

OCTOBER 5, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The October 5, 2015 Council Meeting was called to order at 7:36 P.M. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor DeLuca – Good evening we will call this meeting to order. We have to amend The Agenda to make appointments for The Police Pension Committee so the rest of the Agenda will stand as presented. We will have that right after the Resolutions. So the rest of the Agenda will stand as presented. Will you please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

ROLL CALL

**Dr. Kincaid
Mayor DeLuca
Mr. Underwood
Mr. Palumbo
Mrs. Kuhn**

Also present were Manager Rayan, Secretary Scaglione, Finance Director Schrecengost, Planning Director Blackwell, Solicitor Alexander, Engineer Minsterman, Controller Futules, Director Code Enforcement McCafferty.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Jim Carnahan – 201 Jefferson Road – These comments I am making are not just for Jim Carnahan they are also for some members of the staff and a lot of the volunteers and members of the Advisory Committee and people that attend the Senior Center every day. I have been involved in this Senior Center for some years and what is going on right now I really it is being managed but on a personal basis. You can't manage on a personal basis. Before I get into some of these things I had a meeting last week with the Manager and we went over some of these things, some of our concerns, I keep saying ours

because they are not just mine and he answered some of my questions and what I did afterwards I went and I had a meeting with some of the staff that are involved with this and some of the volunteers and the one thing that I really didn't appreciate was the fact that they shut these programs down and Moe and I had quite a discussion about it. He said the center should only be open from 8:00 to 4:30 but you got a card party twice a year and they have to have it on Saturday and it never involved the staff because the former Director was there on Saturdays and he didn't stay all day because he said Jim I am not going to stay here all day and watch women play cards and he went home and then he came back later in the afternoon. There was not overtime involved in it at all and you have a bingo by the woman's softball once a month, the second Friday of the month, the people love it. These people love bingo, it is not my bag but I am there to help and they clean up. They cook and they sell food and they clean up and that place is spotless when they leave. There is a person in the audience that is at the bingo and she helps to clean up too. Then you have the AA people on Sunday. My God those people don't do anything they are the nicest people in the world and I give them a lot of credit. In fact I talked to the one guy that ran it and I said you know what these are beautiful cars they got and he said Jim they don't drink anymore so they got money. I mean these programs to me are essential to the place. Well anyhow and then this constant bickering amongst the staff members oh my they have taken my incentive away from me I don't go over there as much as I use to anymore I don't. I do help the supervisor of the Home Delivered Meals. I take the meals over to Jefferson Manor every day. You know one staff member against another staff member. The tension there you could cut it with a knife. It is not the way to run a center and I have always admired and respected and enjoyed that place, I really did. I just don't understand it anymore but it comes down to it like I said they are managing on a personal basis and you can't do that. It just isn't done and it creates such havoc there. One Monday it was about three weeks ago two staff members and two volunteers showed me something I almost fell over. I have been in a lot of situations but I have never seen or heard of it. Somebody actually and it came from the Director and the employee wasn't even there and they were punched in and out. To me that was some form of fraud. I don't know

how the Manager handled it. I asked him last week and he kept saying I handled it but I never got an answer how he handled it. I don't care that to me you don't do. You don't touch anybody's card and the employee didn't even come in and wasn't even there. Then we have somebody going around down there putting notes on peoples cars and telling them where to park and the notes on the cars are very nasty and intimidating all these woman that are trying to find a parking spot in the front where there are sixteen handicapped. Just intimates them you just don't do that. That is a woman seventy-five years old parking her car and you are yelling and screaming at her and she won't do anything. The police have been down to talk to him and I just hope you people take a look at this and these programs and I think they are very important and vital to the Senior Center and I would like to hear from the Manager or somebody about that episode with that time card. I have never heard of anything like that because it was said that the Director said to one of the staff personnel I owed her two hours so I told that staff person when she came to me it wasn't two hours it was four hours but it doesn't make any difference you don't do things like that. I have never seen or heard of it. I hope you people are considering the programs because the Manager said the programs go out at the end of the year and I would like to really see those programs being continued. Thank you.

Mayor DeLuca – thanks Jim.

Mrs. Kuhn – I would just like to comment on some of this. First of all Jim I know you have been a really good volunteer over there for many years and I know that a lot of people counted on you for things that you did and I hate to see that you are getting to the point where you are so disappointed. The Manager brought to Mayor and Council's attention that the cost factor was what was brought into it it had nothing to do on our end with personnel situations but because of the fact that when these functions were being held in the evenings and correct me if I am wrong Moe that we were paying time and a half for a janitor to be there and what have you. So when you sent this letter I looked at it in detail and Friday Night Bingo once a month if that is attended by the Seniors I don't know why once a month we couldn't maybe consider that and then the card party twice a year if that is

used by the Seniors that is the Senior Center I don't know why we could maybe not utilize that. Now believe me I have been getting bombarded by Jerry's Dancers, by the political parties and I am sure everyone else on Council is too. But in that instance I think they have to realize that all this time they have used it free of charge. So for those if the Manager wants that to be utilized then they should be charged a fee to cover the expense. And the AA Meetings are very important for people so I don't know how we could handle that. What had happened was being that the organizations did not get enough time Mayor and Council and the Manager decided to give them one year and so that one year was for them to try to make other arrangements but as far as the Friday Night Bingo once a month and the card party twice a year those are Senior functions so I would like us to revisit those to see if that be put into place. And like I said the others if I don't know if Moe wants to have them that they would have to pay the cost or if not go to the Library has rooms and I think William McKinley has rooms and that but I did want you to know Jim that that is why we gave them the year because of the fact that they were only given a thirty day notice so we gave them a whole year to find something else and it was a cost factor. Now as far as the employees and the staff fighting and punching in and that is something for the manager because he is in charge of the day to day running and if there is something that is being done improperly I am sure he is going to handle it. He might not have been able to tell Jim what he did because it is a personnel matter so you can't make that information to the public. I am not sure but I am assuming that is why.

Moe Rayan – that is correct. I did meet with the employees and the volunteers and we went through all of these items and of course I did not share what type of action was taken with Mr. Carnahan and Mrs. Gledhill relative to the staff and the Director. It ended right there and it was handled because Personnel Matters is not to be discussed with outside the employment area or supervision or Mayor and Council that is why I did not openly discuss this matter with you Mr. Carnahan it is not a matter of public discussion. As far as the other items we discussed cost and discussed why the decision was made to terminate all the activities at the Center and it was also explained to Mr. Carnahan that the Seniors Center is not a community center it is

Senior Citizen part of the Municipal facility and it is open from 8:00 to 4:30 and after that it requires a staff to stay behind. So most of those activities were all of a private basis for those folks to go find a place to rent and pay just like anybody else that wants to conduct some type of activity in a private place and this is a public building.

Jim Carnahan – I don't know where you are getting this idea about over time I haven't seen a staff person at any of these get paid overtime. There are no staff people there.

Moe Rayan – the janitor used to be there Mr. Carnahan. She would work and clean up after those political parties and she didn't want to change her hours so her hours were changed back to regular work hours. Her being there until 9:00 she didn't want to do that anymore.

Jim Carnahan – as far as that they could figure that out.

Moe Rayan – but that is beside the point Mr. Carnahan the hours are from 8:00 to 4:30 and the whole thing was based on that as we discussed you and I. I can't force the Director to come in on a Saturday and work in the building overtime and is not forced and the Director does not get overtime so I don't expect them to work more than what the hours that are expected for them to work so that is basically what it was.

Jim Carnahan – I am saying there was not overtime paid. You have never seen overtime on there.

Moe Rayan – well that is the problem Mr. Carnahan the building is not monitored by a staff person it was anybody that was going in and out kids were all over the place everybody had keys to the building going in and out and that is not the right way to do business.

Jim Carnahan – I don't know what you mean by going in and out. Those programs those people go in they know what they are doing and the volunteers are there and they know what they are doing. They

don't create anything. You take that bingo I told you they cook, the ladies cook and then they clean up.

Mayor DeLuca – Jim, like Sara was saying like the bingo and then the card party if it is something for the seniors that is something we will take a look at.

Jim Carnahan – It is all seniors. O.K. thank you.

Gerard P. Ingold – Good Evening. 712 5th Street – First of all I would like to take a minute to thank the Municipal Officials, department and staff for their efforts and diligence thus far with this issue regarding the trailer and boat at 705 Fourth Street. Further local residents, homeowners in the immediate area also wish me to convey their gratitude and their appreciation for the efforts so far, so on their behalf also a sincere thanks we all really appreciate it. The second item I would like to get a status on where we stand at this point in time with removal?

Moe Rayan – removal of what?

Gerard P. Ingold – the trailer and the boat.

Moe Rayan – well violations were sent out as we discussed earlier this afternoon. Me, myself, John McCafferty, Director of Code Enforcement and Cathy Zegarelli were assigned to this case. Right after the last meeting per the instructions of what we discussed here the Code Enforcement Staff went out inspected the site, issued citations and looked at the condition of the structure itself, condition of the surrounding area of the structure, the boat itself and the trailer, looked at the inspection stickers and so on. Based on that the citations went to the property owner and feedback came from the property owner and the folks are currently trying to move into the property (inaudible) the next option is to look at the situation whether or not we are going to hire a contractor to take the boat and trailer off site and again once we take it out the concern was if legally somebody can come back and claim ownership of the trailer and the boat. (inaudible). We don't want to get ourselves into legal binding so

we have to make sure nobody owns and we are pulling it off of private properties and I did discussed that with you today So that is where it is at.

Gerard Ingold – so the next step just to be clear will be to determine if there a legitimate ownership?

Moe Rayan – correct.

Sara Kuhn – I think I had spoke on this before and told you that I did contact the abandoned vehicle and the Fish and Game Commission and they will not do anything with it because of the fact that they are not involved in boats but I know when we do have an abandoned and we can't find ownership we have to advertise it in the paper saying what type of vehicle it is and a VIN number. Now is there any type of VIN number or anything on that boat or do you know?

Gerard Ingold – there is haul number on the right rear and it is stamped into code on the back.

Sara Kuhn – o.k. once we do that then we get a copy of that ad and in it it has that you have so many days and then if they don't come then I don't know if legally I know as a salver we can go and remove and destroy it because of the fact if no owner has come forward and we advertised that it was there. So I don't know if that would be a step that we could do maybe the Solicitor could take a look at that.

Gerard Ingold – keep in mind just to refresh your memory, the last registration was 2002 from the state of West Virginia so it appears there was never a Pennsylvania Registration.

Solicitor Alexander – and the homeowner is not claiming ownership of it?

Gerard Ingold – correct. They have possession of it but they don't have anything to demonstrate ownership but that has never been established. There is no title, there is no registration, and there is absolute zero documentation.

Mayor DeLuca – the record keeping for West Virginia would be about ten years so they probably wouldn't even have any records of the last owner.

Sara Kuhn – and I don't know, I know when we have a vehicle out of state we still only have to advertise it in the legal part of the local paper which is what we did.

Mayor DeLuca – just once in the local paper.

Sara Kuhn – now that is the abandoned vehicles law, I don't know that is why I said the Solicitor might have to look into that

Mayor DeLuca – or do we have to advertise in West Virginia?

Sara Kuhn – I don't think so because I know when we have a vehicle like if it is in West Virginia we only advertise locally. The state does not require us to advertise in the state that it was registered in. It is where the actual vehicle is.

Gerard Ingold – mu last comment and then I will be on my way, just to share a little bit of what we are faced with in the neighborhood subsequent to the visit that we were paid by the good people from the Code Department on the 22nd, a week later on the 29th, the solution that was employed by the current residents regarding the debris and rubbish in the yard was to start an open fire somewhere between four a.m. and five a.m. My wife and I were awakened by the smell of smoke we had our windows open in the bedroom. I looked outside and saw a column of smoke that was way beyond the tree heights of the large trees just a tremendous column of smoke. Shortly thereafter police arrived on scene and also fire support. The fire folks put the fire down and it continued to smolder after they left and it began raining after 11:00 and then that was the end of the fire and it was extinguished. But this is to give you a flavor of what we are faced with here that was the solution to get rid of the debris in the yard was to start an open fire in the middle of the night. I would be curious to know if anybody would know if a situation was issued for violation of the open burning

Ordinance. I know that we don't favor that in our Municipality and also the County does not as well. So thank you very much.

Mayor DeLuca – we will find out, Moe can you find out.

Moe Rayan – yes we can find out but that type of information is not a common request.

Gerard Ingold – I understand. I just wanted to share that with everybody. This has been a team effort from the beginning. So thanks again I really appreciate everything that has been in terms of your diligence and your efforts and that is sincere.

Mayor DeLuca & Council and Manager – thank you.

EXPENDITURES

Mr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the Expenditures of October 5, 2015, Journal Vouchers 0 - \$0.00, C.D. Requisitions, 8 - \$72,137.00, Master – 32238-32392 - \$1,136,947.14 making a grand total of \$1,209,084.14.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

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

Mayor DeLuca – now we will open The Public Hearing for the 2015 – 2020 Capital Improvements Program.

Chris Blackwell – sure I will try to be brief. I don't know if you will be disappointed or happy the Planning Commission the room was packed so I did a really good presentation of The Capital Program or they were bored out of their skulls and don't want to hear it again. I am here to talk about it. First thing I want to say I kind to need to flip back and forth but I have some highlights and then I also have the chart with The Capital Program. And the first thing I want to point out is that these things are in order of the Budget numbers so the street

improvements program where I talk about in the Highlights where there is \$600,000 was spent this year the first thing the first column in 2015 on the chart is real money it is real money that we have right now. They are either encumbered or still available to spend for expenditures. So the first thing I want to say is that for the street paving program it is important to talk about this it is number one on the list but there is \$600,000 in the Capital Program but there was another \$290,000 for Community Development Block Fund and then another \$600,000 is in the Operation Budget. So you don't see it here because it is just not part of The Capital Program but I want to point out that Mayor and Council authorized the spending of \$1.5 million dollars this year for street paving. So if you were to look at this you might not think that you would think it was only \$600,000 and the \$290,000 so I just wanted to point that out first. Basically that is the first part the first column and then the second column 2016 that represents really what the activities that the Department Directors want for the future years. 2017 and on is basically a wish list. If you follow along the Street Improvements Program I explained, Gerry is trying to get back to \$1.5 a year and we did do that this year and then the next thing is the sidewalks, the sidewalk improvements they are coming. We are working on them diligently with Gateway Engineers to try and put sidewalks in from basically Frankstown Road from Bon Air to Graham Blvd and Hauckberg. In the meantime every time an application comes before The Planning Commission we always try to get sidewalks there that is something we will always continue to do for commercial business. If you look at the Public Works Department budget they are talking about some improvements additional salt storage, reconstruction of the School Street Steps and The Thompson Run Bridge in the future. If you look at that there is \$175,000 in there and that is to be shared with Monroeville and you can see in 2017 for Public Works and those are funds that they hope to get and share with Monroeville to do that work. Then if you move along some of these items we talked about street lights, we talked about in the future we can get approved \$2,000 for street lights, Meg would like to increase that we talked about increasing that to maybe \$4,000 so that is where you see street signs and lighting and that is where that budget goes from \$22,000 to \$25,000 to try and add to that program. In addition there are traffic lights and on the one end there is traffic lights we put

up the \$10,000 and they put there is a grant for \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000. The next page in the highlights I pointed out in the beginning that these are in order of the budget but the thing is Municipal Buildings and I think it really needs to be changed where the Municipal is clearly the highlight of 2016 and the next future years. It is only in this order because of the way it works on this chart as far as budgets but it truly is something Mayor & Council you have exhausted all the different options, we are now in the situation that we purchased the property, we have a demolitions spec going, Moe has been meeting with for Request for Proposal for developers and I think it is time to get excited about and put on the top and this going to be an exciting thing for 2016 and future years and if you look at the chart of the budget there is \$8,000,000 there for 2016 another \$2,000,000 in 2017 and way over on the side is the \$6,000,000 grant that we applied to the State for. I haven't heard anything about this grant and we haven't heard anything on any of state grants including DCR Funds and that is because of the state budget right now being on hold. So I can't say that we didn't get it or we did but there has been no discussion on that. As you move further down in the Municipal Building you will see their welcome to Penn Hill's signs, welcome signs, \$20,000. The Community Development Corporation came to the Planning Commission and requested \$20,000.00 for signs as you see in the back of your packet there is a nice proposal of signs that they would like. At that meeting after discussing with Moe the Manager I asked him about matching funds. Many times in the past when organizations have come forward including Crescent Hills, when they have come after money they have really even gone door to door sometimes to get funds and then match them with Municipal or State Funding so part of their proposal is an offer of \$3,000. They have \$3,000 right now so is that a 50/50 and we would have \$6,000 or is that something or is that a possibility that I brought forward after discussing with the Manager but you will see that in there and I believe it has been in there before and then when push came to shove it was taken out and removed. We can now move on to recreation. John Scaglione is the Recreation Coordinator he has been doing an outstanding job at the parks. The parks are one of our greatest assets as we all know I don't have to tell you that and I believe there are 24 parks in Penn Hills. Twelve with equipment. There is a lot of land and it is a really fantastic resource.

John in this Budget here we have been working together on a matching grant from DC&R and you will see there is \$55,000 of local money, \$45,000 from DC&R and that is to put accessible restrooms at Universal Park and new pavilions at Friendship Park and you are all aware that these pavilions are rented immediately. There is a high demand for more pavilions so he going to put another one at Friendship Park this year if we can't wait for the State the money is there you funded it so he going to start working on that pavilion now. He has moved equipment from Bon Air Park I don't know if you have seen this over to Friendship Park that happened this week. So there is a lot of activity, a lot of good things going on at these parks so if we don't get the Grant this year John has asked for another \$50,000 so that he can continue with this and then we will do the accessible restrooms in another pavilion. I think he has in his plan to do as many as three pavilions. The other thing that he is working on and this would be the 2017 for the future. Penn Hills Park is our signature park it is the Gateway Park for Penn Hills and we have that pond there which is not really used as an asset right now so he has a proposal to put in a 550 foot walking trail, landscaping, benches really trying to dress up the pond when you first come in and really make it a nice space so right now it is kind of wasted. You drive right by you don't even notice it but it could be really an outstanding feature for the parks and you will see that in his 2017 that is his wish list part but the others are things that he really wants to do. I think Water Pollution as we all know you will see \$2,000,000.00 there. What Tom does there are things that are required that you know far more about than I do that when he says same as last year and then you see \$2,000,000.00 for the future and I think he has \$2,000,000.00 now that he has been spending money so where it says 0 for 2015 again that is the difference between the Operating Budget and the Capital Program and then the next page if you go to Community Development Block Grant Funds. Really the only change here is we did last month transfer funds from sidewalks to streets so really the site with the street improvement should be \$297,952 and the sidewalk should be \$33,000 and Ed knows there should be some budget things where it might not actually show for 2015 it is in other years but it is being pulled forward to complete the street paving program, significant street paving again that I discussed earlier for this year. So that would bring the total

down at the bottom instead of \$681 it would be \$835,000 in CDBG. One thing that I would like to point out is that if you go across the bottom where it says the total you will notice that it says \$619, \$595, \$558 see how the budgets are getting smaller. Our consultants in the Five Year Consolidated Plan this is a real estimate of where our Community Development Block Grant dollars are going. So you are looking at maybe \$100,000 over the next five years that is \$20,000 a year and as Jim Carnahan knows he is in the audience it affects the public services the hardest. We can only spend 15% on public services so then people say why are you spending so much on streets and you aren't helping the Senior Center or the Service Association you know and if you look if you go to the Food Pantry it drops to \$8,000 in future years. I just think there is going to be some of these organizations it could be like organizations like the YMCA need to continue that funds. I know it is dear to your hearts many of these things but it going to be at a point where it is going to continue to drop and I believe that is all I have to say unless you have questions. Did I miss anything Moe?

Moe Rayan – I don't think so.

Mrs. Kuhn – the only thing is Chris I am glad to see that we have the continuing of the \$10,000 for the Senior Hand Rail because I do get a lot of people calling me asking me how they can and what they need to do to be qualified for that so that is a very good program that I am glad that you continue to have

Chris Blackwell – there is a lot of people in that program.

Mrs. Kuhn – right, I get a lot of calls on that one more than anything else. And then I did see the letter for the signs which I think having signs coming into Penn Hills is a good idea and I know Chris you were involved in the original on Rodi Road and you did the actual design work now do you have any ideal Chris or do you remember I hate asking you and blind siding you on how much that actually cost?

Chris Blackwell – I remember exactly.

Mrs. Kuhn – oh you do.

Chris Blackwell – I think it is a good plug for Ferraco Landscaping also. At the time we did that sign and we are talking about the curvy wall with the sign Welcome to Penn Hills and if you noticed it has been landscaped for 15 – 18 years. We put that out to bid and we got several bids and I mentioned this even at the Planning Commission and I think it is a good point that you are making. We put that out to bid. We got bids \$14,000, \$12,000, \$15,000 for that sign. Ferraco Landscaping bid \$4,500 they did it for cost and then they have maintained that for no money for nothing over years.

Mrs. Kuhn – it really needs to be acknowledged because that is very seldom that people do that.

Chris Blackwell – yes and I try to plug it because I think it is very important and I said at the Planning Commission maybe when you put this out there, there is going to be somebody that is going to come forward and do the same kind of thing.

Mrs. Kuhn – exactly and I was on Planning at that time and that is why I remember that you did the design. The only thing is when I was reading this Howard does make comments through out here that it is a partnership but I will have to say that when I looked at the sign that he had drawn up I see that it only acknowledged the CDC and you just quoted that it would be \$3,000 from the Municipality and if we are going to call it a partnership and if he is saying partner that is usually 50-50. I know that you are asking for \$20,000 so it is well above the \$3,000 and I think that was a little bit I am hoping an over site and not a slight because of the fact if the Municipality is giving the funds I think that their name should be on it also.

Chris Blackwell – absolutely.

Mrs. Kuhn – not just Penn Hills but I think that they should be on there also. And the other thing is the locations, I was fine with the location the only thing is I didn't think we needed one at White Hawk because really and truthfully that is not that is Jefferson and Rodi

there at the White hawk and I didn't think that was really necessary because of the fact that is not really an entrance into Penn Hills. You are already into Penn Hills when you come to that location. Nadine and Sandy Creek on Allegheny River Blvd by Casalles I can see that because you are actually on a main road and you are coming into Penn Hills and then the one on Frankstown and Coal Hollow there again this is just my opinion but I mean you are already in Penn Hills but I don't know if the money that we have is enough for five. The Allegheny River Blvd is good that would be my top and I said I didn't think we needed the one on Frankstown and Coal Hollow and then you have Mount Carmel and Tier Street and he does State Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh is taking over the gazebo but I do want to make everyone aware of the fact that Penn Hills is the one who built the gazebo and when it was built it was beautiful because I was there for the cutting of the ribbon. And the fourth one is at White Hawk which I don't think we need and then there is one at Allegheny River Blvd near Verona and Saltsburg near Plum Boro and I can see that because you are coming from Plum Boro to Penn Hills so I can see that one. So I mean I don't know what the money is going to be but if we don't have enough whatever we come up with the Allegheny River Blvd I think is very important and the one from Plum Boro coming into Penn Hills because that is a highly traveled road too so I can see that and I do think it is a good idea to somehow get the information out Chris so that we can see if we can get someone a business or somebody to adopt it.

Chris Blackwell – I think that is a good point and then also some of these sights are either in County Right Away or State Right Away so that is a whole other issue where maybe Gateway would need to assist us . That is a significant cost.

Sara Kuhn – and I am assuming that CDC has met with Planning as far as what is necessary and that because as I said Planning was in charge of the one on Rodi.

Chris Blackwell – on these really they presented it to me for the Planning Commission Meeting I read it at that time and they presented it to the Planning Commission. Thank you.

Mayor DeLuca – do they have an estimate of like the cost per sign?

Chris Blackwell – you know I asked them the same thing but I think they are at a point where they are trying to see if there is any interest and then once they have interest maybe they should do it anyway and bid them out and really find out, I think that \$20,000 is not a lot of money I think that these are much more expensive and especially if you don't get volunteers like if someone will volunteer that then that is one thing but I think that is where like I said to go from \$13,000 to \$4,500 was significant.

Mrs. Kuhn – and like I said with that same partnership I think that Planning and Mayor and Council should be involved with the locations where they should be and also be involved with the style.

Chris Blackwell - at the Planning Commission Liza King mentioned that there have to be a lot more discussion about location and the type of sign even would Mayor and Council fund them even though it says partnership of the CDC she had questioned do they get total control of where they go or something like that so I think a lot more discussion needs to happen on that.

Mrs. Kuhn – right I think we should follow the exact program that we followed when we did the one coming into Penn Hills.

Moe Rayan – I had a discussion with Chris a while back and recently and in reality the CDC needs to figure out how much money they have based on the partnership with the 50-50 if you will and once that is established the money that they can afford and based on that the Municipality whether Mayor & Council will approve the matching whether it is a \$2,000 match or a \$5,000 match maybe a quick engineering estimate that could be done by our staff here to determine the cost and whether or not we are going to be able to do something like that because now they are looking at \$45,000 - \$50,000 worth of signs that at this point probably are not even on the books. My suggestion to Chris is to go back to other CDC and try to figure out how much money they have or how much money they are willing to put

forth towards that project and based on that we will see if the matching is within our own Capital Budget and after that we could probably move forward.

Mrs. Kuhn – right and that is why I had mentioned Moe too that we don't have to do five. If we can match what they bring up if that buys one then that is a start.

Mayor DeLuca – what is the cost involved in a right of way?

Moe Rayan – a couple thousand dollars in payments.

Rick Minsterman – I was just going to say just the permits alone it will be a couple thousand dollars to process that and they changed the permitted process and made it more complicated and that has been the enemy of the whole sidewalk program is Penn Dot and their requirements and they just borderline on the ridiculous and you have no power and no control you just do what they say. So in a situation like this you make the submittal you spend the money and they may say no thanks so a lot of times what we try to do is talk to them, call them, talk the project through before we recommend spending the money to put the application together but a lot of times they will hesitate to even give you an opinion until you submit a formal application. Once we see the locations a lot of times our traffic guys can look at the sign locations and see if it looks like it going to be trouble, there are certain minimum distances that the state likes to see and who knows maybe we can get off the right of way and they won't have a say anymore. Lots of issues I think it starts with the location of the signs and then we look at probability of success.

Mayor DeLuca – not only the cost of the signs we also have to budget for engineering.

Chris Blackwell – that's what I was getting at with the engineering. One thing if you continue to go back to the Rodi Road Sign is that Mr. Damian at the time he owned the property and still does and he didn't give us permission he just said we could put it. He was more concerned about his own liability and then the bolder there

are boulders down there and they are measured with a tape measure just outside the right of way like the plants are in the right of way but the actual hard surfaces are not in the state right of way.

(inaudible)

Mrs. Kuhn – and when the literature goes out the Gateway report and the cost of the report and that Mayor & Council just refused it then people are thinking from what they are reading that Mayor & Council paid \$62,000 for a report that said you should spend this money on roads and just decided not to spend it well that makes it look like it was a very frivolous stupid thing to do and in fact that was part of the report but the main part of the report in which I had stated at a public meeting before and please correct me if I am wrong Rick Gateway was to tell Mayor & Council what roads should be done in what capacity of time and how so that we were being pro active and doing the roads as the report felt that we should do. I feel very bad that there is only part of our quotes that are being given to the public and not all of them and am I right Rick that that report was not just what you recommend if it was a perfect world that we spend that report was showing us a plan for Mayor & Council and the Manager to work on doing the roads in the way that they should be done.

Rick Minsterman – yes the main reason for the report is an assessment of every road every foot of roadway that you have in Penn Hills. That was the bulk of the work is to assess all of those roads. The next step was to then provide through the software what are the best ways to approach updating the roads, milling and paving the roads, reconstructing the roads it is a balance you just don't fix all the worst streets you maintain some of the better streets to keep them going longer. It is a complex process but it does come up with a plan, a five year plan on what streets and what there is to be done with and what the cost is and so all of that was presented a very minor part of the report is to do funding analysis and see what it costs what a funding strategy would be on an annual basis to improve the overall rating of the streets, to allow the streets to stay at the same condition overall and that is a very minor part of the report and it seems like it has been turned around and that has become the major part of the

report and it is used to appear that is what a high cost to get very little or to get nothing from the report but in fact it was tremendous detail and data that the public works people used to see where the conditions of all the streets, what are the worse conditions and they are still looking at that with updates to those conditions on what is next.

Mrs. Kuhn – and that is why I said Rick the \$2.25 million was part of the report but it was really the minor part of the report. The other report and the basic reason for the report is what you just acknowledged but unfortunately the public is not here to hear all and then when they hear some bits and pieces it makes it sound like Mayor & Council just threw \$62,000 away and as far and it was said that they had come to a Council Meeting and that Council had stated that we don't have \$2.25 million to pave the roads but we are advancing each year. Well that quote was my quote so if they are quoting me then that is an accurate quote but they didn't give the whole quote and the rest of the quote was said that it was due to the fact that this Council in the years that they present 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 the years after The Gateway Report we were getting Penn Hills and its taxpayers out of a horrendous sewer deficit left by the previous administration, lack of police officers, we were down ten that we had to bring back in, the deficit that was left to us by the bonds that the previous administrators had borrowed on but we were the ones who were paying the payments. I was on Council for four weeks and I had to vote on a one million dollar payment for a bond, I certainly didn't spend a million dollars in four weeks time that money was spent by the previous administration but they did not put any money in their budgets to pay for this so that is why we did not have the money in those years but if you see in 2014 and 2015 the increase in the road pavements have been much higher because that is the fact it took us eight years to get out of the hole. You aren't going to get out of a hole that we were in 2005 in a one year, two year time. But to put a chart out showing that we only did \$600,000 when the Manager met and showed the public in the budget where the funding was that is I am sorry but I take it personal I really do but I appreciate you clarifying that and I did ask the Manager in the eight years prior to this Mayor & Council \$3,300,000 was spent in the total of the eight years on

resurfacing and the eleven years that this Council has been on even though all of the debt that we had \$7,400,000 was spent now those are actual figures that anyone could get so I just ask people that everybody can have their own opinions and they don't have to be the same as mine or anyone on this board but please don't put in your facts because that is not fair to the people that are up here working very hard and who have worked extremely hard to make this Municipality in the last two years be substantially sound financially. It did not come about easily so I don't care like I said everyone is welcome to their own opinions and they don't have to be the same as ours I took input from the residents because that helps me to think of things that I might not have thought of on my own but I do wish that when things were put in print for people to read that was in put in print is accurate and then the only other thing and then I will be done is in the letter on the streets it was said that there is a resident from Crescent Hills who has thought that she was going to move out because of the pot holes and because of a code violation now I don't want the person's name but I would like to know the street so I could go and look at the street to see if the street is that bad that a resident is thinking of moving out but I also would like to say to that resident before you move out to a surrounding community make sure that you realize those surrounding communities do not give their tax payers and residents what this township gives to their taxpayers and residents. Almost every community that surrounds us charges their residents for rubbish pick up. Now you might think that is minor but I am sure if we took it off and told our residents they had to pay for their own rubbish they wouldn't think it was minor and it is a \$2,500,000 am I right Moe approximately

Moe Rayan – approximately \$2.5, yes

Mrs. Kuhn - \$2,500,000 that is in our budget to collect rubbish which as I stated other communities don't. Plus we also have our own paramedics which a lot of communities have volunteers or paid so if you are moving out of Penn Hills because of a pot hole be careful where you move because your cost could be a lot more and like I said if the pot hole is that bad and we haven't addressed it then I would like

to know the location so I could go and look at it. Thank you very much.

Mayor DeLuca – thank you Sara.

Andrea Getsy – 151 Crescent Hills Road - I was the person that brought that road report to your attention and I think I made it clear that I could only look at the budget and see where it said Road Resurfacing. The other part of the money that is put on Road Resurfacing is not clearly spelled out in the budget. I wanted to learn that before we move forward and we talked to the Manager and he showed us another line in the Budget where he said up to 50% of the money was put on road repaving but that isn't clear for your taxpayers to see. So we referenced the fact that there was more money than \$600,000 and I must say it is good news to see in your capital program that you plan on spending \$1.5 million a year I applaud you. I know this is hard. I know you are moving forward and you are going to do a whole lot more in the future and I thank you for that and I will tell you about the resident who wanted to move it was Glenfield Road and Glenfield Road and Earlwood I think her address is Glenfield but at the beginning of Earlwood but they just change into each other at one point and the whole thing was bad and it was bad the entire year. It was so bad now the Manager had the job done because we brought it to his attention in September that is when it got paved. Take a ride down and a very nice patching job by the way, very nice. It is nice and flat but there are hundreds of holes that were patched and the people on that street had to live with that for nine months. It takes that long for the road crew to look at all the roads that are deteriorating in Penn Hills. They are deteriorating pretty fast based on what Gateway Report told us. They said unless you spent that \$2.25 million which you couldn't do the roads were going to deteriorate rapidly so that was my point. And the other thing that I wanted to tell you Chris Blackwell talked about what a well attended meeting there was the other day at the Planning and I think that it was well attended because it was noted on your web site and you could go to your web site and you could see that there is going to be a meeting and you could see what was on the Agenda but this meeting here is not on the web site. I go there all the time saying what is on the Agenda but it is not there.

It is published in the Tribune review a week before the meeting usually on Thursday I don't subscribe to the Tribune Review, it is in the legal section of the paper people have a hard time even finding it so I think since you have a web site it would be real nice to put the Agenda before this meeting on the web site so everybody can see and they come and be prepared to make comments about what you are talking about. The third thing I want to tell you about was the citizen who came up and talked about the Senior Center. I wanted to say and I am sorry to hear the trouble that he is experiencing there because in my position before retiring I had to work for an Attorney and I had to help her clients and on occasion that the clients needed help finding services for their seniors I would get on the phone and call various communities they lived in and ask about their senior center. There was no other place that compared to Penn Hills. I would find them closing at 1:00, I would find them just having lunch or just having bingo once a week, but our Senior Center excelled. It provided services from 8:00 to 3:00 or 4:00. It was wonderful and so I thank you for that. I thank you for your time.

Mayor DeLuca – any other comments about the Capital Budget?

Christine Miller – 109 Garlow Drive – I wanted to thank Moe Rayan for promptly patching the holes on Earlwood Road and Glenfield. That was a big problem it was dangerous and even the other day some of the road coming up from Saltsburg Road was paved. There are still two large holes there that I am going to talk to Gerry Nosal about. I am glad to see that you are putting more money into road paving because it is a necessary thing and during my work with CDC on shop local I had and I mentioned to Moe that there were businesses who complained about the road in Crescent Hills having to come like a pizza driver and a restaurant owner. They complained to me and I was talking to them about shop local not the roads. I never mentioned anything about the roads and they complained to me so I am just passing that on and I am on the committee with Chris for the beautification and sustainability committee and I am glad to see that you are considering some money for the signs in Penn Hills because it is so big and you see signs going into Wilkins or any other town which is much smaller and they have a nice sign and I think it shows the

pride in Penn Hills and I was reading tonight in the paper about Braddock and they don't have any pretty things that we have around here and they are so proud of where they come from and what they did there and I think the signs are just something that says we are proud to be from Penn Hills so thank you.

Mayor DeLuca – thank you. Any other comments about the Capital Project?

Alan Waldren – 342 Iris Drive – just want to go on record saying that number one I am not against a new Municipal Building although I do support any plan that enables it to stay here but I do think if we do move it to Penn Hebron before the ground is broken there needs to be some plan in place for this property. Something a buyer or redevelopment plan. I couldn't think of a worse scenario than to have this building wither away in plain sight of residents and commuters. Second I think there needs to be more done for the residents of Penn Hills such as a community gathering space similar to Monroeville Park something with tennis courts, basketball courts, walking trails, pavilions, I know this is expensive so it is a six year plan. More pavilions, theaters gazebos for people getting married and something in that nature but something for the residents to enjoy together. I know we are kind of planning this for Penn Hills Park, Penn Hills Park is a great facility but it the eastern most part of Penn Hills and I think it really does little for the people of the Western portion by Pittsburgh. Those people are starting to go to Frick Park because it is much closer. If we had some way to do something more central maybe Universal Park is a little closer for these people it is just an idea to put out there. Third we may not be able to control the Pat bus routes and schedules but I think a plan for complete streets along Frankstown and Rodi would be helpful in that manner. Complete streets include walking and bike lanes and they are proven to reduce automobile traffic, slow traffic speed and increases accessibility and makes it safer for pedestrians and commuters. It actually provides new ways for residents to get out, travel and see more of the city, exercise and stay healthy. With bike lanes and walking lanes it may even bring new businesses to Penn Hills. Also I have heard it said that Penn Hills is a bedroom Community. A community of over 40,000 residents and two

large business corridors with several others is not a bedroom community. I ask that this Council works harder in the next six years to bring businesses into Penn Hills and finally to address some of the points we talked about before one for the design of the signs I am just offering some help because I work for a marketing agency for the past five years and have personal friends who are some of the best designers in Pittsburgh so if CDC wants to reach out for some design help I could probably call in some favors and they work on all kinds of signs from city signs to business signs to trade shows so I just want to put that out there. Secondly I am happy that the web site was mentioned I recently launched a web site called thisispennhills.com it was just a way to kind of bridge that gap between The Penn Hills Council, the school board and the community. I think in my opinion there is a communication problem between the Council and the people which was talked about with the agenda's not being posted ahead of time these are some things that I am trying to do on the web site in my spare time when I can. I talked to Chris a little bit about this the Capital Program a few weeks ago and posted some information about it there and I would like to think some of my posts helped fill his audience so I also heard that there is a new Penn Hills web site in the works I don't know if that is true or not but I plan on keeping my web site going and I would rather have the support of Council and work with you guys to help better communicate with your residents. That is all. Thank you.

Mayor DeLuca – I have on the street paving because we did ask the Manager to come up with the numbers and Sara said we did spend \$7,000,000 at least paving roads every year and then we look at the DeSantis administration and they spent \$3.3 million and their biggest year was probably \$800,000 and that is when they floated a bond to do some street repaving. I just want to let the public know that all of our repairs have been done through our tax dollars. We haven't floated any more bonds and we are living within our means and that is what Penn Hills has to do and that is how we were able to get Penn Hills out of that financial difficulty is by living within our means. Like I said before the goal is hopefully to get up to what Gateway Engineering Report has in there for like \$2.5 million and eventually we will get there we just have to continue to watch the expenditures and we will be able to

put that money into the roadways but it is a goal for us to set so we will continue to do the best we can with the money that we have. The other thing I do agree when we get to the point with this building when we start construction of the new building we need to have serious talks of what is going to happen with this building because I do think we need to get it back on the market and get back on the tax rules and I don't think this building is going to sell as is I think we are probably going to have to demolish this building. I know in the letter that was sent out when we first talked about selling the old Public Works Garage it was brought up about demolishing that building and on the advice and recommendation of the former Planning Director he told us the building will sell and that is what we did listened to his recommendation and unfortunately it didn't sell until we demolished that building. So that is the reason why that building sat up there for so many years because when we were looking to get the funding to demolish that building he gave us a recommendation saying it is going to sell don't worry about it and we left it standing so by the time that funding was gone so we had to wait until we could get more funding so we could demolish that building. It probably took about three years after we demolished that before we actually got an offer on that building. It was under contract twice. With that I will close the Capital Improvements Hearing and Chris when is the final one.

Chris Blackwell – November 2nd meeting. I will have a Resolution attached for approval and I will make the corrections as far as these summaries and the things that we discussed tonight as far as the street paving. Gerry also had \$24,000 in there for local money he believes it is higher he will get me that number because I do want to put the correct numbers of the Street Paving and other items in there. I know there is a police officer back there and I want to point out that the Chief of Police has also asked for \$100,000 for a firing range and I figured I better put that in there so I can say I mentioned it. It gets overshadowed because it is on the same page as the Municipal Building but I appreciate your time.

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Mrs. Kuhn – just to clarify, Moe the \$1.5 million was what was proposed for the 2016 Budget but what did we actually spend in 2014 that was real money. I believe it was \$1.25 million.

Moe Rayan - it is about \$700,000 and some change.

Mayor DeLuca – she is talking about just this year.

Mrs. Kuhn – in 2014 what did we actually spend for repaving I thought it was \$1.2 million?

Moe Rayan – no in 2015 it was \$1.5 million.

Mrs. Kuhn – I am sorry I mean 2015.

Moe Rayan - \$1.409 million and there is about \$77,000 in the in house paving so in all \$1.5 million.

Mrs. Kuhn – o.k. so that is real money.

Moe Rayan - real money in 2015.

Mrs. Kuhn – so in 2015 we spent real money of \$1.5 million and our proposal at this point in time which we haven't even received the Budget yet but we are hoping to have again \$1.5 million but we actually did spend \$1.5 million on resurfacing roads in 2015.

Moe Rayan – as we speak the contractor will be paid \$1.5 million dollars.

Mrs. Kuhn – thank you.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-058 authorizing a Change order to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc., for the 2015 Capital Paving Program in the amount of \$29,176.00.

Mr. Palumbo seconded the motion.

Mayor DeLuca - and before we open up for comment Moe Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water will be paying the cost.

Moe Rayan – that is correct.

Mrs. Kuhn – Moe then the original contract was \$1,166,338.26 and because of the Wilkinsburg Penn Joint we are adding the \$29,176.00 which as the Mayor stated will be reimbursed by Wilkinsburg Penn Joint.

Moe Rayan – that is correct. Yes.

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

Mr. Palumbo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-059 appointing Mohammed F. Rayan, Municipal Manager, as the authorized representative for the Municipality for the purpose of filling applications with The Environmental Protection Agency.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Kuhn – just to clarify Moe this is EPA and the Municipality is applying for applications for financial assistance for our storm sewers reconstruction, is that correct?

Moe Rayan – that is correct but however it is pertaining to the Thompson Run Realigning Project which is funded by a grant from the Federal Government EPA. Part of their requirements their package

would require a Resolution from Mayor & Council authorizing a Municipal representative to sign the documents, apply for reimbursement and so on and all the items that are pertaining to execute the project.

Mrs. Kuhn – so we are asking for financial assistance is what I am saying, is that correct?

Moe Rayan – well the financial assistance is granted however it is time to do the project now so they are looking to do this as part of the documents.

Mrs. Kuhn – thank you. And when Penn Hills was under the Criminal Consent Decree we were unable to get any financial assistance, is that correct?

Moe Rayan – I wasn't involved with that Consent Decree thank God but

Mrs. Kuhn – it was my understanding

Moe Rayan – there was no federal assistance

Mrs. Kuhn – because we were under a Criminal Consent Decree and that was in place for many many years and it was under the Mayor Deluca Administration and assistance from Gateway Engineer and we were removed from that Criminal Consent Decree and we were put into a Consent Order which every other Municipality was in. So if we are still in the Criminal Consent Decree there would be no financial.

Moe Rayan – no.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor DeLuca – next I would like to make a motion to appoint these people to The Police Pension Committee.

Ed Schrecengost, Finance Director	President
Moe Rayan, Municipal Manager	Secretary
Steve Nave, President of the Insurance Committee	Treasurer

Mr. Palumbo seconded it.

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

REPORTS

Mrs. Kuhn – On a pleasant note I had attended State Representative DeLuca’s Senior Fair on Wednesday at Three Lakes and as always it was so well attended there were so many people there getting important information and there was a gentleman who came up to me and introduced himself and said that he wanted to thank Mayor & Council for the Police Advisory that we in can go and meet in Monroeville, what is that called Moe that slipped my mind right now,

Moe Rayan – Citizens Police Academy

Mrs. Kuhn - Citizens Police Academy – he said that it was a wonderful worthwhile program and that Penn hills was well represented and there were ten to twelve people from Penn Hills and Monroeville only had two people in attendance and he said that he would recommend it to any one he received so much information from it and he wanted me to thank Mayor & Council for initiating that program and also for the wonderful services that they get at the Senior Center and Jim you know no matter when I speak I tell everyone when I go throughout Allegheny County and our Senior Center is announced it is always said that Penn Hills without a doubt has one of the most

wonderful Senior Centers in the entire County of Allegheny. But I did want to extend that to Mayor & Council because he was so appreciative and it is nice when someone takes the time to come up and acknowledge a program that you put into place so that you realize that it was well worth the effort. Thank you.

Mayor DeLuca – just a real short announcement Diane Fitzhenry I know she sent out e-mails to most of the residents that she has contacts with but it was for free flu shots. There are various locations and dates and times. Moe could you make sure it is on the web site.

Moe Rayan – I believe it is on there but I will check it.

Mayor DeLuca – with that we will go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters and Real Estate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Deluca entertained a motion to adjourn.

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

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**MAUREEN M. SORCE
MANAGER'S SECRETARY**