

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Good Evening everyone it being 7:30 P.M. I will call the September 10, 2018 Council Meeting to order. I am amending the Agenda under Appointments Letter #B and it will be The Economic Development Committee. Other than that the Agenda will stand as presented. After the Pledge of Allegiance if we could have a moment of silence for the 911 victims and their families and also for our Country, I would appreciate it. Thank you very much and with that we will stand for the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Kuhn - The Agenda will be amended adding under Appointment Letter B will be the Economic Development Committee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kuhn
Mr. Petrucci
Mr. Underwood
Deputy Mayor Sapp
Mr. Brodnicki

Also in attendance were Manager Rayan, Secretary Scaglione, Finance Director Schrecengost, Alexander, Solicitor, Toth, IT Supervisor, McCafferty, Director of Code Enforcement, Chief Burton, Engineer, Minsterman, Zeak, Library, Miller, Fire Marshal, Jeffcoat, Volunteer Fireman, Fitzhenry, EMS Supervisor, Shepard, DPW, Davis, Finance Assistant and Police Officer Druskin.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Kuhn – I also need to announce that on Friday, September 7, 2018 there was an Emergency Executive Session held by Mayor & Council regarding Personnel. With that we will move to Appointments. It is sad for all of us up here that Manager Moe Rayan's last day as Manager of Penn Hills was Friday and he will absolutely be missed. When he gave his intentions to us he presented a very detailed resume and I also gave an explanation on what he has accomplished and how important he was to Penn Hills but it was his choice to move on and we all had to give him our best blessing for that. Since that time we have had an extensive advertisement for the position for a Manager for the Penn Hills Municipality. Getting a qualified person to handle the Municipalities business is not an easy task. We had 17 to 19 e-mails that came in, none of which had near the qualifications that we needed. We had I believe 7

to 9 resumes sent into the Municipality and out of those we had a very short list so everyone on Council was permitted to give me a short list on the candidates that they were comfortable with which they did. From that short list there were interviews for two applicants. I had a personal interview with both applicants that were on the short list and I did inform my Council that I feel that they should contact the applicants by phone or have a personal interview with them themselves and it is my understanding that everyone on Council has had an opportunity to speak to the Appointment that I am going to present this evening for confirmation. As I said, it is an extensive process that we went through and it is very important and I believe that Mayor & Council couldn't have done anything further in the search than what we did. With that being said, I ask for a Motion to Appoint Scott Andrejchak as Municipal Manager pursuant to the provisions of the Penn Hills Charter with the starting date of September 17, 2018.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – I make the Motion that we accept Scott Andrejchak as our new Municipal Manager starting September 17, 2018.

Mayor Kuhn – Do I have a second?

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn – Now if we have any comments from the audience give your name and your address. And Faith just to remind you with our new system you have to speak directly into the microphone and if you move your head one way or the other it will not come over for the recording of the Minutes.

Faith Milazzo – 121 Castle Drive – I had posed this question to the Municipality a few weeks ago and it was sort of answered and I just wanted to follow up. Some of us were concerned about what some of us considered a very large severance package for the previous Municipal Manager so I am just wondering what this severance package is and if we can have that information?

Mayor Kuhn – Well the current Manager is not receiving a severance package as our previous Manager did. I don't know if you were at the meeting when I spoke on the severance package and I explained to the public that Councilman Petrucci and Councilman Brodnicki and Deputy Mayor Sapp had nothing to do with that severance because of the fact they were not on the Council at the time the contract was made. Now I do know that there were comments made on this severance and I thought that I explained that thoroughly at that meeting but obviously some people did not understand. We had tried to have four different Managers when it was under the Administration under Anthony DeLuca, Jr. as Mayor and we were unable to get anyone who qualified or could handle the situations that Penn Hills presented. In between, each time a Manager left, we had to rely on our Finance Director, Ed Schrecengost to handle both positions. The past Manager Moe Rayan had been with the Public Works for twelve years as the Director. He did not approach Mayor and Council for the Position. The Mayor and Council approached him. He had a very good position at

Public Works. He was their Director and being that he was their Director he was covered under the Union. For him to leave that position and become Manager he no longer would be covered under any union contract. With the political agenda that had been on trying to get a Manager and releasing four Managers in a small amount of time he said he would take the acting position but would not accept the position of Manager unless there was a contract that stated if he was released at that position at any time he would have the right to go back to the Public Works position under the same qualifications that were in his contract at the time he was Public Works Director so that was what was done. So anyone who has any type of business understanding or who has ever run a business or who has ever worked would have to understand that if you were presented an opportunity to move into a position and if that position did not give you any coverage in any way as far as you having any leverage if you were to be removed from a position that he enjoyed and was very good at and was covered under a union that person would be very naive to step into another position without some type of guarantee. Besides that as I stated at the meeting Mr. Moe Rayan also had an engineering degree now that is not a qualification for Manager but did it help Penn Hills it helped Penn Hills tremendously. In the nine years, I wish everyone who was complaining about the severance pay would have attended every one of our meetings then you would have been able to absorb the information of the amount of money that Penn Hills saved with having Mr. Rayan as our Municipal Manager. I believe it would be more than ten, twenty times what his severance pay was. I also said at that time if anyone had a problem with the severance pay to contact me because I was on Council when we gave that contract to our Municipal Manager and if I had to do it over today I would have to do the same thing. And I will tell you that one of my Councilmen on board now made the comment to me after our search that he understood why Council gave this severance pay to Mr. Rayan because he has seen how difficult it is to find a Manager qualified to take the position that Penn Hills presents. So that answers the question as to is the severance pay going to be given to our new Manager and why once again it was given to Moe. Does that answer your question, Faith?

Faith Milazzo – Sort of and I will leave it at that but for the record, I also thought that Moe did a fine job that I stated many times but I just thought the severance was large and I understand this person is not coming from another department and he will not be able to go back to his old position but just based on what I read it just seems like it was a large severance from an article that Dillon wrote compared to other Municipal Managers not going back to his old position but the amount he would be paid for every year that he would have been there. That is really what I was wondering.

Mayor Kuhn – I have a recruiting guidelines for selecting a local Government Administrator. It is 27 pages and I went through every one of them and I have two copies if someone would like to look at it because they specify exactly the severance pay why it should be presented and the recommendation on how to go about in putting it into a contract. I did tell the reporter from the Trib when he asked about the severance pay that I did have this and he was welcome to go over it so that he would have knowledge but of course he did not take it he would rather I guess present his own

spin on it. But Faith I have it if you want to look at it, I would be more than happy to share it with you.

Faith Milazzo – Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – Are there any comments from the audience? This is very important so this is your time to speak so if you have any questions I would rather you ask Council and Mayor and not ask on facebook or twitter. Please come to the microphone and give your name and address.

(Inaudible)

Mayor Kuhn – The new Manager I did say but I will say it again it is Scott Andrejchak and as soon as we all have our comments he is in the audience and I will present him personally. Any other comments? No comments from Council. So with that I will call for Roll Call.

There being no further discussion the Motion for Mr. Scott Andrejchak for new Municipal Manager approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn – Well congratulations and welcome to our Community. If you would like to come up Scott and take the microphone? I don't want to put you on the spot but if you would like to say something I will tell you Scott has been told and explained our residency and was told that that was something we actually and completely hold everyone to and he has assured us that that would be no problem and he was made well aware of it so welcome to Penn Hills Scott.

Mr. Scott Andrejchak – Thank you Mayor and Council for your vote of confidence and support. It is very overwhelming to me and very fortunate to be here this evening with you. I am looking forward to making Penn Hills my home very soon. It has been a few days and I have already met a lot of wonderful people. I think there are a lot of good things about Penn Hills and I think there are a lot of good things that are going to happen. I am really looking forward to being a part of all of that. I am looking forward to working with the elected officials, the governing body and all of the Directors and staff in the coming weeks and I ask for their support as I acclimate to Penn Hills but once again thank you for your support and confidence. I really look forward to becoming a part of the Community and doing a good job for Penn Hills. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – Scott went through quite lengthy conversations with all of us and as I said with our new building and this is a new start with Penn Hills so now we will have a new start with a young, energetic Manager who has a great many new thoughts on policies to be implemented. So I know we all support him and he will start as I have stated next Monday and he has volunteered on his own time to meet with Council Members and every Director so that he doesn't come in and he is not familiar. So I will be meeting with Scott with two Directors as well as Councilman Petrucci,

Deputy Mayor Sapp, Councilman Brodnicki and Councilman Underwood. We can't all be together because of the Sunshine Act so we will meet one on one and that will enable him to put faces with names and that will enable both the Directors and the Manager to have some type of communication before he walks into the Manager's office. So I think this is a good day for Penn Hills and I know we all wish you all the best Scott. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – Next under Appointments is the Economic Development Committee. I have been approached by several people who are very interested in bringing back the Economic Development Committee and that is something that is very important to our Community. Anytime we can get in touch with any businesses that are out there and anything that we can do to improve the businesses we have presently is a plus for the Community in a whole. So I did receive resumes for the Appointments. I am going to have a seven member board. All the resumes were sent to Mayor & Council with more than enough time for them to look over and research them and I had asked them all if they had any problems with anyone to please let me know before I put them up for confirmation and if they had anyone that they wanted added to the list that they would do the same so with that being said and I do apologize with everything that has been going on it has been a little crazy I did not have the opportunity to call those who are being appointed tonight for them to be present in the audience. So that falls on me not on the appointees. So first up do I have a Motion for Shawn

Craig Alexander – Do you want to do them collectively or separately?

Mayor Kuhn – I will do them separately in case there is a problem with anyone we aren't going to just do an overall vote. So my first Appointment for the Economic Development Committee is Shawn O'Mahony, anyone who is familiar with Shawn he is involved with the BOB Project and you will never find a harder worker or someone who is more dedicated than Shawn and he has ideas upon ideas. So do I have a Motion for Shawn O'Mahony?

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to appoint Mr. Shawn O'Mahony to the Economic Development Committee.

Deputy Mayor Sapp seconded the Motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn – My second nomination is Irene McLaughlin Clark – I have known Irene for several years. She was very active in Code Enforcement concerns and she worked very hard to help us get through the problems when we were tied up with legalities. Do I have a Motion for Irene McLaughlin Clark?

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion to appoint Irene McLaughlin Clark to the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Brodnicki seconded the Motion.

Mr. Underwood – Is she still living in Penn Hills or in the City?

Mayor Kuhn – I believe Irene lives in Penn Hills and I don't believe she would present one if she lived in the City and I believe that well I see on her resume because she ran in Penn Hills but I do see Gary on her resume that it says 325 South Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. I don't know if that is her business or her residency. Does anyone know?

(inaudible)

Mayor Kuhn – She has two homes. So what we will do we will table her name until I can verify that her primary residency is in Penn Hills and I guess all of Council missed that when we were going over the resumes. How do I go about just ask for a Motion to Table?

Mr. Craig Alexander – Sure.

Mayor Kuhn – Do I have a Motion to Table Irene McLaughlin Clark Appointment to the Economic Development Committee?

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion to Table Irene McLaughlin Clark Appointment to the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was tabled by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn – Do I have a Motion for Trent Griffin. When I was on Planning for ten years I worked side by side with Trent and when I tell everyone I loved Planning sometimes I wish that was where I continued but he is every energetic and he has a business in Penn Hills and a residence in Penn Hills. So do I have a Motion?

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion to appoint Trent Griffin to the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn – Next to I have a Motion for Jace Ransom? Jace has worked with Community Outreach Specialists which is very important in a Community and he also is a Real Estate Agent for Caldwell Banker. I don't know him personally but I have talked

to him and especially with him being a Real Estate Agent he knows the concerns of being able to put Penn Hills at a positive light.

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion to appoint Mr. Jace Ransom for the Economic Development Committee.

Deputy Mayor Sapp seconded the Motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn – Next I have up Thomas Wallace. He has worked with the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh and he also has over 12 years of education and social services providing leadership to organizations. He revitalized programs and he has strong leadership skills to motivate and inspire and to coach diverse teams which Penn Hills is a diverse Community and what I tell everyone I think that is what makes Penn Hills stronger so I think he would fit in very well as an Economic Appointee. Do I have a Motion?

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion to appoint Mr. Thomas Wallace for the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Brodnicki seconded the Motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn – My next Appointment is Catherine Sutton. She lives on Elizabeth Drive. She has worked in the Attorney General's Office and she also is a legal assistant and the reason I thought this was good with her background she could be very instrumental in case the Committee would have any questions regarding legalities.

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion to appoint Catherine Sutton for the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Brodnick seconded the Motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn – And my final is Tyler Tomasino. He has completed two years in Communication Programs at Slippery Rock and he has worked in HR roles which are your Human Resources and I think that he would be a good fit for this economic development also.

Deputy Mayor Sapp made a Motion to appoint Tyler Tomasino for the Economic Development Committee.

M. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn – I just did want to make one statement we did have a resume from Robert Larko. Now I have known Robert Larko since he was very very young and he is truly I believe Bob's heart is in Penn Hills, but unfortunately, his employment does not allow him to be involved in any Political Committees. But I did want to recognize that I did appreciate him sending in his resume but I don't want him or anyone to think that he was looked over. Thank you very much and with that we will move to Citizens to Address Council.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

First up is Lucille Hopson – Water/Sewage Bills. Please come up and give your name and address. Is Lucille in the audience? O.K. next we have Dorothy Coates on Fire Lanterns (Fire Hazards). Dorothy can you come up and give your name and address?

Dorothy Coates – 1056 Evergreen Drive, Penn Hills 15235

Mayor Kuhn – You had written in that you wanted to address Mayor & Council regarding these Fire Lanterns. Is that correct?

Dorothy Coates – Yes. It is an honor to be here this evening and I thank all the parties that have allowed me to speak. On July 14, 2018 an incident happened on my property with a Fire Lantern that almost caused my tree in my back yard to catch on fire. Myself and some of my neighbors are afraid if Codes are not put in place a serious fire could happen in our Community or even the Greater Pittsburgh area. We have witnessed those lanterns stuck in nearby trees and on rooftops and the wax inside it drips so most of the summer months the roofs are hot so that means a fire could happen. Although they are beautiful and fun my research states that Fire Lanterns have been banned in many cities and in fact it is in about 29 cities due to the facts it has been a fire hazard. What I have witnessed is people are not using common sense. When I speak of common sense they are lighting these right by my fence. I included

Mayor Kuhn – I saw that.

Dorothy Coates – a picture stating that and then the instructions are you are to pick a spot without obstruction no trees or roofs or power lines. They are not following the instructions when they are lighting them.

Mayor Kuhn – I did see in your memo to Mayor and Council that you did inform us that there are certain instructions that neighbors and parties should adhere to that come along with these lanterns, is that correct?

Dorothy Coates – That is Correct.

Mayor Kuhn – So what I would like to do is our Fire Marshal, Chuck Miller, if you could address this and give her some information or just meet with her at a different time Chuck it is up to you.

Chuck Miller – Actually Mayor Kuhn I talked to Mrs. Coates on the phone in great detail. Pennsylvania is behind the times as far as Fire Codes and Building Codes. We are still in the 2009 Codes. These weren't addressed until 2015 set of Codes which the State doesn't formerly adopt until October 1, 2018 which then we have to turn around and adopt it by an Ordinance following that. Once that happens there is a whole section in the 2018 Fire Codes 308.1.6.3 on sky lanterns that say they can't be released unless they are tethered. Without that type of verbiage in any of the Codes now I can go out and say stop that and once they do it again what is my next course to stop it. I can't do anything. I have sent out a buffalo letter to try to full them, but once we adopt the 2015 Fire Code it is in there no person shall release the sky lantern unless it is tethered. So shall in any Fire Code or any Code means there is no exception. I explained to Mrs. Coates at that point in time once she sees that happening she will notify me and I will send them an automatic violation notice referencing this Code and then if they do it again it will go straight to citation and we go down in front of the Magistrate for the Magistrate it is kind of hard to say well I don't believe that part of the Fire Code because it is National, it is International recognized Code. I explained to Mrs. Coates that I don't believe in sky lanterns because they do cause many fires and they are a weapon of war that were developed in World War II by the Japanese and they used them to start a lot of wild fires over here in the United States because they put them up in the air and they caught the air stream and went over into California and started fires. You have to be a history person to know all of that. Once we get that new Fire Code adopted then we definitely will be able to get on top of the situation.

Mayor Kuhn – Chuck my concern of course is because of the fact if it is a fire hazard it is something that we need to address. And especially not only because of the residents but being it has been brought now before Mayor & Council and if we don't make sure exactly what can and cannot be done and if a fire did take place then the Municipality could be in jeopardy of having a law suit.

Chuck Miller – No.

Mayor Kuhn – So are you saying basically we are permitted to give a citation for these or we are not?

Chuck Miller – Not currently not under the 2015 there is no citable reference to them whatsoever. Even in 2012 they are not referenced. What happens when you try to file a citation on something that is not written in Code somewhere it is going to get thrown out of the courts?

Mayor Kuhn – So it is of your opinion as our Fire Marshal that basically we are where, there is nothing that we can do at this point.

Chuck Miller – Well at this point we have been sending the Police out and stuff like that. The hardest part about them if they operate properly when you get there there is no evidence that they are set off because they are three miles away. It is kind of like the fireworks.

Mayor Kuhn – Right exactly.

Chuck Miller – I mean it is one of those things I strongly feel against them because they do cause fires they do cause many devastating fires but unfortunately like I said in the State of Pennsylvania we have no local Ordinance that bands them because it has really never been an issue. This is the first in five years that I have been here that someone has actually filed a complaint about sky lanterns.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. that being said if we do have a resident that sees that there is a problem with someone in her neighbor doing this at that point she could call 911 and have it addressed as such, is that correct?

Chuck Miler – That is correct. Then 911 would have to determine if fire, public nuisance is it a police issue, what is it and if happens in middle of night and by the time I get there it is gone but she had photographic evidence which helps a little bit but like I said without the wall in place it is really hard to touch.

Mayor Kuhn – So we can't supersede the State?

Chuck Miller – No we cannot.

Mayor Kuhn – I don't know if you completely understood his explanation on this situation.

Dorothy Coates – I believe that when we talked he said in October that something was going to be in place.

Chuck Miller – Yes, October 1, 2018 the State formerly adopts the 2015 ICC Code and the International Fire Code is a part of that.

Dorothy Coates – Let me say this I have approached my neighbors and with that said I think that some people that they may mean well when they set these things off, but I think it may be a form of intimidation when no rules are in place some people just use things to intimidate and that is my concern cause if I wouldn't of come out when my alarm went off my whole tree could have caught on fire or someone else's property because when the wind blows and someone else's property could have gone down as

well so it not only me some of my other neighbors are willing to sign a petition as well and that is why I am concerned because this has to be addressed before something serious happens.

Chuck Miller – (inaudible)

Mayor Kuhn – I believe there is nothing wrong Dorothy with coming to Mayor and Council with your concerns that is what your local government is for and now with this concern our Fire Marshal has been made aware of it so he can get in touch with you and we can put it on our website if anything changes with our Fire Codes, is that correct?

Chuck Miller – That is correct. I put it on the Fire Marshal's Facebook Page about the sky lanterns. It is out there so people know about it.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. I hope he has addressed your concerns as to what our limitations are and now at least you have brought it our attention.

Dorothy Coates – Yes and I don't want to be the person that they throw rocks at because I believe the people use that against us.

Mayor Kuhn – No everybody has the right to state their concerns.

Dorothy Coates – Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – Thank you very much. Next on the Agenda we have Kathleen Kazcka.

Kathleen Kazcka – It is spelled wrong.

Mayor Kuhn – It is spelled wrong well that doesn't make your Mayor look very good.

Kathleen Kaczka – And it was actually spelled wrong on the letter that I sent you so I can't blame you.

Mayor Kuhn – Now I did go over your packet this is a presentation that is being made on the Penn Hills Community Development Corporation and she is presenting the 2017 Annual Report but she is going to be giving a projection screen on a few pages of the report.

Kathleen Kaczka – Introduction from the President – 2017 was a very successful year for the Penn Hills Community Development Corporation (PHCDC). The PHCDC gained much visibility as a result of three "Welcome to Penn Hills" signs being installed. The locations were Mt. Carmel Road, Allegheny River Boulevard and the intersection of

Coal Hollow and Frankstown Roads. Each sign has the PHCDC log. The front of the sign welcomes travelers and the back says "Positively Penn Hills." Though we did not seek a grant this year, we again raised money through the efforts of many members. We held a raffle of chances. A large picture frame held \$200 in cash, \$200 in Pennsylvania Lottery Scratch Off Tickets and \$700 in gift cards from many local businesses, as well as from retailers outside of Penn Hills. The raffle raised over \$3,800. A special thank you to member Peggy Denham for the highest amount of tickets sold. The PHCDC's Beautification and Sustainability Committee's sites continue to impress. From the Lamar sign to the Triangle Garden on Rodi and Jefferson Roads, the STAR Garden at Coal Hollow and Frankstown, soon to be Monarch Way Station at Rodi and Universal, and the flower garden at the Allegheny River turnout. A special thank you to Kathy Raborn, Katie Schuller, Bill Moutz, James Beck, Ruth Still and Eloise Brooky for their outstanding care of these gardens. Kathy Raborn again organized the Monarch and Milkweed Project described in this report. The Community Economic Development Committee (CEDC) began planning for a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome more than 250 Allegheny County children, youth and family (CYF) employees to Penn Hills. The CYF will occupy the old Chambers building on Frankstown Road and a couple floors of the Duff building on Frankstown and Duff Roads. Pat McElliott, Chairperson of the CEDC, is leading this effort, which is tied to the Shop Local Project. Under the leadership of Andy Collins, the Annual Shop Local Project had another successful year, encouraging Penn Hills residents to shop here. Over 50 businesses participated. This year we successfully separated the Community Garden Funds from the PHCDC funds giving the garden some independence. In 2017, the garden donated more than 750 lbs. of produce to the Community. Our membership currently stands at approximately 100. While I referenced a few names, my heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you who made 2017 a success for the PHCDC. Donald Sanker, PHCDC President 2017.

About the PHCDC

Mission Statement – The mission of the PHCDC is to promote business and other Economic Development in Penn Hills. Vision – The vision of PHCDC is strong and attractive residential and business communities throughout Penn Hills. – History – The Penn Hills Community Development Corporation (PHCDC) began in the Fall of 2009 when members of the Penn Hills Community came together to hold conversations about the strengths and challenges faced by Penn Hills. As a result of these conversations, it was agreed that a Community Development Corporation would be the best way to build on our strengths and overcome our weaknesses. In the Winter of 2010, the first PHCDC Board was formed. Founding board members came from a variety of backgrounds, with diverse strengths in the areas of housing, business, education, the arts, and community organization. In spite of their different backgrounds, they are united by a love of Penn Hills and a desire to make improvements to our Community. In 2016, the Board engaged in a strategic focus retreat that resulted in a new mission and vision and action plan stated on page 2. In 2017, the first Welcome to Penn Hills Sign was installed with money obtained from a Grant from the Laurel Foundation.

Organizational Description and History – The strategic focus process followed its five year anniversary. PHCDC had built its capacity to lead projects by taking leadership in activities within its stated charitable purpose to enhance the quality of life within Penn Hills. Its oldest and largest project is a Community Garden overseen by a volunteer member garden manager that continues to donate fresh produce annually to our local food banks and senior centers. Members shared their expertise by building a garden at the Penn Hills Senior Center. PHCDC has sponsored six annual “Shop Local” contests that, without giving preference to any particular private enterprise, encourage Penn Hills residents to patronize Penn Hills businesses. In 2016, enterprise encouraged Penn Hills residents to patronize Penn Hills businesses. In 2016, PHCDC organized its 2nd Homebuyers Fair. PHCDC had mobilized its membership to advocate successfully before the Mayor and Council of Penn Hills for the full staffing of the Penn Hills Code Enforcement Department. PHCDC volunteers organize activities and events that are public interest and community pride oriented, such as cleaning up litter, creating and maintaining a rain garden, participating in the Penn Hills Halloween Parade, and a variety of beautification and community improvement activities. In 2017, the CDC applied for and received a grant of \$15,000 to purchase and install signs at the entrances to the Community. At the end of 2017, three signs were installed at: Mt. Carmel Road, Allegheny River Boulevard, and the Triangle at Frankstown and Coal Hollow Roads.

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Leadership – PHCDC is a membership organization (all volunteer board, no paid staff) and is governed by a Board of Director representing a cross section of expertise. Board Members meet monthly to oversee PHCDC operations and to provide professional guidance concerning business and policy matters. In addition, some board members also serve as liaisons to our committees. Committee Chairs are responsible for leading the committees in their projects.

PHCDC Board of Directors (2017)
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JEAN MEYER, MEMBER
JAMES BECK, MEMBER
IRENE CLARK, MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT

Penn Hills CDC Community Garden – Garden Manager – Kristin Hauman
Committee Chairs - Beautification/Sustainability – Kathy Raborn and Bill Moutz
Community Economic Development – Patricia McElligott

Penn Hills CDC Community Garden – Kristin Hauman, Manager

More than 750 lbs. of produce donated to the Community this year. Centrally located in the Community Garden is the herb garden with plantings by garden members. The deer can't get to these lilies secured inside the fenced in garden! Penn Hills Community Garden continues to be a successful project of PHCDC. Our produce donation program saw continued success with the hard work of dedicated volunteers who grow, harvest, and transport the food. We were able to donate over 750 lbs. of produce this year. We anticipate continued growth and community engagement in 2018. Leed Allen is using a walk behind plow to prepare one member's plot for planting. Portions of the produce were donated to the food bank. In 2017, garden produce was donated to: Rosedale Food Pantry, Penn Hills Service Association, Meals for Friends, Lincoln Park Community Center, Seneca Place, Penn Hills Senior Center and Garden City Food Pantry. Monarch and Milkweed Project – Kathy Raborn – The garden again sponsored the Monarch and Milkweed Project initiated and led by the Beautification and Sustainability Chairperson, Kathy Raborn. Over the past several years the Monarch Butterfly population has significantly declined from estimates of 75-90% due to adverse weather and habitat decline. Milkweed used to grow abundantly at the edges of farmers fields but now many farmers use genetically modified crops which allows them to spray their entire fields with herbicides. This kills all of the milkweed that Monarch butterflies need to survive. In fact, these herbicides kill all of the native plants that all of our pollinators depend upon. What can we do? We can grow milkweed and other native plants in our yards and not buy food made from genetically modified crops. The Monarch and Milkweed Project volunteers attempt to grow 1000 plants of 3 species of milkweed native to western PA each year. We have successfully grown about 750 plants each year, for the last three years, which we give away for free to any Penn Hills resident to plant in their yard. This has involved approximately 20 volunteers each year who plant the seeds in the peat pots and then care for the flats of seedlings for 5 weeks until they are large enough to distribute. The Milkweed Give-Away Day which occurs at the Community Garden brings together our Community in an effort to educate our residents about the plight of all pollinators and to give away plans that will support the Monarch butterfly. Butterflies, bees and other pollinators are at the beginning of our food chain. If we lose them, we lose a huge percentage of our food supply.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BEAUTIFICATION/SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE – Kathy Raborn and Bill Moutz – This committee contributes to the Mission and Vision of the CDC to promote business and other economic development in Penn Hills and create strong and attractive residential and business communities throughout Penn Hills. Towards that end the Committee and its volunteers maintain throughout the year various gardens that it has planted in Penn Hills and that involved the following labor: Rodi/Jefferson Garden – Volunteers removed about three ton of stone in this former rain garden. They picked up

trash, cut grass, weeded and then hauled weeks away. They removed about 30 square feet of landscaping cloth and planted milkweed in its place - Penn Hills Community Development Corporation STAR Project – 2017 Summary – James Beck, PHCDC STAR Project Manager – Now four years in, the STAR Project is part of the PHCDC’s Beautification and Sustainability Committee’s ‘Remarkable Roadsides’ Project and combines perennial and annual planting beds, and welcome signage on the triangular-shaped area of the 5-way intersection of Frankstown Road, Laketon Road, Beulah Road and Coal Hollow Road. The STAR Project takes its name from the aerial view of the 5-way intersection of Frankstown Road, Laketon road, Beulah Road and Coal Hollow Road. The STAR project takes its name from the aerial view of the 5-way intersection, which takes on the appearance of a star. – Planned in Fall 2014, followed by excavation, soil amendment and large-scale planting in Spring 2015, the STAR Project continued to bloom its head off in 2017! Perennial plantings, having had a few years to acclimate, again put on a colorful show in 2017. While they provided the ‘bones’ of the project, colorful annuals, cultivated from seed – gas passer bys to look at well into November. As in previous years – local nurseries were generous in their contributions to the STAR Project, with Frankstown Gardens donating both plant stock and mulch, and Penn Hills Lawn and Garden kicking in hard to beat discounts for plants and mulch to keep our STAR shining bright! The local Walgreen’s Pharmacy continued to generously donate water throughout the season and was MUCH appreciated! We start our 2018 growing season with our biggest ‘star’ thus far – our new welcome sign! Made possible by a grant from the Laurel Foundation to the PHCDC, the sign at the STAR project is the third in a series of five signs throughout Penn Hills at our remarkable roadside locations! The STAR Project Welcome Sign was built to compliment the triangular bed shape and allows us to thank local supporting businesses and ‘shout-outs’ to the Community right on the sign! You might even see some Halloween skeletons or a Christmas tree adorning it later this year – stay tuned! As the STAR Project Garden has taken shape and settled into its permanent home, thoughts have turned to nearby areas that could also use some sprucing up (pardon the garden pun!) One such area is diagonally across from the STAR Garden, where a Port Authority Bus Station is located. To contain the trash that tends to collect around this popular waiting spot, the PHCDC has purchased a public-grade combination trash/recyclables waste can. The can will also serve to promote Community awareness of the PHCDC by means of a large decal attached to the front of the can. The same decal will be installed on the bus station bench next to the can, complete with a new paint job done in the PHCDC logo colors! Updates on all STAR Project news can be found at the PHCDC STAR Project Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/PHStarProject/>. ‘Like’ our page today or check out our progress in person! Jim Beck maintains the STAR Garden that he designed. Throughout the year he trims, weeds, cuts grass and otherwise maintains this beautiful addition to the area. Here is the garden with the third of three “Welcome to Penn Hills” signs that were this year. Jim helped design this sign which includes letter board for making Community announcements. Jim has further expanded his responsibility to include a bench across the road that sits at a bus stop. His plan is to rehab and paint the bench and to install a combination trash/recyclables can in order to keep the area

clean. The PHCDC is lucky to have such dedicated volunteers. Lamar Garden – Kathy Raborn – Under a huge electronic sign owned by the Lamar Sign Corporation at the intersection of Allegheny River Boulevard and Sandy Creek Road is a perennial garden planted and maintained by the volunteers of the Beautification and Sustainability Committee. Kathy Raborn leads this effort to make the entrance into Penn Hills attractive. Volunteers meet weekly from April through October to weed, pick up litter and add additional plants. This year they planted new shrubs donated by Phipps Conservancy including three forsythia shrubs and four winterberry shrubs. In 2017, they removed about 60 square feet of tarp, planted pumpkins to push out the invasive knotweed, planted milkweed to attract Monarch butterflies, continuously removed litter and signs, and then spread about 10 ton of mulch to hold down the weeds. They installed “Do Not Spray” signs to preserve the pumpkin plants. A lot of work! Allegheny turnout – This area on Allegheny River Blvd. is so named because stone walls built by Works Progress Administration workers during the 1930’s can be viewed up close at a turnaround in front of the wall. This turnaround is the location of the first of the “Welcome to Penn Hills” signs, which was installed in July. Shown in the photo that was published in the local Tribune Review is the Board of Directors of the Penn Hills CDC (on the left – Board Member Jim Beck, President Don Sanker, Vice President Kathy Kaczka, and Board Member Jean Meyer. On the right, Secretary Andrea Getsy, Membership Chairperson Felix Catlin, and former President Irene McLaughlin Clark.) Not present are, Treasurer Ray Luncher and PHCEDC Chairperson Pat McElligott. Photo by Lillian DeDomenic, Photographer – In order to further enhance the area surrounding the sign, another champion volunteer, Bill Moutz, over a period several weeks: - weeded around flower beds and the wall; removed brush on upper level where stairs are located; removed weeds growing on the steps; placed rocks around some of the flower beds; removed debris from entire area including cement driveway; opened up a waterfall on second level; removed earth and debris from the second level to allow water to flow through the opening in the well. – Welcome to Penn Hills Sign Project – Howard Davidson and James Beck – With a \$15,000 grant from the Laurel Foundation, the Penn Hills CDC designed, ordered and had installed three Welcome to Penn Hills signs at various entrances to the Community. The first sign on Allegheny River Boulevard was installed in July and is shown in the photo on the preceding page. The second sign on Mt. Carmel Road was also installed in July. The third sign at the intersection of Frankstown and Coal Hollow Roads was installed in November and is different from the first two, as it is three-sided and allows for messages to be posted as shown in the STAR Garden Report. Another side of this sign is shown below. The third face of the sign, says “Penn Hills Welcomes You.” Intersection of Mt. Carmel Road and Tiers Street and STAR Garden at Frankstown and Coal Hollow Roads. – With the remaining foundation funds and money from a CDC fundraiser a fourth sign will be completed in 2018. These signs are a welcome addition to the Community. Residents have reported at the sight of the signs as they enter Penn Hills is uplifting. Rodi Road Litter Clean Ups: Felix Catlin, James Beck, Dana Overmyer, Project Managers – The Penn Hills CDC Beautification Committee continued its efforts to maintain clean and attractive roadsides along the Rodi Road Corridor. The PHCDC is an official volunteer group with the State of Pennsylvania and its Penn Dot Adopt-A-Highway Program. We

hold at least three litter cleanups on Rodi Road every year, including one every Earth Day weekend. Most volunteers are the PHCDC members, but other partners are welcome. Community Economic Development Committee (CEDC) – Patricia McElligott – In 2017, the Community Economic Development Committee, dedicated to promoting business growth in Penn Hills, put together its fifth Shop Local Project. Shop Local encourages residents to support our business district by spending their money at local retail stores. This year over 60 businesses participated and almost 3,000 entries were submitted by customers patronizing Shop Local stores. At a thank-you ceremony, five of those shoppers received awards provided by the merchants. The grand prize, valued at over \$600, was won by Cindy Van Horn for having spent the most cash at these stores during November. In 2017, the CEDC also worked with local businesses to help identify new tenants for vacant properties. The committee collected names of available commercial properties in Penn Hills for new entrepreneurs and other merchants interested in locating here. The CEDC began working with staff (led by Jace Ransom, CYF Community Outreach Specialist) of Allegheny County's Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF), which is moving its eastern staff to Penn Hills in the Spring of 2018. Committee members canvassed the neighborhood around the area where CYF will be located (Duff Office building on Duff Road and the Chambers Building on Frankstown Road) to let businesses know that 249 potential new customers will soon be working here every day, then offered an informational presentation at the CDC's general membership meeting. The committee is also organizing a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome CYF employees to Penn Hills.

Financials

PHCDC Financial Report – Ray Luncher, Treasurer – Please refer to Attachment A, Pages A1 through A6, for the financial details for the Year 2017. The graphs on pages A1 and A2 summarize the financial activity for the year with the tables on pages A3 through A5 providing more detail. Please note that in the tables, the left-hand column lists the various accounts, and the totals for those accounts are listed in the far right hand column on page A5, labeled Total Revenue, Operations, Projects. The Welcome Sign Project is summarized in the table on Page A6. – Income – Total income for 2017 was \$8,699 – Government Grant of \$1,275 is from the Municipality's Community Block Grant Fund. The Contribution 1 of \$1,929 is associated with business participants' contribution to the Shop Local Project and appears as Shop Local expense on page A5 for prizes distributed to the winners. Program service fees are associated with Shop Local. The other income sources are self-explanatory. – Expenses – Total Expenses were \$13,349. Operations expenses were \$2,488. Program expenses, \$5,780, are those associated with the various projects. The details of the Operation and Program are shown graphically on page A2 and in the tables. Early in the year, the Community Garden became a separate organization and request that their funds be transferred into a separate bank account. The Community Garden Separation expense of \$5,081 represents the total funds that were held in the PHCDC bank account, most of which were garden income from previous years. – Welcome Sign – The table on Page A6 shows the financial status of the Welcome Sign Project. In 2016, PHCDC was awarded

a grant from the Laurel Foundation labeled as Direct Public Grant, for (restricted funds) for the Welcome Sign Project. In 2017, the project was completed with \$1,825 remaining of the restricted funds. – Summary – The Net Income for the year was a loss of \$4,486.00

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| Accounts | \$10,293 |
| Restricted | \$(1,825) |
| Cash Position | \$ 8.467 |

See attachment A – PHCDC full 2017 Financial Report – Closing Comments – Kathleen Kaczka, PHCDC President – 2017 has been a productive and pivotal year for the PHCDC. Before moving forward, let us take a moment to reflect in appreciation to our hardworking and dedicated members who have consistently demonstrated commitment to carrying out our vision of creating a strong and attractive residential and business Community in Penn Hills. You are inspiring and amazing and are the heart and soul of Penn Hills, thank you! Now building on our efforts and proud of all we have accomplished we move forward together, attracting new members and continuing our mission into 2018 and beyond. James Beck, PHCDC Vice President – Continuing our President’s theme of reflection, my thoughts have also turned to best putting into words what the Penn Hills Community Development Corporation has come to be as we enter our tenth year. For me, three words come to mind – Community, Committee, and Connection. Community to emphasize our focus on how to best serve the specific needs of this Community and its citizens. Commitment to reinforce our unwavering dedication to the organization and the Community - In spite of the many challenges faced by the non-profit sector and connection – we partner with, and perhaps even inspire other Community groups to serve, build and show to ourselves and our fellow Communities, the endless possibilities in this place we call home. Steady is the course, and the sky is the limit! Graphs were shown on screen for the financial report from December through January 2017 and then the ending was the welcome sign financial summary – total remaining welcome sign funds \$1,825.28.

Mayor Kuhn – Thank you very much for that presentation and also for giving Mayor and Council a report on the financing. It was very educational and very factual and we do appreciate that because then we all know what is going on with that particular committee and I am certainly glad that you did recognize Kathy Raborn because of what she does and also James Beck and then I was happy to see all the photos of all of those who work on the Penn Hills Signs they are absolutely fabulous. Every time I come in and see them it makes you proud as a resident and of course we can’t say enough about our litter crew so we appreciate it and it was very informative and I thank you very much.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – I would like to say thank you very much and embellishing our Municipality you do a fine job. You know I am always excited to help you guys.

My favorite sign is Positively Penn Hills. That is my absolute favorite so thank you again and it was a wonderful job that you did as we welcomed our CYF Department here in Penn Hills and you did an amazing job in welcoming them and they are excited to be here and they felt very welcomed and it was because of what you guys did and thank you and keep up the good work and I am always here to help.

Mr. Underwood – Thank you and I do appreciate you as well but I do have a question for you. Do you have that garden up on Frankstown Road?

Mayor Kuhn – If you want to come back up to the microphone.

Kathleen Kaczka – Oh that is the Community Garden that you are talking about, yes.

Mr. Underwood – Question is with everything that is in there. Has it really met Code with what has been built up there?

Kathleen Kaczka - I don't know.

Mr. Underwood – O.K. also it does not meet Code when you are up there working there is a shed, it is against the Code, there are other things up there that don't meet Code, there is a port a john that is definitely not a part of Code.

Kathleen Kaczka – I will take that back to our Board and discuss it.

Mayor Kuhn – What we will do is Councilman Underwood can discuss his concerns to the Code Department and I am sure your committee was not aware of Codes for that and then they can contact you on exactly what any problems are. I know that it was not the intent of the committee to do anything and it was really our place to perhaps to inform you of that by letter. Thank you very much.

Mr. Petrucci – You did a wonderful job and when are the dues are you going to send me a letter when my dues are up again.

Kathleen Kaczka – I can take them tonight.

Mr. Petrucci – O.K. you can take them tonight. Thank you again.

Mr. Brodnicki – I just want to thank them on a great job. It really helps Penn Hills look better. Thank you.

John Vaccarello – I live at 6301 Saltsburg Road. I am here today. I came to the last two meetings to see how this is done because I am not sure if this is the right place that I should be. I am here to discuss the Senior Center. Eight years ago I went to the Senior Center because my Mother had passed and she had gone many times and she

thought it was nice so I thought I would go and when I went I was a little taken back and couldn't stop crying. It was a nice place where people gathered and a lot of people do a lot of different things for free. The Director was Ron Zarotney and he was always visible and the place had a great atmosphere. I always brought something to the Senior Center and most of the time I brought pizzas and on December 7th, I brought cake because we celebrated December 6th for the center but not for Pearl Harbor. But a change happened in there about two or three years ago there was a change in a Director and the last two years I was harassed continuously and asked to go and get a doctors excuse in order to be served food. Wouldn't be served by volunteers it was sort of like the inmates were running the asylum. I had notified Moe at the time it was almost about two years ago and discussed this with Jen Baker. But to no avail. There is a letter here on the 12th of April of this year. I was asked to leave the center on the information that was given to the Police and I am here to say I never call the Police for anything. They were given the information based on what they said. I was sitting there eating and paid for my food and I was asked to leave. No one came into that room there was a discussion out in the hall way. Previously about a year and a half before that there was an incident where six people went in and complained about something and Lena came down and said to me you can't be here and I said why and she said they said you did this. I said well there are twenty people in this room and I am sure those twenty people will say something different. And absolutely they did those twenty people had no reasons to tell stories. One of the things I did for the center was in honor of my Mother and I always brought things and I wanted to help and I took trays away. Couldn't carry trays because I have neuropathy and carpel tunnel and all those things that old age does, and so I could carry empty trays. And so I was told by the center that was not allowed and I need to get a doctors excuse and so I did. It said I could carry so much weight. I also had a placard to park in a parking space of which you get when you are disabled. I fell down the steps a few years ago and also have diabetes. So the same people gave constant complaints that I got served and I shouldn't be served and the center allowed those people to not serve me where I was allowed to park. Not only did these people harass me but it was with the aid of the employees of the Penn Hills Center not all employees but some employees. It continued again until the Police and again I don't fault the Police. This Police incident report stated that basically what information was given to them from the people in the hallway and again the Police never came in but they did come and ask me to talk to them and I did but I was informed that I was not able to give any information that my story was not going to be listened to and left my lunch and I was not able to take it and I continued to go now I don't know where you make the jury out of the accusers but this is what happened but this is not the first time. There have been times before written by the same person when I went up to look at the Police Report I wasn't sure who I was. The person who went into the place and caused trouble every day that is not true. There are people who many people who will tell you that is not true. Unfortunately many people are jealous. They are vindictive. Not that I ever did anything to them. I brought things in and I gave it to everyone. I didn't pick or choose who I serve and I have since been accused of something of a racist kind of thing which is more absurd because anybody in there will tell you I will serve anybody. I can tell you that Senior Center is sad compared to some of the other

Senior Centers. I can't believe this is written and I can't believe it is allowed to be. No interview for me no chance for me to speak. The officers at that time were so overwhelmed with information that they basically said please do not come back. Not please make sure you don't come back. So after awhile I went up to McKinley. I was allowed to go there so if I was so bad why am I allowed to go there. Again I would like to say I go to other senior centers. That atmosphere has changed and again that Director influences all the people and all the people around the center. I have also submitted in here a picture of my cake for my 95 year old that was there. It is always great to go see people who are older and that move around much better than you do. It is inspirational to me. I also have a 95 year old that I am going to take to Penn Hills tomorrow to the Senior Center but since I am not allowed there I had to park up Jefferson. Hopefully it isn't raining and she is 95 and I hope it isn't raining real bad. On this information here OPT would tell you when I came on that property on the 12th of April and I went onto that property and sat down and had coffee and was sitting talking to the table behind me. If I was the person causing the trouble why would these people sit right beside me by the way some of the people in this room know me from previous things. I am a person who doesn't swear at people, I am not saying I don't swear but I don't swear at people. Unfortunately it sort of is like Paul Revere everybody thinks he made the ride but he really didn't. He was caught. Longfellow made him famous by telling a story. These stories were habitually told by these people for lots of reasons. They wanted my parking space and 2 they steal from the center religiously and the center knows it. But they do nothing about it. If I didn't pay for it then it isn't mine. When I go to the center I go to leave something not to see what I can take. I get more than I deserve when I walk in the door in more ways than one. You can build a school like Plum did but it doesn't mean it is brand new. I congratulate Council. I support the Council.

Mayor Kuhn – Not to interrupt you but we do have a report that you had given us that we had just received today. I do want to say that Mayor & Council have received nothing but compliments and I think Council can agree with me regarding our Senior Centers. I will speak for myself and Council will speak for themselves but when I go to any activity throughout the County it is always acknowledged that the Centers at Penn Hills are excellent in what they do. So I haven't ever heard about this complaint that you presented today and I don't know if the Manager received this complaint because if the Manager did he would have forwarded it to Mayor and Council but this really is a personnel situation which Mayor and Council are not involved. We legislate and as the Mayor I govern but as far as the running of the day to day of the Municipality that is done by the Manager. The Manager answers to the Mayor and Council and the Directors answer to the Manager. Now this took place in April as I read and this is the first that time it has come to my attention and it looks like he said she said. So being that there was a report by the Police Department I really don't know how much Mayor and Council can go in to, to begin with but you addressed it to Mayor and Council and the public today and you have informed us of this and I wasn't aware of it so I will speak to you being that we are just getting a new Manager. I will speak to the Director and see what actually was and I am reading what she is saying and I am reading what the

Police is stating and I am reading what you put as far as two females at the Senior Citizen Center that they picked up their coffee and one of the women pushed your hand and so on and so forth and I won't go into all of the details but as I said this is very new to Mayor and Council and I don't know if anyone has been informed on this but I think the Police did exactly what they were suppose to do because the Director who is in charge of the Senior Center gave the complaint. Was there any type of hearing level at the Magistrate's Office or was this just dropped?

Mr. Vaccarello – It will never be dropped with me. I would just like to say one thing. Bullying is not just a child problem, adults are just as much at fault. People can bully no matter what age they are, Mayor Sara Kuhn.

Mayor Kuhn – I am sorry what did you say?

Mr. Vaccarello – I just read what was in the Progress that was quoted about you. I can assure you there have been issues. We can praise all that we want

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. just so you understand. Yes I have a problem with bullying and yes we have an Ordinance with bullying and yes I even made the statement that bullying does not just occur in the schools but it also occurs in work places and with adults. But what I am saying to you, you are saying that there is this problem and conflict but up until today I had no information that there was a problem not from you or the Manager so Mayor and Council can not correct something if we didn't know what was taken place.

Mr. Vaccarello – I didn't ask you

Mayor Kuhn – Well what exactly are your asking?

Mr. Vaccarello – I am asking for the tape, the surveillance tape that is supposed to be. OPT will show the time that I got in and the people who sat beside me and not that I sat beside them and the surveillance tape supposedly is at the Senior Center and it is kept for six months.

Mayor Kuhn – I really and I don't know I am going to ask Council what their opinion is and as far as you asking that more or less is not to be directed to Mayor and Council that should be directed if I am not mistaken and perhaps our previous District Magistrate who looks like he is ignoring me if those concerns would be for Magistrate and not Mayor and Council. I don't mean to put you on the spot.

Leonard HRomyak – inaudible.

Mayor Kuhn – I don't really know what is being asked here. I don't have any comment from the Director but in my opinion I don't believe this is a subject for Mayor and Council. I believe this is for the Magistrate other than what we have been made

aware of and contact the Director and other people and see if there are other problems and if there are they are unknown to me.

Craig Alexander - Sure. It doesn't seem to me that there are any charges being filed. There is a concept called a Private Criminal Complaint if they wanted to do it on their own but it looks like there was an incidence report, I haven't seen it. Mayor and Council got the incident report. It seems like the Police took down both versions and used their discretion from what I am seeing. What I am hearing Mr. Vaccarello say is that what he is looking for is the video surveillance tape of that day in question and whether the Senior Center keeps the video surveillance tapes I don't know. Is the Senior Center a part of the Municipal Government?

Mayor Kuhn – Well sure because the Director of the Senior Center is a Director under the Manager. So definitely it is part of the Municipality. I just want to know what as a Solicitor you would say Mayor and Council's step is in this. Do we get involved in this, don't we get involved in this other than contacting the Director to see exactly what she said. I don't know if it is the position of getting into anything legal and getting tapes and releasing tapes. I don't know what the is legal so that is why I am asking you.

Craig Alexander – I would say that generally speaking it is not Mayor & Council's job to get involved with he said, she said situations between two individuals or certain individuals. However, if you want to go to the Director and say does this video surveillance exist, do they keep it for six months?

Mayor Kuhn – I have no idea. My opinion on this and it is just mine and naturally I will go by the entire Council is I think what we should do at this point is contact the Director and see if she would give us the report and what she has and go from there but as far as getting surveillance tapes and passing them out we could be opening a can of worms that we don't really need to do. Now that is my opinion and I think the first step would be to contact the Director.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Mayor in all due respect I believe this is a situation for our Police Department to handle. I don't believe we should solicit any video tapes because I can't believe that is our job to do. I also believe that if in fact there is a problem that exists once that is a proven fact then Mayor and Council should involve ourselves. But at this time, I would suggest you solicit those video tapes that you are requesting then in the event

Mr. Vaccarello – Who would I solicit them from:

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Well you would just go back to the Police Department and then maybe just go up to the Magistrate and maybe even hire an attorney. However, Mayor & Council really can't do anything with this situation when no one is even here from the Senior Center to defend themselves. So we can only hear your side so it is your word against their word. So if there is indeed a problem at the Senior Center you

can rest assured Mayor and Council will address that situation but right now that is a problem for the Police Department, unfortunately. But we do thank you so much for sharing this with us and making us aware of it.

Mr. Underwood – (inaudible)

Mayor Kuhn – And that is why I said it is a he say she say situation because when I say I apologize it came in our packets seven days in advance. Mayor and Council weren't made aware of this April, May, June or July or August. And as I stated it seems to me that we have the Director making her analysis of it and you making your analysis of it and I don't think it is up to Mayor and Council to make a decision but like I said we can check with the staff and the Director at the Senior Center just to make sure there is any type of problem but as to this day I have not received a complaint from any of the staff members.

Mr. Petrucci – My thoughts are I would get it turned over to Howard Burton our Chief. Do you have any thoughts on this Chief?

Chief Burton – Good evening thank you. We have dealt with this situation extensively at the Center with the parties involved. Mayor & Council really shouldn't be getting involved in this we have taken reports and Police have taken the proper action trying to eliminate the problem and make it go away. As far as there are six months of tapes I am not aware of that. I don't think our system here keeps them for six months. They were probably written over. But we have dealt with Mr. Vaccarello down there and I know John very well and he was asked to leave there trying to resolve the problem and he did ask if he could go into McKinley which the Director said yes as long as there are no problems. There were problems down at McKinley so again this isn't a place for this forum to discuss these issues. I hate to say this but this is a nice job for the new Manager to be coming into on Monday. Welcome to Penn Hills. Yes we will meet with the new Manager and explain the situation and the Manager did meet with the Director and fully knew what was going on down there.

Mr. Petrucci – I think that is the appropriate action to take. If there is a tape, will you take a look at it?

Chief Burton – Yes, absolutely. We can look at it. Officers aren't taking sides, they take all the information they have, file the information that you have there and try to resolve the problem without arresting anyone.

Mayor Kuhn – Just to clarify being that the Director is the Director of the Senior Center and if she calls for a disturbance then she does have the right to ask the person to be removed is that correct?

Chief Burton – If that person is causing a problem then yes.

Mayor Kuhn – I mean our Police Department didn't do anything that was not accurate correct because of the fact the Director is in charge of the building.

Chief Burton – That is correct. If there is a problem there like any other citizen they call to make a complaint the Police respond just like any other complaint.

Mayor Kuhn – Not that I am trying to hide anything because I would never do that but my only concern is that with asking us to go to the Senior Center and get a tape, that is opening up a door way that any person who has any type of concern. Now what are we doing are we going to the Police Departments, this and that and what have you and getting tapes, on something that is more or less a he say she say situation. If they would go to the Magistrate with a complaint I think at that time you are not our Magistrate so sit down and be quiet. I am sorry but everyone else knows what I am referencing except Mr. HRomyak, Judge HRomyak, Senior Judge HRomyak but that is my concern. Howard I mean are we then opening up a door for anyone who has any complaint is going to come forward until we actually can say the complaint was actually verified and that we are going to be handing out these video tapes of our facilities.

Chief Burton – I don't think that is a position for Mayor and Council to do. Our Department Head filed a complaint with the Police Department regarding Mr. Vaccarello. Our Police went down and investigated. We did not get into a major investigation but it was a he said she said and the Director down there at that time was happy with the Police telling Mr. Vaccarello please do not to come back. Now that is it. Mr. Vaccarello talking about tapes and things as a courtesy we will check.

Mayor Kuhn – And as I have stated Mayor & Council are not in charge we do not hire and we do not fire so we aren't in charge of the staff or the Directors that is the Manager's job and I wish this would have been brought to our attention in April, May and June when we did have a seated Manager at that time because like you said Welcome to Penn Hills. I am sure he is going to have a lot on his plate when he comes in and I didn't want to have it overloaded the first day but I don't believe it is Mayor and Council's place to get involved. I believe it is either the Police Department or the Manager. So that is just my feeling on it.

Mr. Brodnicki – I totally agree with Chief Burton. I believe it is his area for investigation and I don't believe it is Mayor and Council's area to look at and I have full confidence in Chief Burton.

Mayor Kuhn – So what we are going to do is when the Manager comes in we will give your report to him and he can handle the personnel part of it and then we can go by what the Manager directs Mayor and Council's involvement to be. Thank you.

MINUTES:

Deputy Mayor Sapp made a Motion to approve the **Minutes of August 13, 2018** Council Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

There being no further discussion the Motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

EXPENDITURES

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve the **Expenditures of September 10, 2018**, Journal Vouchers, 0 - \$0.00, C.D. Requisitions 17 - \$20,784.37, Master 41359 - 41577 - \$1,848,938.42 - Total \$1,869,722.79.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – On Page 5, I have a couple of questions, just for clarification please on Page 5, I have Check No. 41406 it is under the Colonial Company and it is for \$503.12 and payment for E8173429, what is that?

Mayor Kuhn – Ed I don't know if you know?

Ed Schrecengost – That is a deduction from an employees pay that they are paying coverage.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Thank you. So on Page 17, Check No. 41496 under the Lindy Paving \$10,406.48 and it just described Super Pave.

Chris Blackwell – I can answer that. That is Public Works doing their own paving with their own machines and Super Pave is just a type of asphalt that they purchased at Lindy Paving.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – O.K. thank you. I believe that is all. Thank you.

Mr. Petrucci – Just one comment just for the audience and so that they realize what their tax dollars pay for. We spend \$92,942 a month for lighting to keep the lights on in Penn Hills.

Mayor Kuhn – Just to elaborate a little bit on what Councilman Petrucci has expressed his concern on that and that also represents the streets lights if I am not mistaken. Is that correct Ed? That figure is for the street lights also?

Ed Schrecengost - \$49,212.67.

Mayor Kuhn – Right and I know when Deputy Mayor Sapp and I were at the Seven Springs Convention we approached if you recalled Cathy we approached Duquesne Light regarding the fact that when there are street lights that aren't working we are still paying for those. They expressed to us if my memory is correct Cathy that is up to Penn Hills to have to inform them as to what street lights are not working. I know we contacted the Manager and I know the Manager asked when the Police Officers are out on patrol if they could if they saw any lights that were not working if they could write them so that we could call the electric company to let them know because that is such a waste of our taxpayers money so not to put you on the spot again Chief but I hope I would ask if you could once again remind our night Officers that are on duty if they do see any street lights that are out write down the area and then that way the Administration can call the electric company to let them know that they are out and that we would like them back on. Thank you. We really have been done with the audience but this is one of our volunteer fireman, your Mayor is very lenient even though I get reprimanded for it.

Bill Jeffcoat – There actually is a number to report to Duquesne light for street lights that are out. I have it at work. I will send it off to Fire Marshal Miller. This specific number rings right to Duquesne Light and they can report it themselves also.

Mayor Kuhn – This is our volunteer fireman Mr. Bill Jeffcoat. If you could give us that information then we could put that on our web site and then the residents could get in touch with Duquesne Light so thank you very much.

Mayor Kuhn – I abstain from Check #41556 in the amount of \$290.75 to Don Kuhn Auto Body and yes on all others.

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

MOTION:

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve to reject the bids for the 2018 Penn Hills WPCD Facilities Equipment Upgrade Contract #2 and #3, Jade Drive Pump Station Generator Replacement and Lincoln Road WWTP Generator Replacement. The low bidder did not properly acknowledge Addendum #2 in their bid package. Water Pollution Control Department plans to rebid the two contracts. Gateway Engineers also recommends these contract rejections.

Deputy Mayor Sapp seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Petrucci – Mayor I would respectfully request that we Table Resolution No. **2018-038** and **Resolution 2018-039** so that we may take a look at these contracts. I know myself I wasn't here in 2011 and 2016 for the other. I think we should all take a look at these contracts and possibly revise them.

Mayor Kuhn – I don't know for sure but often we vote on a contract and we put in there that there is an option to renew the contract for one year. It is usually stated that there are no changes in the cost but being that you were not here when the original contract was put up then I have no problem with you tabling it if Council would like to have it rebid that would be up to Council. Do I have a Motion to Table Resolution No. **2018-038 and Resolution No. 2018-039?**

Ed Schrecengost – I don't think he wants to rebid I think he just wants to know what is in the contract.

John Petrucci – We can make that determination later.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. I think what he was asking is he would like to see the monetary amounts that were in the contract and then if we should bid it out if we could get any lower bid, is that correct Mr. Petrucci?

Mr. Petrucci – That is correct.

Ed Schrecengost – He is not increasing the price it is the same price that he charged in the contract two years ago.

Mr. Petrucci – I never saw the contract.

Mayor Kuhn – So what you are saying Ed is if he could review the contract but as far as Mayor and Council asking for a new bid of the contract that cannot be done because the contract specifications already said it could be renewed. Is that right?

Craig Alexander – The contract allows for Mayor and Council to extend the contract for an additional year under the same terms as before. You can always ask for new contracts because you are at the end of your old contracts. If you want to look at these old contracts you are allowed to do that and if you think you can get a better term than you got two years ago you can attempt to do that. I think what the Finance Director's point is he feels that these are pretty good terms because they are 2016 terms. John just wants to make sure of that.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. so what we are going to do we are going to I will make a Motion to Table it so not just Mr. Petrucci and I know Councilman Underwood and I

were very strong watchdogs on this so I will ask for a Motion to Table this until we have the opportunity to see what the cost factors are.

Chris Blackwell – Mayor may I interrupt you one moment. I just wanted to point out that both of these contracts expire before that next meeting.

Mayor Kuhn – I realize that but I want to point out that they should have been put on our Agenda before they expired.

Chris Blackwell – Well I am glad I didn't put them on.

Craig Alexander – You can continue to use them on a month to month basis if they are willing to do the service which it seems like they are until we figure out if we want to extend it for a year or go with somebody else.

Mr. Underwood – Nicks we got on him so bad about windshield washer fluid and Sara was there.

Mayor Kuhn – Well let's just stick to now and then that way now you can look into that when we review this.

Mr. Brodnicki – I will make a Motion to Table **Resolution No. 2018-038 and No. 2018-039**

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. we have them Tabled until further research and then we will put them back on.

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-040** – authorizing the Proper Municipal Official to enter into a Five (5) Year Agreement with Axion Enterprise, Inc. for Five (5) Years for the First Year commencing September, 2018.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

Mr. Petrucci – For those of you who do not know Axion is a leading developer in Taser Technology. They are located over in Scottsdale, Arizona and I think we are getting a pretty good deal on this.

Mayor Kuhn – Ed, I have one question here. It is showing that it is a five year agreement and it is a plan of a cost of \$3,512.06 for the first year and then an annual cost of \$11,011.78 for each remaining four years. Is there a reason one year is low and the others are so high?

Ed Schrecengost – I just thought that was to hold the contract.

John Petrucci – Chief Burton could you elaborate on this please?

Chief Burton – This program is what they call a tap program. We are in the fifth year of the first tap program where they divide the cost equally over five years. I planned on doing this next year once the budget had passed, however, Axion called me and said that they are eliminating the Tap Program as of September 28th of this year which is two weeks away. I said there was no way that I would need approval to pass through this budget and we didn't have the money. So they contacted me and said they would cut the first payment down to \$3,512 but then it would increase the next four years. So instead of being equal installments over five years they gave us the lowest amount they could this year and scrape the money together and pay for it and increase the other four years to make up the total. That is why the difference.

Mayor Kuhn – I was just questioning the difference.

Chief Burton - You are absolutely right. When you see three thousand dollars to eleven thousand dollars you say what is going on.

Mayor Kuhn – Exactly so I understand what you are saying and we brought it down as low as we could and the next four years we divided the remaining amount by four.

Chief Burton- Right.

Mayor Kuhn – Thanks Howard.

John Petrucci – And at the end of four years we get brand new tasers. Correct?

Chief Burton – As I said, we are ending our five year program once this is signed and our new Manager signs the contract we will get 40 brand new tasers this year with the batteries and when that five years is over we will receive 40 more **tasers** at the end of those five years and the batteries. There is no charge for maintenance. All we have to pay for is shipping if we have to send them back.

Mayor Kuhn - Thanks Howard I appreciate that.

Chief Burton - Thank you.

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

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018 - 041** – awarding The 2018 Penn Hills WPCD Facilities Equipment Upgrade Contract #4 – Plum Creek Utility Water Pump in the Total Amount of \$11,390.00.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

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

Deputy Mayor Sapp made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-042** – awarding The 2018 Penn Hills WPCD Facilities Equipment Upgrade Contract #5 – Long Road Pump Station Pump in The Total Amount of \$37,547.00.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-043** – awarding a Contract to A. Liberoni, Inc. for The 2018 CDBG Street Reconstruction Program in The Total Amount of \$286,945.40.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

Mr. Petrucci – Mayor the roads being paved will be Orlan Place, VanTine, Heberton Drive, Faybern Drive, Tunnelview Drive, Irvin Drive, Rosedale Street and Laverne Street.

Chris Blackwell – We are trying to get them up on the TV for you.

Mayor Kuhn – There we go. Very nicely done Chris.

Chris Blackwell – Thank Jesse Toth.

Mayor Kuhn – That is our go to man Jesse. He does all of our technical of course he does call me on a regular basis for advice because I am so technology quick. That is a private joke between me and Council.

Chris Blackwell – It is a real challenge as to what to put up there.

Mayor Kuhn – It is very nice and gives the audience knowledge on what we are voting on. So thank you.

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

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-044** – adopting the 6-Year Capital Improvements Program of 2018-2023.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn – Just for the audience and the media The Capital Improvements Program represents the long range expenditures for the next six years. It identifies capital projects and equipment purchases and provides a planning schedule for the next 6 years. This plan provides a link between the Municipality’s comprehensive plan and the annual budget. It is a statement for future projects. Information comes to us through our Planning Director Chris Blackwell. Thanks, Chris.

Chris Blackwell – Thank you.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-045** – authorizing The Municipality’s Participation in The Allegheny County Home Consortium Program and approving The Execution of a Cooperation Agreement for The Administration of The Homebuyer Assistance Program Project.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

INTRODUCTION FOR ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

Mr. Petrucci – I would like to go back to page twenty-one of the minutes of last meeting. This is about the fourth time I brought this up about the Noise Ordinance. Last meeting I mentioned the Noise Ordinance and was told to me it was somewhere in the Codified Ordinances. I am going to read this briefly, I checked today and I couldn’t find it if we do have it maybe we should have a Noise Ordinance amended to read a specific or wherever it may lead us to do so. I was asking that question about the Noise Ordinance and former Manager Rayan said I believe Chris Blackwell was searching both items to either combine them in the existing Ordinance or amending the existing Ordinance to reflect both time frames for fireworks and for noise abatement. Has anything been done with this Chris?

Chris Blackwell - Yes, we have researched local Ordinances and we reviewed them and we also talked to the Chief of Police and he has left already. I believe I was absent at the last meeting.

Mr. Petrucci – Yes you were absent.

Chris Blackwell – I think in your previous comments you were really complaining about fireworks, it was not really noise in general. We feel after talking to Code Enforcement and the Chief and the Police, noise we really don't get noise complaints. It is really not an issue and the Ordinances that we have seen from neighboring Communities such as Monroeville they are very extensive and they have adopted and to have a Noise Ordinance you have to purchase equipment so now you are purchasing noise equipment. It is a radar gun it has to be tested people have to be trained to use it and I think it goes way beyond your intent so I think really the discussion is are we trying to control fireworks not using fireworks or trying to control noise because it seems like this equipment the decibel meter it is like a radar gun and people have to be trained to use it so after talking to the Chief of Police we feel in most cases the Noise Ordinance is sufficient. It isn't over we are still looking at it but it is what do you really want to control.

Mr. Petrucci – I believe it is the fireworks right now. I had complaints at the beginning of school they were setting off fireworks on Long Road until around 11:00 P.M. at night. That is just unacceptable. Kids are trying to sleep.

Chris Blackwell – So I think the issue is fireworks and not noise.

Mayor Kuhn – Right.

Chris Blackwell – We can talk to the Solicitor about what kind of Ordinance can be put into place so it doesn't interfere with State Law and things like that.

Mayor Kuhn – I do believe that there should be an Ordinance regarding fireworks because of the fact at one time fireworks were not permitted at all. I believe about two years ago you were permitted to have fireworks. With that being said the fireworks should be on the Fourth of July and it shouldn't be the week prior, the weekend after, and whatever time is in between. Any specifics on that Ordinance so I think that is what Councilman Petrucci is alluding to is that we need some type of Ordinance for our Police to be able to enforce that if there are fireworks only on the Fourth of July and they have to be finished and completed by whatever time we want it to be. Whether it be ten or eleven o'clock. So I think that is what we need to look into. I know we have some type of Noise Ordinance because when I was involved with the Midget Football Association that there were complaints about the PA System. When they were announcing the plays and what have you. I don't think that with the amount of complaints that we have as far as loud music it would necessitate to pay the money and learn how to run the equipment but I do agree with Councilman Petrucci that something needs to be done regarding the fireworks.

Mr. Petrucci – Let me interject something so you are saying we do have some type of Noise Ordinance in effect?

Chris Blackwell – The Noise Ordinance it is really disturbing the peace. Some communities say no singing on the weekend, seriously it says no singing. It has not mowing grass on the weekend. We don't want to add that. Mostly with the fireworks.

Craig Alexander – The State Legislature has legalized fireworks in PA and I don't think that local Municipalities by saying you can only use them on the Fourth of July. They have done that so fireworks could open up.

Mayor Kuhn – Oh I didn't realize that. That is what I was alluding to when I said a few years ago the State permitted fireworks. I didn't realize the permission was year round.

Craig Alexander – Yes. I think what you would be better doing if you limit the hours in which they are used. Say an hour after dusk. The State Law already puts restrictions in there. You aren't allowed to put off within 150 feet of residences. That is one thing the Police are allowed to do everywhere that when you light these stupid fireworks off there is a structure there.

Mayor Kuhn – Or a residents home there. Maybe even during that time limit we could say if you wanted to incorporate it with any loud music has to be stopped also at eleven p.m. something that you could look into for the next meeting.

Chris Blackwell – I cringe because the issue is really fireworks and

Craig Alexander – And you are going to get into the whole decimal thing again. The reason that Monroeville has that very strict Ordinance is because fifteen years ago they were in a dispute on the quarrying early in the morning that residents lived adjacent to Stone and Company. They cited them the Municipality won and Stone and Company took it to the Court of Common Pleas and the Municipality won. Stone and Company appealed to the Pellet Court and they said no there is no way to gage a noise level without all of these different things. The court said without the decimal reading and all that other stuff you can't regulate noise.

Mayor Kuhn – But I it is my understanding just like when we permit the oil wells to be put in we said that they could not work before 6:00 A.M. or after 11:00 P.M. so are you saying we are not permitted to incorporate that in to

Craig Alexander – No that is a Contract.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. so we are still a loud to do that.

Craig Alexander – Sure.

Chris Blackwell – If they make noise that can't be resolved amicably then they would have to stop.

Mayor Kuhn – Right. With the contracts that is actually limiting the equipment.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – I just want to interact the question Mr. Petrucci asked. How much is the decimal meter?

Chris Blackwell – I think it was thousands of dollars but it was also the training of people and it sounds like something Mayor and Council wouldn't want to get into just for the amount of complaints that we get. I think there are other opportunities or other ways to facilitate what you are looking for.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – And then for clarification for our audience and on line viewers this is a very popular question and no one really seems to know the answer to so am I clear and correct that we actually do not have a Noise Ordinance.

Chris Blackwell – There is places in the Ordinances that talks about vibration and things like that but it isn't specific to one activity and what we rely on is disturbing the peace. What might bother you doesn't bother me or vice versa. So if something is bothering you then you would call the Police. You call 911 and I think the Police Department they believe that is the correct way to do this.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – So it is up to the determination of the Police Officer to determine whether or not you are being disruptive?

Chris Blackwell – I think in most cases they show up and they are trained and they understand if there is some disruption going on.

Mayor Kuhn – But I do know that people can call say if there is a graduation party and the music is so loud and our Police do respond and they will tell them to lower the music so they don't have to come back again, am I correct?

Chris Blackwell – That is correct yes.

Mr. Petrucci – What I am finding out and I have asked numerous Police Officers and they are kind of like hoping they would get something passed like a Noise Ordinance. They are citing for a disorderly house when they go to these houses we are not giving them another tool to use and I truly believe we need another tool.

Mayor Kuhn – Well what we can do Chris is why don't you do the research on what the cost would be on that machine and also the certification because we would have to have more than one Police Officer certified because we have three different shifts and if we have somebody that is certified and they are not on that particular shift and then we have to call them in and then it is four hours overtime.

Chris Blackwell – As I said before I wish the Chief was here because he doesn't recommend this.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. so what we will do are you taking notes Scott that would be the next thing we would ask the Chief to give us information and also his recommendation for it or not.

Chris Blackwell – I think with the amount of complaints that he gets for noise it doesn't warrant this type of equipment.

Mark Brodnicki – Can we just look for a time limit for the fireworks? That seems to be the main problem.

Mayor Kuhn – Right the Solicitor said that we cannot say that they are only permitted to be put off on the Fourth of July but we are permitted to say that they have to be done by x time, am I correct?

Craig Alexander – That is what I would try to regulate and see if anyone would challenge it.

Mayor Kuhn – So we can do that we can put a time element on it. The time is the main problem. Right, there is no problem. Now Chris would you be the one in charge of making up that Ordinance?

Chris Blackwell – We will look. It wouldn't be in the Zoning Ordinance. I will see where it falls.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. I am just trying to save some Solicitor fees.

Chris Blackwell – O.K. so I will do it.

Mayor Kuhn – I am sorry Melissa honey but I am getting reprimanded by my Council and correct me if I am wrong so I don't look like the bad guy that I do not stick to the rules and this is not public comments. I am not silencing you and you can tell me and Council after the meeting but believe me I am also letting people talk way to long. They say that to me and I have to cut the people off and they quietly sit in their chairs while the Mayor becomes the bad guy.

Chris Blackwell – I will have my staff continue to look at these Ordinances and what is happening nearby.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. Chris I appreciate it.

Craig Alexander – I think what you are going to have to do Chris is look at a Community that has enacted an Ordinance since the new legislation has passed and I think you are going to have a hard time finding that right now.

Mayor Kuhn – Well that is a lot for us to think about and I am sure with the Solicitor's mind, our Manager's mind and my favorite Planning Director's mind we will come up with something for the layman of Mayor and Council.

Mr. Petrucci – Thanks Chris.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Thank you Chris.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND MANAGER

Mayor Kuhn – Under Reports I would like to make my statement before my Councilman does his laundry list in case I have to leave. Everyone knows that I announced that we had Keith Rothfus come over with his staff and we toured the building and they were very overwhelmed with the beauty of the building and this is showing what Penn Hills can do and so today through our Deputy Mayor Cathy Sapp she brought in Connor Lamb who also is a seated congressman and his staff and we also had Chris at the meeting and we presented Penn Hills at its best and we also had the congressman tour the building and as always anyone that tours our building comes away with such a magnificent review and as I told both congressmen those who have unfortunately in the past made it appear to the public that Penn Hills was going backwards anyone that looks at this building knows that this building would not be completed as it is. And Deputy Mayor Sapp and I both explained to the congressmen that we welcome him to come back and that we are always looking for help and support for Penn Hills so as I thanked Councilman Petrucci I also want to thank my Deputy Mayor because it is useful for us to have contact with every Senator, Representative, County Officials and every Federal Officials because as you know our saying is WE ARE PENN HILLS! And we want our voice to be heard and we want everyone to acknowledge that we are the largest Municipality outside of the City of Pittsburgh and there is no better way than presenting it so thank you Cathy.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – You are welcome.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. here we go. Gary do you have any reports.

Mr. Underwood – Recently Joyce Davis over at Lincoln Park invited Council to come over and talk to Senator Casey but the object was to talk about the Senior Nutrition Program that they were talking about and Senator Casey was talking about that. I attended that meeting. It is benefiting for the seniors and the seniors that were there and how they live from check to check so now that is all the information that they had at that particular time but Senator Casey is involved in that and has a bill I believe in Harrisburg to help with the senior citizens so with that I did have a good time

especially because the invitation was from Joyce Davis and some of us on Council know her very well.

Mayor Kuhn – Thank you for that and thank you for attending.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Thank you Mayor Kuhn I would like to give a report and this was on our Agenda tonight. I know a lot of people are concerned about our sewer bills and also our sewers. Well ALCOSAN is hosting an open house. Now this open house is very informative and I beseech you all to go and please tell every resident you know to go over to ALCOSAN's Open House. A lot of your questions will be answered and you will be going on a very extensive and informative tour to have a way better understanding of what happens when you flush your toilets, when your water goes out of your washing machines. You will understand where it goes from and how it is processed from Penn Hills all the way over to the North Side. That open house is Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 9:00 A.M. till 4:00 rain or shine. Lots of activities for kids and adults. There is food and music and a museum and there are a lot of hands on activities, a lot of fish they will take out of the river that day to see what is living in our river. It is handicap accessible when you get over to ALCOSAN and they have many buses and again they are handicap accessible and they will take you over to ALCOSAN and you will wait at the parking lot and they will come and take you right to the facility. It is worth it. They will feed you well and you will have a very clear understanding and a great visual of what happens to your waste. So again I beseech you so if you can't make it tell your neighbor and it is very informative and you will come away very educated. That is all.

Mayor Kuhn – Thank you Cathy.

Mr. Petrucci - Well first tonight I would like to recognize Allan Waldren. Stand up Allan. Allan devised an app for our telephone. Something that Penn Hills needed a long time ago and with his app it is capable for Android and I Phone and it tells the daily events that go on. I have it on my phone and I am going to click it on right now. The news, the community, the government, Cathy it kind of reminds me of what you and I looked into up at the ALUM. I will get it to you or you can see Allan. We have some great people in this town and Allan is one of them. I want to thank you Allan with your lovely wife Melissa who doesn't look a day over thirty-five. So with that again I would like to thank you and you did a fantastic job and this has no cost to the consumer or to the community right now and you did a wonderful job.

Chris Blackwell – What is it called?

Mr. Petrucci – It is called Penn Hills. This is Penn Hills. Jesse is in the back if you would like to talk to him about implementing it into the web site. Him and I talked earlier this afternoon about it and if possible we can do it. By the way happy birthday Melissa. With the blessing of the Mayor I sat in on a meeting with Hoffman Kennels. I know you are all familiar with that. Is Diane still here? Diane Fitzhenry was at that

meeting with former Manager Moe Rayan and those of you who don't know Diane is a wealth of knowledge in the Community not only is she a great paramedic but she runs basically all the information on the dogs, lost dogs or anything that Hoffman's happens to do with the animals in our Community. So with the brainstorming session between the three of us and Mr. Hoffman and his secretary we came up with the idea of they will take pictures of the animals and send them to Jesse and he will place it on facebook account and our twitter account and Jack B. Day's account. Am I correct? He is shaking his head yes. So we made a step forward with that and I want to thank you Diane with helping out with that you did a wonderful job. Council got a letter from me on a dangerous situation that I was called on to take a look at. Mayor David Recupero called and was telling me he was getting complaints from people who were getting off the bus at Second and Verona Road. There is an auto repair shop there called McDermott and they were blocking the sidewalk. I have to thank John McCafferty because as soon as I got the notice from Dave I shifted it to Moe Rayan and Council and he shifted it to John and he sent someone down there immediately and they handled the problem and they cited all of the cars on the sidewalk and I drove past there a couple of times since then and it seems to be working. Let me lead up to this and then I will have the Mayor put some insight into this. Early in the summer with the complaints that I had and the complaints that the Mayor had about different facilities throughout the Community that were not going along with what Code has. I believe it is four vehicles unlicensed or unregistered within a facility, am I correct Mayor?

Mayor Kuhn – Yes, yes that is correct.

Mr. Petrucci – So we compiled a list myself, the Mayor, former Manager Mr. Rayan and John McCafferty head of Code Enforcement went out and took a visual look at all of these facilities and at the end of it we came to the conclusion there were many many many violations. The places have stockpiled cars I believe there are only two places in this Community that has salvage licenses and one is Ace Auto Wreckers and the other is Kuhn Auto Body. These are the only two people who are allowed to stockpile cars like this. These people are stockpiling cars and they are starting to look like junkyards. For you to pull into one of the four corners of Penn Hills you are seeing this and it wasn't very attractive. John actually the Mayor came up with sending these people a letter. With that John Mccafferty did send out letters and with that Mayor I see that some of them are cleaning up. The Old Hippos has cleaned up some of their cars and basically we aren't trying to chase people out we are just trying to have them clean up their properties and make them look more attractive. Anything you want to input on that Mayor?

Mayor Kuhn – Only that besides after we did the visual inspections of it and the Code sent out their letters we also instructed Code that I had told them that I want them to have a rotation that they continue to check on these Code Enforcements with the businesses. Because once they are cited they might clean up because of the citation and then six months later they might be right back where they were. And I explained to John McCafferty that if they want them to know that there is going to be a rotation and

they are going to be checked on. And I said with them not knowing when we will be coming they will have to be more careful and I know myself as a business person if I actually have a Code Enforcement Officer come physically look at my property and I don't know when he is coming back I would in most probability keep that property in good condition. So I think that was a good policy that we brought into being and believe me it is work because there have been several businesses that have been cited and wanting to know when these Ordinances were put into place so that is what we are attempting to do. If it is an Ordinance or a Resolution we have to enforce it. If we are not going to enforce it then remove it so I think we started in a good beginning and as I spoke to our incoming Manager I told him that one of our main problems is Code and that we are looking into ways to make it more public friendly.

Mr. Petrucci – These letters went out and they blanketed the Community. Everybody got one not just the people that we went to visit. Everybody got the letter so it made people aware hey I have this facility I better clean it up. So that seems to be working. One last thing Faith is doing a litter pick up September 22, 2018 at 9:00 – 11:00 and they are meeting at Butler Gas and on Saturday November 3, 9-11 at the Municipal Building is where the meeting place will be. So let's not forget about the festival down at Rosedale Swimming Pool. Please patronize them and that is all Mayor.

Chris Blackwell – While you are talking about festivals and things like that Mayor I believe you got a memo from Meg Balsamico and has planned Light Up Night here on Thursday, November 29, 2018 did you receive her letter?

Mayor Kuhn – I did and it was going to be one of my comments after Mr. Petrucci because our Light up Night is always a very good turnout and we are all very excited about it being in our new building. So we will post it right, Jesse. It will be posted about Light Up Night and we will continue to bring it to everyone's attention at our meetings.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Mayor Kuhn may I make a correction. I am not quite sure and I know Mr. Rambo has over one thousand viewers but I wanted to make sure I gave the correct date for ALCOSAN's open house it is Saturday September 15th, I think I said 14th so again it is on Saturday, September 15th, 2018 and that address is 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 and the telephone number is 412-766-8410 rain or shine bring your whole family.

Mayor Kuhn – I only have one comment and I was hoping the Chief was still here because I didn't get his approval to see if I was permitted to give this information out. We get our reports from the Police and on a particular one of our July Monthly Reports he said please check the amount of money that was seized for the Month of July, it all goes to AG which is Attorney General's Office then forward to the DA, District Attorney's Office and the amount that we brought in is absolutely unbelievable and I will like I said I can't give it out because I didn't clear with the Chief but we will make sure that the Chief contacts the DA because he is the one that distributes the funds that are seized and we will make sure the DA's office knows that Penn Hills has contributed a large portion and

we hope that we are on the list for receiving grants from them. With that we do have an Executive Session regarding personnel after the meeting. I will ask for a Motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Sapp – I would like to make a Motion to adjourn this meeting and thank everyone for coming out.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 P.M. Thank you everyone for coming.

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