

JUNE 13, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The June 13, 2016 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Sara Kuhn presiding.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Sara Kuhn – Good evening everyone. I am going to add to the Agenda that there will be an Appointment for Deputy Mayor and the remaining Agenda will stand as presented. After the Pledge of Allegiance I would like to have a moment of silence for the victims of the terrible wasted loss of lives that occurred in the mass shooting in Orlando, Florida. Please remember and pray for the victims' families, their friends and remember to pray for our grieving nation for these terrible situations that come all too often and could we please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kuhn
Mr. Underwood
Mrs. Sapp
Dr. Kincaid

Also present were Rayan, Manager, Sorce, Manager Secretary, Blackwell, Planning Director, Alexander, Solicitor, Judge DeLuca and Officer Junod.

Mrs. Kuhn - It is a happy time and a sad time for me tonight because I am going to make an Appointment for our vacant seat on Council. Five months ago I would never have thought that this day was going to come with the loss of our Deputy Mayor Joe Palumbo who was a wonderful person and a wonderful friend but I do have to say that I was so pleasantly surprised when I had asked the paper and the Manager to put in the Media and on our web-site that we would be accepting resumes for the upcoming Appointment for the vacant Council seat and as I said to my surprise I received 14 wonderful resumes which was a great many I felt. I did speak to each one of the applicants and I expressed to them what it was that I expected from my Administration and they were all very wonderful applicants and it was a very difficult choice. I made copies of all the resumes and sent them to the rest of the Council because as Mayor I make the Appointment but it has to be voted on and a general consent of the Council and I asked for them to get back to me with their recommendations and it was a very fair process I want to tell everyone I received two nominations and then four nominations and then five nominations and what I did is I took and saw if there were

double or triple of the same names on everyone's list and that is how we came about to have our person that we are going to bring in tonight. As I said it is a privilege. I know that when I ran for election and at the acceptance speak I had stated that we needed to bring young people in to the Council, Planning, Zoning and all the boards. Not that I don't think the elders on the Board aren't of importance because we are we have the experience and the knowledge but need young people in so that they can go by the experience and the knowledge that we have and plus that they could bring in new ideas for us so it is my privilege to make a Motion to appoint Mark Brodnicki to the vacant open Council Seat. Do I have a motion? I made the Motion do I have a second Motion.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn - so that is four yes so I did ask Judge Anthony DeLuca, Jr. if he would do the swearing in he is our new District Justice

Judge HRomyak - what?

Mayor Kuhn - he isn't as particular as you and you who is speaking out of turn is the previous District Justice. Judge Anthony DeLuca, Jr. to me he will always be my Mayor. When he came in everyone could see that his Council Members were so happy to see him so if Anthony would come up and Mark come up Judge DeLuca will do the swearing in.

Mayor Kuhn - is it Magisterial District Justice?

Judge HRomyak - Judge.

Judge DeLuca - raise your right hand. I, Mark Brodnicki duly elected Council Member of the Municipality of Penn Hills, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the Commonwealth and the Home Rule Charter of the Municipality of Penn Hills, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity. Congratulations.

Mayor Kuhn - Mark was very gracious when I had a conversation with him his only concern he wanted to serve Penn Hills but he wanted to know if he was qualified and I told him as long as he reads his packet and researches what is in it and votes from his heart that is all you have to ask for to be a Council Member so I welcome you and I know that you will do well Mark.

Mark Brodnicki - thank you. I would just like to thank the Mayor & Council for this honor and the opportunity to work with them and the people of Penn Hills. I will do my best to do this job to the best of my ability because that is what the Mayor, Council and people of Penn Hills expect and deserve. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn - thank you. Alright I will now make a Motion to appoint Dr. Kincaid as Deputy Mayor. Dr. Kincaid and I have served together on Council with our previous Mayor Anthony DeLuca, Jr. for twelve years and when the three of us first came on it was a difficult, bumpy road for many many years. We were not in the financial shape that we are in now thankfully. Now there were numerous problems and it wasn't easy and we had to make a lot of unpopular decisions but we worked as a group and we worked together and we always voted based on what was best for the entire Municipality and not just for those who were in attendance in the audience and hopefully we will continue to do that because that is what we were elected for so again I make the Motion to appoint Dr. Kincaid as Deputy Mayor and do I have a second?

Mrs. Sapp - seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. congratulations Dr. Kincaid and Anthony will swear you in.

Judge DeLuca - I, Dr. J-LaVon Kincaid, Sr. duly elected Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Penn Hills, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the Commonwealth and the Home Rule Charter of the Municipality of Penn Hills, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity. Congratulations.

Mayor Kuhn - Congratulations Dr. Kincaid.

EXPENDITURES

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Expenditures of June 13, 2016, Journal Vouchers 2, \$923,061.09, CD Requisitions 11, \$117,407.17, Checks 34538 – 34661, \$651,280.30 and the unapproved Checks 34321 - 34363 - \$7,091.71 making a Grand Total of \$1,698,840.27.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn – I have a few. The one I have Moe it will be on the other Expenditures too but I guess this would cover both of them. Rittenour and Sons in the amount of \$81,536.60 the check it is for the Penn Hebron Demo. I am assuming that being that we are paying this it is coming out of the Budgeted funded amount that we had for the building in our 2015-2016 Budget, is that correct?

Moe Rayan - that is correct.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. then there is a Liberty Tire Service on both expenditures for the tire removal. I didn't know if you could give me I see that Ed isn't here tonight if you

could give me what they charge us only because of the fact my business has to have tire removal also I would like to see if it is in the same amount.

Moe Rayan - If I recall the amount and I will get you the correct number but I believe it is somewhere between two and three dollars.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. that would be good. I see that for the Police Department from Day Fleet \$21,388 Chevy TRAX I wasn't sure what that represented?

Moe Rayan - The Chevy TRAX was purchased under a contract with the Triple A for the Senior Citizen Department for the Home Delivered Meals Program.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. I am familiar with that and I know that we did budget for that, so I guess the terminology was just different for me. I do see that we did also purchase the pickup truck for the Public Works, the one ton truck, is that correct?

Moe Rayan - that is correct.

Mayor Kuhn - and that also was budgeted in our 2016 Budget is that correct.

Moe Rayan - that is correct, yes.

Mayor Kuhn - Thank you very much.

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

Mayor Kuhn - Mark Brodnicki is abstaining from this point in time Maureen because of the fact he never had the packet to read over.

Maureen Sorce - should I just read his name?

Mayor Kuhn - yes and then he can just abstain on it. Thank you.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Expenditures of May 23, 2016 - Journal Vouchers - 0 - \$0.00, C.D. Requisitions - 0 - \$0.00 - Master 34399-34537 - \$1,276,217.96 making a grand Total of \$1,276,217.96.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Maureen because of the fact that both these checks were on for Don Kuhn Auto Body were on both expenditures I didn't know which was on which so I am going to abstain from Check No. 34321, 34363 and I believe Check no. 34321 because they were put on both so I will just abstain from these.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Sapp made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2016-032** – authorizing the Municipal Manager to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation authorizing the Department to enter upon our property to conduct necessary land slide repair.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve **Resolution No 2016-033** authorizing the Municipality to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Allegheny County Conservation District.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Moe I am assuming not only as our Municipal Manager but also being that you are an Engineer yourself that you have researched this Resolution and you are in agreement with the terms of it?

Moe Rayan - that is correct. Most of that well all of it we have that in place right now but with the new Storm Water Management Program throughout the entire United States the County is entering with each Municipality just as a formality and have the documentation in place.

Mayor Kuhn - so there is not really any new terminology it is just redefined?

Moe Rayan - well actually everything was done. Each Municipality had to issue MPS's Permits for ourselves for Storm Water Management Program at any construction site where erosion or sedimentation control planning would be required. All that stuff gets reviewed by the County for the most part. The Conservation District they review all the permits that come in from any contractor or any builder any Municipality on behalf of the DEP.

Mayor Kuhn - and in Chris' memo to us he does state that the County is more or less the regulatory agent and administrating the programs of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental and Protection.

Moe Rayan - yes, that is correct they act on their behalf.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. so that is basically they more or less are in charge of this, am I correct?

Moe Rayan - that is correct.

Mayor Kuhn - thank you.

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

Mrs. Sapp made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2016-034** amending the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Community Development Budget Year 41.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

REPORTS

Mayor Kuhn - I have a few reports. I called the Manager and asked if he could set a meeting up with myself and Chief Burton regarding two issues. The first issue was the unacceptable threat. It was made at the school district's superintendent and board members. Especially after this tragedy we have had in Florida and the many prior shootings this issue cannot be minimized or taken lightly and I explained my position to the Chief and he agreed with me. This was a terrible threat and it was sent through the United States Postal Service System and I explained to the Chief that I wanted this to be a top priority in the Police Department and that our Police Department work with other agencies that are involved with this but this happened in Penn Hills and our citizens need to know this will not be tolerated in Penn Hills and our Police Department will use every source available to keep each and every citizen of Penn Hills safe and the Chief was agreeable on all those issues and we also spoke on the sudden spike we have had in the Municipality of shootings recently and yes Penn Hills does border some dangerous areas that is why we need to have our Police presence known and to be seen. Chief Burton explained what was presently being done on both issues he understood the concern and he stated he would keep us to date and informed. Now on a lighter note I received a letter from Lisa Macioce. I am assuming all of Council received it but it is always nice when a resident takes the time to say something positive about what is going on in Penn Hills. All too often Mayor & Council hears negative comments but it is nice when someone takes the time to thank us. Her letter stated that she just completed the spring session of the Citizens Police Academy. I wanted to let you know that Detective Trogler along with Chief Burton are doing an amazing job with this program. I learned so much and fully enjoyed it. As a life-long resident of Penn Hills I hope that you will continue this program so the community at large can learn more about the important role that law enforcement plays in keeping us safe each and every day. I think many of us including myself take it for granted and don't take realize the amount of knowledge and bravery that these men and women must carry with them to do their jobs. I know that Detective Trogler spends a lot of time coordinating this program in addition to his already busy schedule. I want to personally commend him for all that he does for Penn Hills. Thank you for this opportunity to share

my thoughts. This is not the first time that Mayor & Council has received a letter regarding that program how much the citizens really appreciated it. I also want to remind the media and all that are present tonight that the 2016 Art in Penn Hills will hold its Penn Hills Arts and Music Festival on Friday, July 22 from 3:00 to 8:30 and Saturday, July 23 from 1:00 to 8:30. The festival will consist of exhibits, craft tables, music and refreshments. I hope everyone can have some time in that schedule and go over and visit the arts festival and I want to congratulate an organization that is not very well publicized or well known in Penn Hills is the Penn Hills String Players. I want to congratulate them for making music a part of their Local Youth Orchestra Opus 2. Opus 2 provides musical experiences, performances, opportunities plus supporting school districts in their string programs. Music programs and arts are unfortunately so often the first casualties when districts are cutting budgets so Opus 2 provides musical opportunities to orchestra students whose music programs might be struggling. It is one of the best kept secrets in Penn Hills and they do have music usually three times a year. I am not sure right now what the dates would be but it is well worth your time to go and visit them and like I said it is so poorly publicized and it shouldn't be because these students are very talented also. We are going to have an Executive Session on Personnel Matters and Real Estate after our meeting.

AJOURNMENT

Mayor Kuhn entertained a Motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid made a Motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the Motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

DATE

MAUREEN M. SORCE
MANAGER'S SECRETARY

