

## **MARCH 7, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The March 7, 2016 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Sara Kuhn presiding.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Sara Kuhn – I will call this meeting to order. The Agenda stands as presented and could we please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Kuhn  
Mr. Palumbo  
Mr. Underwood  
Mrs. Sapp  
Dr. Kincaid

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

### **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Moses Simpkins – 169 Faybern Court – I presented to the Council a statement that you probably have in front of you with a picture behind it the problem with it there is a corner on Faybern Court that is a bad place for parking. If you allow me I will read that statement to you. After the snowfall on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> the snow removal salt truck came to Faybern Court to clear the street of snow. The truck could not clear the snow from the upper part of the street because the rental truck and a car were parked across from each other on the bend of the street. This left no room for the truck to get through. As a result the slope on the street turned to ice which became very dangerous for us. On Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> a garbage truck came to pick up the garbage and could not get through because two vehicles were parked in the same space and I believe those were the same two cars that were parked on that bend and the garbage truck could not get through. This is not the first time we have had a problem with the cars parked in that area. We have missed garbage pickups and snow removal for years because people park their cars where cars should not be parked. We believe that if the corner would be made a no parking area our snow removal and garbage pickup problems would not be solved. We are asking that Penn Hills Council authorize that the corner be posted as a No Parking Zone on snow days and on days scheduled for garbage pickup. Thank you very much for your immediate attention and

action in this matter. I would like to add something to that and that is that today was garbage pickup day for us also and when I looked out my window this morning I saw the garbage truck coming up the street but those two cars were still parked there and the garbage truck could not get through. I assumed then that we would have to wait another week for our garbage to be picked up and I went back into my house and when I looked out the window again I saw the garbage truck had backed down the street a little bit. I didn't know what was going on at the time but then I discovered that he had this was about ten minutes later that he had contacted the lady that owned the car that was parked there because he had tried to get through to get the garbage and scraped the woman's car. They did what they had to do and he pulled his truck down there and after she left he pulled up to get our garbage so I went out to talk to him. One of the main reasons I went out to talk to him was hoping he could come to this meeting to confirm to you what has been going on for years. A lot of the garbage pickup people have decided they don't want that route because they can't get through because they cannot do anything about the people parking their cars there. There was a guy that was there before about parking his car there and he said to me well you are right cars shouldn't be parked there I won't park there anymore and the very next day his car was parked there. The people that are there now they seem like they have the same attitude so we feel that the only solution to this problem is that a sign be posted there and first I am going to be honest to you I wanted to say a sign posted there for no parking but one of the residents who had the problem with the situation also convinced me that we needed to change that and make that just on snow days because this is when we have the problems on snow days and on the days that are scheduled for garbage pickup. Everybody up there knows when garbage pickup is and to me it would be very simple for them to park their cars somewhere else farther down the street.

Mayor Kuhn – Mr. Simpkins I need to just ask the Manager some questions on this if you can be patient. I know that there are many streets in Penn Hills that have parking on one side of the road. Are you familiar with this road Moe being that you were in Public Works for so long?

Moe Rayan – I am pretty familiar with Faybern yes that is the bend right before the cul-de-sac. There used to be a trailer parked there from that landscaper I believe and he took that trailer out of there. Now normally our Public Works Department that is why I have to check on this when they get in a situation like that they will pull the horn or contact the Police Department to come out and knock on the doors for the residents to remove their vehicles so they can get through so I will have to check on that in that particular occasion they didn't do that.

Mayor Kuhn - Well how do we go about determining what streets we put parking on only one side?

Moe Rayan – well this here we are going to have to take it to the Traffic Safety Committee to make a recommendation whether a no parking sign is warranted for that corner. So we will have to start there. We can take your request and present it to The

Traffic Safety Committee and if they do recommend a No Parking Sign on either side of the street then it will go before Council for their formal approval.

Mayor Kuhn – so that is the first step that we take.

Moe Rayan – yes.

Mayor Kuhn – we will give this information to the Traffic Safety Committee and then they will do their traffic study, correct?

Moe Rayan – correct.

Mayor Kuhn – and then they will determine if it should just be parking on one side of the street and the other thing that I was going to say I know like streets in Oakmont they will have No Parking on Tuesdays between 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. so I don't know if the Traffic Safety Committee doesn't approve of the parking on one side only of the street if there is a possibility that we could put that sign up so that on rubbish pickup day at least they wouldn't have that problem.

Moe Rayan – we are asking for options if they deny the request. I will make sure that I put that on the note.

Joe Palumbo – Moe too I would think that we should have No Parking on one side period anyway because your emergency vehicles, ambulances have to get up that street you can't be waiting for a Police Officer to come and knock on the door and ask them to move.

Moe Rayan – correct. Have you contacted the road department when the snow removal has been in process?

Mr. Simpkins – I haven't personally but there are residents on Faybern Court that have in the past and nothing was done from what I understand nothing was done.

Mayor Kuhn – well if we could start with The Traffic Safety and see if we could get a recommendation from them. How long does that usually take a ballpark figure?

Moe Rayan – well I will send them in the request and they meet once a month and sometimes they will review it and then it would probably be a couple of months before we hear from them.

Mayor Kuhn – well could you keep the residents on Faybern posted on what and where we are at so that they don't think we have just put this on the back burner and follow through. I think we probably have yes we have a phone number for you and Moe if you could just let them know when the Traffic Safety Committee is meeting and then when we find out what the results are when it is going to come to Council.

Dr. Kincaid – yes Mayor Kuhn my question is directed to Moe. To expedite the situation my question is what role can the residents play in the application process? Is there a formal application for example that they can execute?

Moe Rayan – no this letter here from Mr. Simpkins is enough.

Mayor Kuhn – o.k. Mr. Simpkins

Mr. Simpkins – can I say one more thing?

Mayor Kuhn – sure go ahead.

Mr. Simpkins – one of the things that I failed to mention when I was talking about that was the fact that the day that the snow turned to ice there was a Police Officer that was sent up there because trucks couldn't get through. I went out and talked to the Police Officer and she was amazed at all the ice that was on the street. She said it was very dangerous. I wish I would have gotten her name I just want you to understand that this is not just some residents talking, it is a real problem.

Mayor Kuhn – and really if she saw how dangerous it was perhaps she gave some type of report on that but it is not that we are questioning you. The first thing that we have to do is present it to Traffic Safety Committee and the Manager will let you know when their meeting will be when they are going to have this and then we will see what their decision is and that will determine and then it comes to Council no matter what their decision is. Is that correct?

Moe Rayan – yes you will be notified, correct.

Mayor Kuhn – and then Council can make the decision and Moe will let you know when that meeting is too so that you can be present, o.k.

Mr. Simpkins – there is one other thing I am not going to say any more I had the residents that live up there to sign this so that we are all in agreement with the statement that we gave.

Mayor Kuhn – can you give that to the Manager.

Mr. Simpkins – yes.

Mayor Kuhn – thank you very much.

Mr. Simpkins –thank you, I appreciate it.

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve the **February 15, 2016 Town Meeting** Minutes.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve the **February 15, 2016 Council Meeting** Minutes.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the motion.

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

## **EXPENDITURES**

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Expenditures of March 7, 2016, Journal Vouchers 0, \$0.00, CD Requisitions 13, \$13,914.95, Checks 33603 – 33763, \$1,140,799.57 making a Grand Total of \$1,154,714.52.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn – I have just a couple Moe unfortunately the hole puncher takes the page number off so I am just going to go by the Check Number. It would be Check No. 33668 for \$2600.00 for the web-site redesign. I just wanted to say I am assuming that this is for our new web-site that was just recently changed and was put on line, is this correct?

Moe Rayan – that is correct.

Mayor Kuhn – I just want to tell you that I have had several residents call me and are so appreciative of the new web-site and said that it is very friendly oriented and it works very well so thank you Moe.

Moe Rayan – you are welcome.

Ed Schrecengost – who was the vendor on that? These aren't in check order.

Mayor Kuhn – Behar/Fingal it is on page 2.

Ed Schrecengost – thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – you are welcome.

Mayor Kuhn – another one I want to ask on is Check No. 33671 and that is for our salt \$67,165.68. I am hopeful that that is on Page 3 I am hopeful that we are within our budget with the salt so far. I know that we still have March and we also have November and December. A lot of people think that we are o.k. with the first three months they forget that we have November and December of the same year so I am hopeful that we perhaps maybe even under budget at this point.

Moe Rayan – The usage is under this year of course relative to the snow falls but those little ice storms that we had here and there were some of them were all nighters that required the salting. Yes to answer your question we are within budget we still have to order some more to meet our quota with the SHACOG Contract. We have to order up to 80% of our estimated quantities so we will have to order 1,000 tons yet to be ordered but that is not going to be until the fall time.

Mayor Kuhn – piggy backing on that statement I have had some residents call me with concerns and one sent a letter regarding the fact that some of the roads as far as the fact that we had a milder winter some of our roads have not been kept up to the quality that they generally are and to be very honest with you usually in the last three years when we have had terrible winters I usually get many letters and phone calls thanking the Public Works Department for the good job that they have done. So I did contact the Manager to see what the difference was and he did inform me that we did have four drivers who have been off either for Worker's Compensation or Disability was one?

Moe Rayan – correct.

Mayor Kuhn – and the one gentleman that called I explained that to him and he said that he was in a union for many years and he realizes when someone is off on Workman's Comp you can't replace them. So the Manager and I did have a meeting and he gave me several suggestions on what he is going to do to rectify this as best that he can because we don't want this to turn into what we went through with Code Enforcement with having people off and not being able to bring them back on. So I do apologize it is not that our Public Works isn't working because they work tirelessly when they are called out and they do a very good job. And the other question I have Moe is Check No. 33607 and that is on Duquesne Light about the street lights. I did want to follow up and see if we had contacted Duquesne Light and make sure that all our street lights are on and I wanted to make sure that we followed up on Dr. Kincaid's request and mine regarding that all the street lights are in fact working since we pay such a large amount for each one.

Moe Rayan – I did put in a request for the Department Director specifically the Road Department in their travels as well as the Police Department if they encounter any of the lights that are out if to report them and Public Works will send a service request out to Duquesne light.

Mayor Kuhn – thanks Moe and if you would just make sure that they are frequently reminded of that because I hate paying money for streets lights that aren't even working.

Moe Rayan – will do.

Mayor Kuhn – thank you.

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

## **ORDINANCES**

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve **Ordinance no. 2582 of 2016** amending Section 3.2 of Ordinance 2420, The Penn Hills Zoning Ordinance, and Chapter 612 of The Codified Ordinance authorizing the keeping of chickens.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the motion.

Pete McQuillan – 227 Kansas Street – I have to say Mrs. Kuhn when I moved here last year to that little bitty street in the middle of nowhere I said the salt trucks are never going to get here but we have had outstanding salt truck service on that street.

Mayor Kuhn – I appreciate that and Moe would you please extend that to our Public Works.

Pete McQuillan – I am here to speak in favor of the Chicken Ordinance. I have been a back yard chicken keeper for about seven years now and all the problems I have seen with keeping chickens are addressed in that Code and is very well drafted. It is clear and force able by Code Officials and chicken keeping is a big part of my life raising my own food and vegetables is a big part of my own life so I think there are a lot of people that feel that way and I am in favor of it and I also will say if anyone in this room or elsewhere is interested in keeping chickens and the Ordinance passes they are welcome to come and visit me and I would be happy to get them started and so that is pretty much that.

Mayor Kuhn – I do have one question. I did receive some minutes from the Planning Commission and you said you live at 227 Kansas Street but you have acreage correct?

Pete McQuillan – well we keep chickens out on the cemetery and we have 35 acres yes.

Mayor Kuhn – o.k. because there is no problems with you having chickens because in our original Ordinance it says over five acres chickens are permitted.

Pete McQuillan – no problem with me but I am speaking

Mayor Kuhn – well I just didn't want them to think that you were in violation.

Pete McQuillan – no no.

Sandy Faybeck – 11543 Clematis Blvd – I have a question about the idea that you can't slaughter chickens I get why that is probably in there. I was wondering I have lived in places before where people went around and did slaughtering with a truck that would come and slaughter and take care of all the slaughter and debris that was left from slaughtering. Would something like that be aloud or is just no because what are people going to do with their dead chickens they are going to end up the trash.

Chris Blackwell – yes Ms. Faybeck I can answer your question. The reason it is in there and it might seem confusing because the last part of the Ordinance says there is no selling of parts. Well if you can't slaughter them how can you sell parts? The purpose here is to raise chickens for eggs. Slaughtering in itself is an activity. It would be like raising cattle for slaughter. The point of that section of the Ordinance is to say we don't raise chickens for slaughter. That is the point of it. That wouldn't be your activity to raise them to kill them, raise them to have eggs.

Sandy Faybeck – so if I decide to get four chickens and one gets old and they stop laying and that is when they should be used for meat. O.k. thank you for that clarification. I want to say ever since I moved here ten years ago I have always been extremely impressed with how our roads get cleaned up in the winter time. I think you guys do a marvelous job of making that happen. So no complaints on that level.

Mayor Kuhn – we appreciate that I am sure the Public Works people will appreciate that too.

Sandy Faybeck – I hope that everybody goes for this Chicken Ordinance because I think there are tons of people who want to raise their own chickens. Thank you.

Felix Catlin – 223 Datura Drive – I want to support the previous two speakers on the Chicken Ordinance I think it is wonderful. There are a lot of people in town and nearby who really do value having their own eggs for cooking and it makes them feel more connected to the land and more connected to their Municipality and I see no harm in it. I do think the Ordinance was crafted beautifully from what I can see. It looks like



every loop hole has been looked at and that Code Enforcement could enforce it if there were any complaints from neighbors and I think it is a forward thinking idea for Penn Hills and we really are trying to attract people to our Municipality. People who are looking for an affordable, friendly, safe community and it is just another thing that we can do to try to get people to move in and get to know us and love us and I have no complaints about the roads.

Mayor Kuhn – this is so good.

Felix Catlin - I lived through that blizzard of 2010. I lived in Shadyside and the whole place was thrown into Armageddon and as soon as I got out of Shadyside to see my friends I was so impressed to see that the roads were completely cleared.

Mayor Kuhn – and I explained to the residents that called I said that it was surprising to me because I have friends who live in neighboring communities and they also express to me they were always glad when they reached Penn Hills because they knew that the roads would be clear.

Felix Catlin – so let's get on the chicken train.

Christine Holman – 1790 Hunter Road – I also wanted to speak in favor of the Chicken Ordinance. I recently purchased my house on Hunter Road and one of the reasons I like Penn Hills is because it is diverse and it is possible that not everyone on the Council thinks it is a good idea to have chickens but a lot of the people in the community do think it is a good idea to have chickens. A few people in the community already have chickens so with the Ordinance I think it is a good way to regulate the people that do have chickens already so I am very much looking forward to getting chickens if this Ordinance is accepted. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – thank you.

Lisa – I am a resident of Faybern Drive and I just wanted to speak in behalf of the previous request to have restricted parking signs constructed on the street. I know I missed the first portion but it is a nuisance and it seems to be most affected by those people who live in the rental property right next door to my home with the multiple vehicles so if there is a way to communicate with property owners and landlords that their tenants have certain Ordinances that they need to abide by it would be good to have that communicated. I don't know whether in past years we had flyers distributed to residents on that street when garbage collectors were not able to back up our street in the cul-de-sac and that seemed to address the situation but if there short of any sort of communication no one knows unless neighbors speak to neighbors and sometimes new neighbors are receptive and sometimes they are not. I have been a resident there for twenty years and as I said I am at 164 and it is the residents who live in the rental property next to mine that have been the most and the continued violators of that, I am a homeowner.

Mayor Kuhn – this is probably your first time here at the meeting so that is why I am giving you some leeway here. How it generally works is when we have discussed one situation and now we are going on to another we are only to be discussing the Chicken Ordinance because you came in late and I am assuming this is your first time but I don't know if you were here in time to hear that the Manager is going to present this problem to the Traffic Safety Committee and then they will make a determination and give it to Mayor and Council as to whether or not they feel that the street should have no parking on one side or the whole street so we are hoping that that might alleviate the problems that you are having.

Lisa – thank you I misunderstood I thought it was open.

Mayor Kuhn – generally it goes by the Agenda item and whatever item we are on at the time and at the very beginning with Citizens to Speak on the problem at Faybern and that would have been your opportunity and being that you are new and you were late coming in I gave you the leeway.

Lisa – I apologize I had another matter but I will have to wait until the next time. Is there an opportunity for open comments?

Mayor Kuhn – under the charter it says that anyone that wants to speak has to send in a letter it is not a big letter you just have to say I would like to speak at such and such a meeting, Council date on such subject and that is all you have to do.

Lisa – thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – you are welcome. Now back to the chickens. Are there any other comments on the chickens?

Mrs. Sapp – so when the chickens die or stop laying eggs how should they properly be disposed?

Chris Blackwell – the Ordinance they would be disposed like any other pet or any other animal that you would have. I don't want to get into how

Mrs. Sapp – so we are not just putting them in the garbage?

Chris Blackwell – actually really the law says you cannot bury your pet in your yard which people do so if you want to talk about that here maybe this isn't the place but actually you aren't suppose to bury bio-degradable and that would include pets and animals on your own property. So it would actually be thrown away like any other refuse.

Mrs. Sapp – o.k. – so if chicken owners are not permitted to butcher then can you just clarify?

Chris Blackwell – yes that was what I was saying before. You are not allowed to butcher or slaughter which is an activity of raising chickens for slaughter meaning I am going to raise them and I am not getting eggs from them I am simply raising them like you would raise cattle, you raise cattle solely for butchering so then if you have a chicken that passes or you know longer want any more and you determine that you are going to sell it to somebody that is where it also says you have to meet Federal State Regulations before you are going to sell them. I think it is unlikely that that would happen. Usually you give eggs part of the thing about having chickens and the friendship of the neighbors is that you give eggs or give chicken parts but if you sell them you would have to follow State Law.

Mrs. Sapp – thank you Chris.

Mr. Underwood – question Chris. This Ordinance that is being amended does that go into an existing Ordinance about farm animals?

Chris Blackwell – yes it would. The first section is to amend Section 3.2 which is the definition of a farm animal. The second section would go into the Codified Ordinance and the purpose of doing that is I didn't want the actual Zoning Ordinance Book to have pages on chickens.

Mr. Underwood – when this was originally brought up we talked about this and I was led to believe that there was two areas Wilkinsburg and Forest Hills that had an Ordinance against Hens and we were going to get copies of that and look at how we could put those into one document just for hens not to incorporate it into an existing Ordinance is this correct?

Chris Blackwell – I don't recall the looking into other communities about hens but what we are talking about are hens only. Roosters are not permitted.

Mr. Underwood – but why don't we have a separate staying away from the farm animals instead of complicating matters just have one for hens.

Chris Blackwell – at the time when I first proposed it I proposed it to only Section 3.2 the definition of farm animals and through the discussion at this Council they asked me to write a separate Ordinance specifically about chickens that would be much more involved. So that is what I did I looked at Ordinances from many neighboring communities including the City of Pittsburgh, Jefferson Heights and different places that have Chicken Ordinances.

Mr. Underwood – then it was not brought back to Council to discuss it o.k. at a later date but now it is being brought in and organized as one.

Chris Blackwell – that is correct.

Mr. Underwood – so that is quite different than what I was told to believe that night also states right here chickens, we are talking about hens so this is totally incorrect so I would like to make a motion to Table it until we get this all cleared out before we bring it back to the public.

Dr. Kincaid – I will second the motion.

Mayor Kuhn – o.k. now I need to know the rules here can we vote on this to table first?

Craig Alexander – The motion to table supersedes the motion that is on the table to approve and there is no discussion.

Mayor Kuhn – so we are not allowed to discuss it?

Craig Alexander – no vote.

Mayor Kuhn – Maureen take votes.

Mrs. Sapp YES

Dr. Kincaid YES

Mayor Kuhn I really feel that I wish that we would have had more discussions from everyone before we made a motion and seconded to Table it because there were quite a few things myself that I would have liked to said on it so because of that I would have to vote no to Table it.

Mr. Palumbo YES

Mr. Underwood YES

Mayor Kuhn – Motions been carried and it will be Tabled and be brought up at a different meeting. If I am not mistaken if we Table something do we have a certain amount of time or if that is just when someone brings something before us?

Craig Alexander – generally what happens is that it is on the Agenda for the next month's meeting to come off Table but there is not an absolute rule on that it could be until Council is satisfied.

Mayor Kuhn – o.k. and will Council let Chris know exactly what you are looking for so he can give that information to you before the next meeting when it will be put on.

Mayor Kuhn – you don't have to do it now Gary but what I am asking is that everyone who wanted it Tabled for whatever reasons if they could please give those reasons to Chris so that he can be able to present something at the next meeting and maybe answer the questions that you have. Thank you.

Felix Catlin – so will these objections be made public?

Mayor Kuhn – so that is what I am saying I want them to present them to Chris and that way Chris can say what they were and what his answers are to them so that is what I am asking.

Felix Catlin – Chris is not a member of the public he is a servant of the Mayor & Council, so how will we know what the objections are?

Mayor Kuhn – what we will do at the next meeting when it has comments again then I will ask Chris what the comments were and what his answers are to them.

Felix Catlin – o.k. and there will be an opportunity for comments from the public?

Mayor Kuhn – yes what we will do we will take it off the Table and start at the onset of that and at that time I will ask Chris if he can explain to the public what the concerns were and what his answers were.

Felix Catlin – thank you.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2583 of 2016** entering into an Agreement with other member Municipalities of The Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments for the establishment of a Joint Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals as required by The Uniform Construction Code and hereby dissolving The Municipality of Penn Hills Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Jim Getsy – 151 Crescent Hills – Good Evening – my question is this. By entering the Council of Governments will this in any way delay any processing of these appeals?

Moe Rayan – the answer is no sir.

Jim Getsy – do we get many of those types of feels for this?

Mayor Kuhn – I give the audience the first chance to give comments but being you are asking these questions Mr. Getsy we did get a memo from Chris and Chris I did write on it and it was very nicely done and I appreciate the information. If you would

allow me to read it maybe it would give you some answers to the questions that you have.

Jim Getsy – If I can get a copy you don't have to bother to read it.

Mayor Kuhn – we can do that but in it it does say we have followed this since 2003 and we may have only met once in 2007 and they have remained inactive ever since so we have been involved in it since 2003, they met once in 2007 and so from 2003 to 2016 there has only been one meeting of the board.

Jim Getsy - so if that is how easy it is for appeals then I really don't thank you.

Craig Alexander – also the Board of Appeals likes you to have some specialized knowledge, an architect, an engineer and things like that and it is often hard to find those people with specialized knowledge within the community who are willing to step up and form a five member board or however many members this board has so joining a Regional Uniform Commercial Code of Appeals within the whole Council Government is a lot easier. The time frames are set forth in the Code so you can't go over the time frames regardless of whether it your own Board of Appeals or whether it is a Regional Board of Appeals. It is actually a better thing. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – as I said Chris I appreciate the memo it was very much informational and to continue on what the Solicitor said under Section 4.02 certain persons are prohibited from serving as members and they have members serve at the Municipality Governing Body and they give you methods of appointments and as the Solicitor has indicated there are qualifications that they are asking for that a Municipality on its own doesn't have that many people qualified that want to serve. So by joining in with all the Municipalities they get a poll of people and it seems to work better and Chris has recommended that we go along with it and I appreciate all the work that he did on it.

Chris Blackwell – thank you.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Mrs. Sapp made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2016-016** – authorizing the borrowing of \$42,221.00 and authorizing the execution of loan documents between The Municipality of Penn Hills and PNC Equipment Finance for the purchase of two (2) vehicles; two 2016 Chevrolet Trax, for The Senior Service Center Home Delivered Meals Program.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – I just want to say that again Chris had sent us a memo stating that The Home Deliveries Program provides a 172 breakfast and 172 hot meals daily and that they also by serving the meals you take care of people being able to see if shut ins people are not having any problems because they are checked on daily when the deliveries are made. They need these vehicles very badly because of the fact that they are driving to all these 172 people and we don't want them driving in cars not safe for them and they also even if the weather is extremely bad they do keep a check list and if someone has no other means of pertaining to getting their food they do deliver the food regardless of the weather so I appreciate the fact that we have put that in our budget and just so the public knows this is in HUD so it will be out of the HUD Funding. HUD will be paying for the payment of the vehicles.

Chris Blackwell – that is correct, thank you.

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

## **REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Palumbo – I have a report I attended and Gary attended also the Fire Essay Contest. There were fourteen kids all together some got honorable mention and then first, second and third places. These kids are going on to the next level where we do very very well every year. There are so many bad things that are said about our kids and it always seems to hit the news media when something is bad it was mentioned there too bad that the news media wasn't there to cover something like that. Afterwards Gary and I both went to Thad Stevens Fire Station and they have a simulation room downstairs where they learn how to navigate in a fire. They put in this fake smoke then they have to navigate through it. During the conversation we were talking to the Chief there are 3600 letters sent out for donations from the Fire Department and out of that they get 300 donations back that is terrible. I mean these guys go out Christmas morning and leave their families, dinner, holidays, when that whistle goes off they are out the door and they are coming out there to save your life and I think it is sad that they only get 300 donations back. That is all I have to say.

Mr. Underwood – with piggybacking what the Deputy Mayor was saying these students the people that grade these essays said that all the reports were fantastic and when you start to think about just that statement about what it says about the school district and the teachers that they have that great knowledge and are putting it on paper and being reviewed for credit, fantastic they are great and another thing because we had the opportunity to see that this is what we are talking about on Duff Road to have a facility for the Firemen to train in. It is not an active fire and that brought up at the last meeting so that is not a concern but the Fire Chief from Penn Hills No. 7 gave all the details of how it would be protected at the new facility training center. This will be fantastic. I am glad we both had the opportunity to see that and we can pass that on to the public. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – thank you Gary and just to add to that I also want to thank Fireman Richard Grove he has been in charge of this program for many many many years and it does take a lot of work and he does a wonderful job and alot to thank the teachers because if the teachers do not get involved with the students to do these letters then they would not be done so we need to applaud the teachers and also Mr. Grove for a job well done. O.K. any other reports. I have a few. I did get a memo from the Manager regarding our Senior Center and the Allegheny County Center Monitoring Inspector and that was sent on February 5, 2016. What is basically says in here is that on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> two County staff members were sent to the Jefferson Road and McKinley sites to monitor the HDN and the ADC Programs and the programs were given a 100%. A lot of praise for the way the staff and volunteers worked to get the meals and breakfast ready for delivery in 1-1/2 hours; they then focused on the meals program. The work of the seniors and the cleanliness of the kitchen and lunchroom areas were given 100%. They asked for copies of policies that were written over the years and again 100% evaluation was made. They had nothing but praise for the staff and the appearance of the center and on February 3<sup>rd</sup> they arrived at the McKinley Site and spent the five hours with Mary Anne and again the evaluation was 100%. As I tell everyone when I go through the County of Allegheny our Senior Center is so well respected through the County. Everyone announces and makes tribute to the fact that Penn Hills has one of the best Senior Centers in the entire County of Allegheny so I want to thank our Director Phyllis Paciulli, Lena, Jan, Tammy, Dianne and her staff and Mary Anne and Linda for a wonderful job well done and also for a wonderful amount of volunteers who work at the Senior Center. If they didn't have the volunteers that they have this work could not be completed so I thank them also. I thought that that needed to be recognized. And I did receive just when I sat down today that there is a reference for a woman who is going to have a birthday and she will be 103 years old so they asked if we could celebrate her birthday March 9th she lives at Seneca Manor which is on Saltsburg Road and her name is Vera Burbeck and they would like us to send her a birthday card which I definitely will so congratulations for living a 103 years. We will have an Executive Session after the meeting pertaining to Personnel Matters and with that I will ask for a Motion to Adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid – I did want to piggyback on what you said about Rich Grove I understand that he has been elected to State President of the Fireman's Association and also the news media will have to pick this up because I do not know the details but I think they are going to have the State Convention here in our area whenever that takes place.

Mr. Underwood – 2017.

Dr. Kincaid – 2017 thank you.



**AJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kuhn entertained a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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MANAGER'S SECRETARY