

## **MARCH 13, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Kuhn - Good Evening everyone it being 7:35 P.M. I will call this meeting to order.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

There will be a change on the Agenda. **Resolution No. 2017-023** approving the Transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board License No. R-12343 into The Municipality of Penn Hills from North Versailles Township. It will be removed. The applicant Giant Eagle had sent us a letter for it, it is dated March 18th

Moe Rayan - Chris Blackwell notified the applicant for change of the date on the letter but we received it on Friday.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. and it was stated that Giant Eagle Incorporated request a Municipal Hearing on the Inter-municipal Transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License into the Municipality of Penn Hills. Giant Eagle hereby withdraws its request for the Inter-municipal Transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License into Penn Hills is set forth in our letter dated October 22, 2016. Thank you Mayor & Council for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Mark E. Kozar, Esquire. So being that they have asked for it to be removed we are removing it from the Agenda. Other than that the Agenda will stand as presented. Could we please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were Rayan, Manager, Sorce, Manager's Secretary, Blackwell, Planning Director, Schrecengost, Finance Director, Officer Lape, Minsterman, Engineer and Alexander, Solicitor.

### **MOTION**

Mayor Kuhn - First on the Agenda is a Motion to appoint Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants as Auditors, do I have a Motion.

Dr. Kincaid - so moved.

Mayor Kuhn - do I have a second?

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Motion has been made and seconded to appoint Maher Duessel, Certified Public Accountants as Auditors for Years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for The Municipality of Penn Hills.

Moe Rayan - This Mayor was to show that there was no increase from the last three year contract.

Mayor Kuhn - so what would the year's be?

Moe Rayan - 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Mayor Kuhn - I would like to just make one comment in thanking our business Manager Ed Schrecengost for the wonderful job that he does every year for the people of Penn Hills and for this Mayor and Council. I appreciate it Ed.

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

### **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Mayor Kuhn - Mr. Moses Simpkins from Faybern Court.

Moses Simpkins - Moses Simpkins, 169 Faybern Court. I have been a resident of Penn Hills for the past 38 years. I am here, first I should say Good Evening, I am here because of the problem situation on Faybern Court that we brought to Council over a year ago because there is a situation where the people are parking on the curb of the street where cars cannot get by. We also brought with us a solution to that problem. It was turned over to Traffic Safety and Traffic Safety investigated and they said that there was a certain way to do it which we did not think was a good idea so we appealed the way that they wanted to do it was set no parking in the whole area of there and I believe and the residents believe that if they do no parking in that whole area up there what is going to happen is that the people who are residents there will not be able to get visitors unless they walk and we are up on a hill so nobody is going to walk up that hill. There is not a problem as I stated before there is not a problem with parking above the corner. The garbage trucks and everything else have no problem above the corner the problem is getting around if parking is on both sides of that corner and then no one gets through. We have had this problem for awhile. When I moved there there wasn't a problem because people were considerate of each other. It doesn't seem like it is that way anymore, but we asked if Council would put no parking on that corner, not up above. It

is a dead end street but no parking on that corner so there would not be a problem with any trucks, garbage trucks or snow plows getting past and I did explain when I was here before that there was a problem there and what I have done is give you the sheets of the things that we submitted to you before because I don't want to go back through all of the whole thing. But what I am asking that Council would do is reconsider what Traffic Safety has given. If you pass what Traffic Safety has given you then you are going to have some residents that are not going to be happy with Penn Hills myself included. I just feel like one of the things that probably needs to happen and I know this is something that you probably would not be able to do but in order to see the situation more clearly I would think that the members of Council should go up there and take a real good look at that area and then when you look at it consider if I lived up here would I want this whole area to be no parking. I know it is hard for us to try to get what we feel in this area across to you without you seeing the area. Traffic Safety has been up there, I think Traffic Safety is doing a great job but I think what they have given in this situation is not the solution. The solution is stopping the parking on the corner on the bend and not the whole street.

Mayor Kuhn - Mr. Simpkins, can I call you Moses?

Mr. Simpkins - yes, most people do.

Mayor Kuhn - I know that we had addressed this and I am very familiar with Faybern Court and when the request first came in I know that we explained that we had to turn it over to Traffic Safety and they give Mayor and Council their report on what they think the best possible solution and the residents were asking for a portion of Faybern to be no parking and then when the Traffic Safety Committee came in with their recommendation they were recommending the entire one side off the street, correct?

Mr. Simpkins - No I think they were recommending the whole area up there.

Mayor Kuhn - It might be I might be wrong but I thought it was just one side of the street.

Mr. Simpkins - I am not talking about Faybern Drive because Faybern Drive and Faybern Court is a different thing. If they are talking about one side of the street on Faybern Court I don't think that that would be a problem because the trucks could still get through there.

Mayor Kuhn - well I know that the second time that you came up I believe we had Richard Grove and I recall that he was in the audience and I thought at that time we had suggested that the residents meet with Mr. Grove and I thought he was agreeable to that but I am just going by memory to see if there could be because it was stated that what you had asked for not only weren't you receiving it this is what the residents thought was a worse scenario. Did that never take place the meeting with the Traffic Safety Committee and Mr. Grove?

Mr. Simpkins - I did submit a letter in asking that if the Traffic Safety Committee met and I would be invited I would love to be in that meeting but I got nothing back.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. do you know Moe if there was any because I know Richard Grove was in agreement with meeting with the residents here at the Council Meeting if I am not mistaken.

Moe Rayan - I believe he said that but I don't know if a meeting took place. I think it was during a transition between Officer Sestilli the Chairman of the Committee and Officer Lape as a matter of fact I am not sure if Officer Lape is prepared to speak this evening but he is present in the audience as well. Officer Lape are you prepared to speak on this matter? I know you don't have your records with you.

Mayor Kuhn - I don't like to put you on the spot and in fairness you have only been with the Traffic Safety for just two months. Now I know that you were put into this and it wasn't any part of your doing and the information I don't know how much you have but I would like to ask you have you looked at the situation on Faybern at all?

Officer Lape - I have Mayor and like you said it was brought to me second hand and I kind of inherited it from Officer Sestilli. As far as whether a meeting was taken place I do not know.

Mayor Kuhn - like I said I apologize this really isn't anything that you are familiar with and you were just brought in a few months ago and this has been over a year that we have been working with this. I don't know Moe if I ask you or the Solicitor does Council have to go on the recommendation of Traffic Safety?

Craig Alexander - Does not have to go but it is the recommendation.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. but it is just like with the Planning Department when the Planning Department recommends something to Mayor and Council it is just that a recommendation, am I correct?

Craig Alexander - o.k. I didn't understand the question. That is correct. It is only a recommendation.

Mayor Kuhn - right, so that is what I meant.

Craig Alexander - you are not required to approve the recommendation you can make your own findings.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. if you wouldn't mind could we just postpone this until next meeting and then in the meantime if you could pull the records and see why the Traffic Safety Committee proposed what they proposed when that wasn't what the residents

were asking for and then if you could look at it yourself and give us your recommendation and then after that we will look at the options we have and then we will make a decision based on that but if you wouldn't mind Moses to have the new Traffic Safety Committee and Officer look at the situation and give us his view on it and then we will take the recommendations and make a decision by Mayor and Council if that would suffice.

Mr. Simpkins - that would be fine. I would like to ask though if when they go up there that they would let me know so that I could meet them there.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. could you give the Officer your phone number and name. Would that be agreeable?

Officer Lape - yes I will make arrangements with him to meet with him in person there and I can discuss my recommendations and findings with him directly and then I will forward all that information to you.

Mayor Kuhn - when is our next meeting Moe?

Moe Rayan in April.

Mayor Kuhn - we have our next meeting in April so it is probably like four weeks from today if I am not mistaken, close to that.

Moe Rayan - yes, now I am not sure when the Traffic Committee's next meeting is Officer Lape?

Officer Lape - we just had it last Thursday so it should be the third Thursday before the Council Meeting.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. if we don't have it by the next if your meeting is after ours then we will do it in May then alright and we can see if we can get this resolved amicably because I am not disputing the Traffic Safety Committee at all but I sympathize because as I said I am very familiar with Faybern and I sympathize because the residents came to Mayor and Council for a solution and the solution is worse than what it was when they came to Mayor and Council. Am I correct Moses?

Mr. Simpkins - that is correct.

Mayor Kuhn - so if you could do that and then we can make our decision based on your recommendation and as you said if Mayor and Council could take the time to go and look at Faybern personally and see the situation and then we can go from there. Will that work?

Mr. Simpkins - that will work.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. thanks.

Mr. Simpkins - thank you.

Moe Rayan - I want to say thank you Officer Lape I didn't mean to put you on the spot. We are use to it anyways.

Mayor Kuhn - just remember Officer Lape it was the Manager who pulled you up not the Mayor.

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Brodnicki seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - just one personal comment Maureen I know when I read over the Minutes there were quite a few pages so I guess I need to apologize to you for the speaking I did at length. But once again you were very accurate and anyone who wasn't attending all they have to do is read the Minutes and they will know exactly what took place.

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

## **EXPENDITURES**

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve the **Expenditures of February 20, 2017**, Journal Vouchers 0, \$0.00, CD Requisitions 0, \$0.00, Checks 36811 - 36937 – \$1,061,350.05, making a Grand Total of \$1,061,350.05.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - abstain from Check #36862 Don Kuhn Auto Body in the amount of \$600.00 for Rental and yes on all others.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a motion to approve the **Expenditures of March 6, 2017**, Journal vouchers 0, \$0.00, C.D. Requisitions 14, \$7,842.88, Checks 36938 - 37050, \$940,612.98, making a Grand Total of \$948,455.86.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - I abstain from Check Number 36989 to Don Kuhn Auto Body in the amount of \$703.15 and yes on all others.

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

Mrs. Sapp made a motion to approve the **Expenditures of March 13, 2017**, Journal Vouchers 0, \$0.00, CD Requisitions 0, \$0.00, Checks 37051 - 37117, \$312,554.72 making a Grand Total of \$312,554.72.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - I abstain from Check Number 37096 to Don Kuhn Auto Body in the amount of \$600.00 for Rental and yes on all the others.

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

## **ORDINANCES**

Mr. Brodnicki made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2017-2594** - amending **Ordinance Number 2420**, The Municipality of Penn Hills Zoning Ordinance providing for a change in The Zoning District Category and Corresponding Zoning Map Change for the following property described below. Said property is currently Zoned R-2, Single Family Residential. The intent of this Ordinance is to change The Zoning of the Parcel to B-2, Community Business for the purpose of constructing a building for The Retail Sale of Auto Parts to be located a 7190 Saltsburg Road, Lot and Block #0634-L-00111-0000-00 in Penn Hills.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Brodnicki made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-019** – authorizing The Municipal Manager to execute a Corrective Quit Claim Deed between The Municipality and The Penn Hills Chamber Community Development Corporation, Inc.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Shawn O'Mahony - from Bob Project, Inc. and I live at 119 Pheasant Drive, 15235 and I just wanted to thank Mayor and Council for your consideration in bringing Veterans Programming to the area. Positive programming for the Veterans and I think that we are going to get a lot of positive well we already are we are getting a lot of positive feedback across the nation so this is a really good thing for Penn Hills and I thank you all for your consideration and if anybody needs any questions I know there

are a lot of preliminary projections I gave to all of you to see exactly where we are and we are very serious about this project.

Mayor Kuhn - I know Shawn from the onset of this in its infancy. He came and met with me right here in the Council Chambers before it was even started. I tell everyone when I have an opportunity that there is no one that works as hard or has worked as hard in Penn Hills than Shawn and this is part of the Bob Project and on its onset he was asking if the Municipality had any way of helping him to get this Tiny House started for the Veterans and I explained to him that I didn't have funding but we did have some property that I thought that he could look at and many years ago this piece of property was given by the Municipality to the Penn Hills Chamber of Commerce and in doing so they were hoping to start a Corporation to build a couple of homes on it and then sell and then do something else and unfortunately that never came about so the land had been sitting there vacant but I told him there were many problems with the land but I would do everything in my power to see that we could get it transferred over to him. Well he is very persistent, he is very personable and he worked very hard and he got more help than I even could have imagined Shawn on that first meeting that we had and he does have a proposal and it does show what the Community is to look like and what the homes themselves are to look like and if I am not mistaken Shawn I think that all of this was drawn up as a donation to the project am I correct?

Shawn - Yes we have had a lot of pro bono help from across the board throughout the City. We have had Gateway Engineering help us, Veteran Place of course with Marlin Ferguson the Executive Director is involved in this whole process and he is the one that is getting this all going to have a day program in transitional housing there and we want to get Veterans vetted to get into a very nurturing type of environment. So we are excited to bring the Community together with the veterans.

Mayor Kuhn - and when you are not present I have to say Marlin does a wonderful job with presentation. I thank him for that and if I am not mistaken the Tiny House for the Veterans is beginning to take hold but Penn Hills would be one of the first in the Nation to have this Community is this correct?

Shawn - right. There is one other where they are starting to develop in Kansas City, but we had received an Architects Institute of America Award for this project and so this is very exciting for the State of Pennsylvania. So we are getting a lot of attention and we are up for several other awards and for Community Service Awards as well.

Mayor Kuhn - so once again this is something very positive which is what this administration and the past administration of Mayor DeLuca had always looked to try to do is have Penn Hills be received in a positive look and besides that our Veterans are shamefully forgotten and lost between the cracks so I think that this is wonderful because when we needed them they protected us so I am very proud that Penn hills has taken on this project.

Shawn - yes we have received so much help from the Community. The last couple years for Christmas we have received over \$5,000 worth of gifts for them at the Holidays and so a lot of Community servants have come down and feed the Veterans and a lot of additional programming as well.

Mayor Kuhn - and if I am not mistaken there were some Veterans who hadn't had a gift at Christmas time and so we are so appreciative of the gifts too that the children made for them so it is a win win situation and it is something to be very proud of for Penn Hills and also for you and Marlin and all of those who are helping out in this need situation so again I thank you.

Shawn - thank you so much everybody. Thank you.

Mrs. Sapp - I just wanted to say also to Shawn and Marlin you are doing a fantastic job and I am really proud of you and thankful that you followed through with your vision.

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

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No 2017-020** - authorizing destruction of certain Municipal Records in Accordance with The Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-021** - approving The Fiscal Year 2015 and 2016 Home Consortium Grant amount of \$171,597.00 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. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Chris do you want to give a quick comment on this because I think this is a really good program that needs to be out for the public to hear and know what is available for them.

Chris Blackwell - yes I will. These are HUD Home Funds and in the past we had a strong Community Development Block Program and these funds became available to us through the Consortium with Allegheny County and McKeesport and so with consultants we worked out a program to have a Home Buyer Program for low income residents in Penn Hills so basically what we have done we are working with Action Housing in Allegheny County and we are going to provide housing counseling and these

Mayor Kuhn - yes I wanted that explained to the public so they don't think that this is just money that is just going to be thrown away. To qualify if I am not mistaken they have to go to so many hours of financial counseling of how to handle their money and there is no interest but they still have to pay the loan back, am I correct?

Chris Blackwell - yes that is correct. They will go to a bank. I am working with local banks, S&T, PNC, Dollar they will go for a Conventional Loan and what this money will help with is down payment and closing costs. As you know we believe there is a lot of people in Penn Hills that they pay rent, there are a lot of flippers. We have sold the most homes in Allegheny County so homes are being flipped but they are being rented and we would like to encourage home ownership so we think that there is this niche of people with families that will be able to get a Conventional Loan but yet they don't have the down payment and the closing costs.

Mayor Kuhn - right and if I am not mistaken the down payments are somewhere around \$980.00.

Chris Blackwell - the total we are able to give is \$14,500.00 but what the actual bank will work out is that would be the maximum on a maximum of \$143,000.00 house.

Mayor Kuhn - because I know there are so many young people who are paying \$750.00 to \$1,000.00 a month in rent because of the fact they don't have the funds to go to a bank and get a mortgage and get the payment and the down payment so this helps them but I did want the public to understand that this is not just a freebee. You have to qualify, you have to go to schooling and you do pay the mortgage back it is just you don't pay the high interest fee. Is that correct?

Chris Blackwell - yes that is correct and then there are some strings to that. Other Communities like Wheeling, West Virginia there have been some really great success with this program through the Housing Counseling but there are some strings with it. You do need to pay it back and we also will be inspecting the home more often because we want you to maintain the home and if you default on these things then of course there are ways to get some of the money back but it is something that it is a Grant though after five years after you have been in the home for five years you will not have to pay this money back. This is a grant.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. and like I said I think it is a win win. It is a win for the low income families and it is also a win for Penn Hills because then you have homes that aren't just not deteriorating.

Chris Blackwell - correct, yes we are looking forward to getting these papers signed. I will probably be bringing you more. It is a complicated process and then we look forward in taking applications and making this work.

Mayor Kuhn - and Chris once again I want to compliment you because of the fact that these projects do not just come about over night. There is a lot of work in getting this and I appreciate the time you and your staff take.

Chris Blackwell - thank you very much. I will tell them.

Mayor Kuhn - please do.

Mrs. Sapp - I have one question for Chris. So just for clarification the \$14,500 that they will assist with the down payment is that what needs to be paid back?

Chris Blackwell - when they go to the bank and get a loan that is what they will be paying back, a regular conventional loan this would be the down payment and closing costs and they don't pay it back.

Mrs. Sapp - o.k., and then one more thing for clarification. So after the five years what did not require to be paid back?

Chris Blackwell - after they have been in the home then this is free and clear. If for some reason they would default on that loan so say they only made it three years then we would want this money back as well and there is a term for that that they would receive a prorated amount back, the County would demand that back but like I said through the Housing Counseling and other Communities having great success with this I don't foresee a problem with that. I think it will be successful.

Mrs. Sapp - thank you and good work.

Dr. Kincaid - thank you Mayor. I also commend Chris and his work and office for the good work they doing on this program. I have watched it over the years. As with the action of tonight's action when does this become affected and secondly how do we get the word out to our residents?

Chris Blackwell - that is my next job. I think we will get this to the County and make sure all the signatures are signed and there is this agreement to be signed between us and Action Housing and I can't talk enough about what Action Housing is bringing to the table. They are very good at this. It is something that even the Penn Hills Planning Department we don't have that kind of knowledge that they have so you will see in there it talks about Administrative Fees in here and they deserve it and I also want to point out that when they come to the closing the Action Housing will also accompany the proposed Home Buyers through the closing and at that closing they have to have all the money and Action Housing is fronting the money and then they will get reimbursed by the County so I can't say enough about what Action Housing is bringing to the table. I think we partnered I met them at the Library last year at the Housing Fair at the Library and we started talking and I said I got this program and it has worked out great. It has been almost a year since we conceived of it and it is

coming together now. I hope to your question I hope to have it going very soon in the next couple months.

Dr. Kincaid - oh great thank you very much Chris.

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

Mrs. Sapp made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-022** - approving the Acquisition and Subsequent Disposition of Vacant Property located at 4678 Verona Road, 0367-J-00182-0000-00 in accordance with The Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program and providing assurance that acquisition is consistent with The Penn Hills Comprehensive Plan.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - I just want to make one comment that I am familiar with this property and I am sure the Manager and Chris is familiar with this property because we have had numerous resident complaints regarding this particular property and so I am very glad to see that there is something on our Agenda that we are going to be able to resolve this eye sore for the residents and home owners that live next to it. That is number one and number two with using this program it is a win situation because of the fact once someone buys the property then they are responsible for the up keep of the property. So many times it is difficult for us because we can't find the owners who walk away from properties of this deterioration and not only do they take that blight away from the Community but they put the property back on the taxes which is a win for the Municipality.

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

Mayor Kuhn - now as I stated **Resolution No. 2017-023** has been taken off the Agenda but if I could just make a few comments on this piece of property. We spoke at length Mayor & Council with the legal representation for this transfer and there were many reasons why we could not vote on the transfer of the liquor license to GetGo and unfortunately the legal representative of Giant Eagle at our meetings could not answer the questions that were reasonable questions for a board to ask when they are asking for something of this importance. So we did Table it. Now I had received several phone calls and even probably three to four letters regarding it from residents who were happy that Penn Hills took the stand that they did and I did also receive a letter from a resident who was very upset and felt that Penn Hills Council was not being friendly to having businesses coming into Penn Hills. Now that is 100% incorrect and I always tell everyone information is your best form but misinformation is the most damaging form and if they would follow the Council and this Administration and the previous of Mayor DeLuca they would see that we work very hard to bring businesses into Penn Hills but that is already a business. There is a business that is located in that particular spot and there also is a beer distributor just within feet of that so I don't think that that

was a fair comment and we were doing what we felt was best for the entire Municipality. There was a lot of problems at that location so we did not think that we needed to increase it and there were legalities that were not addressed and they said that they would address them after we get the approval. Well this board doesn't give an approval based on there might be a violation, it might not be correct to pass it but we will pass it and then let someone else see if there is a violation. That to me was a very very poor presentation, so as I said for those that were upset this Mayor & Council would do anything to bring businesses into Penn Hills but that doesn't mean that we are going to bring a type of business into Penn Hills that we believe would be a detriment and not a plus for Penn Hills and its residents. Thank you very much.

## **REPORTS**

Mark Brodnicki - on that last Thursday I was talking to Chris over in Planning about possibly putting out some kind of welcome letter type thing to developers, businesses showing our strengths and why you should move here and he brought up that is not the way to go about it. With the on line world people from across the Country search on line to find out where to go. Key words, Google maps whatever. The best thing to do is stay physically strong and we have our Public Works workers picking up garbage or if it not one of our roads we direct them where to get someone to pick up the garbage. To speedily approve permits to show that we are a business friendly Municipality and also he said he was going to work a little bit closer with Penn Hills Community Development Corporation and other local entities to help get our word out more but we just have to show that we are a strong Municipality like we are doing and on the garbage thing also I want to remind everybody that next month on April 22, 2017 is Penn Hills Community Clean Up Day and it co-insides with Earth Day and the Municipality will provide garbage bags, gloves, vest to those who sign up. Clean up begins at 8:00 A.M. in the morning on designated roads in Penn Hills. This is a good time for groups to think about helping out so contact the Penn Hills Parks and Recreation for more information and also for people who don't want to be organized for that April the weather is starting to get nice outside it is a good time to start to get out and sweep in front of your street a little bit and pick up the garbage that people throw in your yard. So I just wanted to bring that up.

Mayor Kuhn - thanks Mark.

Mrs. Sapp - I would just like to make a comment on the two officers, Officer Jason Bonace and Officer Lindsey Bigger. They participated in a fund raiser in East McKeesport called Tips for Cops and then after they successfully helped that Community they came back to Penn Hills and they developed the same fund raiser Tips For Cops in February and they went over to Mohan's and I just want to say they raised \$4,800 for The Lincoln Park Community Food Bank and The Penn Hills Service Association Food Bank and I was just so honored that they did this program and raised this money and I just wanted to give a congratulations to Officer Bonace and Officer Bigger. They did an excellent job in promoting Police and Community relations to the

fund raising program and I would like Moe if you would let them know that I said that and continue the good work that would be awesome.

Moe Rayan - will do.

Mrs. Sapp - thank you.

Mayor Kuhn - to add to Cathy's remark we also want to thank Mohan's because not only did they give their business for this but they also gave a portion of all of the sales that were made so that helped contribute to the \$4,800.00 and is Sampson in the audience I wanted to thank you Sampson for the nice report that you put in the paper regarding it. It is nice to see that we have a Community paper that puts in positive things pertaining to the Municipality and not negative. So thank you very much on that. Also I have a report that was in the local paper from Sampson regarding the local fire fighters wage uphill financial battle. I speak of this every chance I get. It seems like people are just so busy with sports projects with their children and other things that they belong to that they are not giving their time back to the Community. The volunteer firemen that we have I always give the example that my fire company is Number 7 and on a Christmas Eve when I was making all my food and decorating for my family their fire alarm went off seven times. That means that those firemen had to leave their homes and weren't able to help prepare and if it is a Birthday, a Wedding, if it is a Graduation that they are attending or holding when that fire alarm goes off they leave so it is not only the volunteer firemen that we need to respect but we also need to respect their families because of the fact the burdens on the families when the firefighters have to leave and it is a dangerous job they could be hurt, they could be killed at any time and we must remember when the towers went down the comments by the people who were coming out of those towers were as we were coming down the steps to safety we were passing the firemen going up the steps to try and save the people who were caught in the floors of the Twin Towers so I hope that when if you read this article I don't know if you did or not but they will send out their contribution letters and they ask for thirty, forty, fifty or whatever the amount that they send out around 1,500 they are lucky if they get 300 back and it is like I tell everyone if you can't afford thirty or forty or fifty dollars for your firemen once a year what are you going to do if the volunteer firemen collapse and you have to pay for a paid fire department. So if you please when you get your letters take it as a gift compared to what it would be if you had to pay a fire tax and I know that they have sent out this neighbors helping neighbors and it is a picture of the fire truck and it has when the siren sounds we respond now we need you to respond and that comes in your letters so I hope that everyone is thankful for the service that these volunteer men and women give and with that being said I attended the Winners of the Penn Hills Firemen's Essay Contest. I am looking at Marlin because of the fact our school board gets bashed constantly but I do want to say that they do not get the representation when things happen good for the students who are educated in our Penn Hills School District. This is every year that they have this essay contest and what it is is the teachers at Linton and it is for fifth and sixth graders and they write an essay on firemen safety and the six volunteer fire companies that we have they read all the

entries and then they choose the winners. This year we had thirteen and it was held at North Bessemer Fire Hall and I have to say that when I pulled in now there are thirteen children getting awards now when I pulled in I could not get a parking place in that entire large parking lot at North Bessemer Fire Hall so when I spoke to the children and the parents I said to them that is such a tribute to the parents and families of these thirteen children. There had to be well over close to one hundred people in that fire hall representing those children. So if there are thirteen children and you have two parents that is only twenty six people so they had a large backing of family, friends and support and when they go onto State and I think the last four or five years the children who won in Penn Hills and they go on to State, Penn Hills takes the State competition almost two thirds of our children win all of the awards at the State so it is a wonderful program. I commended the children, their parents, their friends, their family and I also commend the teachers who go out of their way to have this for them so the only thing I have to say Sampson I gave you a nice shout out but I didn't see any press at the essay contest and I would have liked to have seen that and it put in the local paper. The last report I have and I apologize I will never pronounce this but it is the Indian Temple, Moe how do you say it?

Moe Rayan - SV Temple

Mayor Kuhn - okay Moe you can say it on the mike.

Moe Rayan - SV Temple

Mayor Kuhn - oh o.k. he is cheating he just said the first two initials of the name, SV but they were very kind and they donated to the Penn Hills Public Works Department I believe it was \$500.00 if that what it was?

Moe Rayan - yes correct I believe it is a yearly donation from the folks at the SV Temple normally it is directed towards the Penn Hills Police Helping People so that is where it went into their account. Gerry was excited about it but actually it goes to the Penn Hills Police.

Mayor Kuhn - He necessarily isn't getting the whole \$500.00?

Moe Rayan - no none of it, it all went to the Police.

Mayor Kuhn - alright any other reports. We are going to have an Executive Session afterwards on Personnel Matters.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Kincaid entertained a Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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MANAGER'S SECRETARY