could just pass that on to Howard for me Chris I certainly would appreciate that.

Chris Black well – I will and he says it in a way too where he says he didn't always agree with everybody but everybody was doing the right thing for Penn Hills and I think that is important. Even though there might have been some disagreements everybody was trying to do their best for the Community.

Mayor DeLuca – I was reading in the Trib that the IRS is being stingy on the forms and the instruction booklets for the taxes so I am not sure how our Library Staff is handling that. I guess people are getting upset. The only forms I guess they are sending to the Library is the 1040, 1040a and 1040ez so if you need the schedules or the instruction booklets you are going to have to go to the IRS's website to get that. With that we have to go into an Executive Session for Personnel Matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor DeLuca entertained a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

DATE

MAUREEN M. SORCE
MANAGER'S SECRETARY

