

## **APRIL 10, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Kuhn - Before we say the Pledge I am sure everyone is aware of the sadness that happened at the School District with a young fifteen year old boy losing his life and they have people of interest but it is the first time that I believe we have had a shooting at the Penn Hills School District and it is very sad for our Community and it is so very sad for the family, friends of the young man who passed. Once again I ask for a moment of silence for the family and that we pray that the public officials that are in charge and are the ones that guide us if they would please try to really work hard to put something into place to help prevent these terrible losses that we have of our young people. It is very heart breaking and it is very sad and we have heard it from all other areas, areas surrounding us even. But this is the first time that it has happened at our school. So if you could pray for the students who witnessed it and went through it and the families I would appreciate it and after we say the Pledge is we could have a moment of silence. Thank you very much.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

The Agenda will stand as presented. The meeting started at 7:35 P.M.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were Yeager, Police Records Secretary, Blackwell, Planning Director, Schrecengost, Finance Director, Minsterman, Engineer and Alexander, Solicitor and Diane Fitzhenry, EMS Director giving presentation.

Mayor Kuhn - Before we start our regular meeting I am very proud to be part of a Presentation to honor those who we consider our First Responders and our Police Department that helped them and I know that Diane Fitzhenry and Cheryl Rickens has a Presentation after which the Municipality has also presented each of the participants with a Certification of our appreciation to them also. Diane if you and Cheryl would like to come up.

Diane Fitzhenry - Madam Mayor & Member of Council and the public tonight I have with me Cheryl Rickens who is here on behalf of The Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Association and we are making a Presentation to all of the participants in a Cardiac Arrest Situation that we had here in town on January 22 so I will let Cheryl do a brief Presentation and then I will take the microphone for a moment again.

Cheryl Rickens - Representing The Sudden Cardiac Association one of the things of our mission is to make people aware of what Sudden Cardiac Arrest is and then what you can do about it. Taking a CPR Class, learning how to use AED, taking a first aid class. There are steps to do and sometimes it all comes together and you have a success story and that is why we are here tonight. So I want to show this Certificate that I will be handing out and on it the Chain of Survival which if you have ever taken a Certification Class with The Red Cross you might be familiar with it. There are seven links on it and because of the seven links and the people involved working together as a team we have a wonderful ending to what is normally a sad story. So the first link is just being aware that there is a medical emergency and taking attention to be a Responder. Not a bystander but a responder. What does that mean? That means being aware of an emergency and calling 911 and then starting early CPR and it doesn't have to be complicated. You don't have to worry about the whole head tilting, mouth to mouth you can use your hands and use hands zone. Keep it simple. Those first few minutes doing early CPR is vital and then the next link is early Defibrillation. Using an AED, an Automated External Defibrillator and who has those, well First Responders, our Police Officers our EMS so we can use that early defibrillation and then you call 911 who responds and who responds EMS. What does EMS do, take them to the hospital so they can get appropriate care and then the final link is rehabilitation and recovery so a lot of links and they all have to work together and then you have a great outcome so who are these people that did all these links? Well who were the people that first acknowledged and were aware that there was an incident. First is Mrs. Rosemary Hogan, David Hogan and Joyce Penrose, George Boyle and Christen Callender. These are our folks that were aware of an incident and called 911 and started early CPR and then who came next on the scene would be our two Officers, Officer Agreen and Officer Martinelli please come on up we are going to make our little link here and then we have our Paramedic Crew. We had our lead crew Paramedic Lorenzo Garino, Gus Zampitella and additional Paramedics came to the event and that would be Devin Cummings and Bret London and because all of these folks that worked together we have Mr. Vincent Hogan you are part of a very elite and rare club being a survivor of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. It is very rare. The percentages are really really low, 5%, 3%, less than 8%. With early CPR and early Defibrillation the percentages go up significantly still only around 20% but it does make a difference and for this family it is 100% success and that is what we want because you all worked together and it might seem silly to recognize a survivor and we also can't forget the Hospital Staff the folks that took care of him in those middle links of the hospital care and rehab and recovery so the ER and Cath Lab from UPMC East, I would like you to stand up. So if you could just take a minute and give them all applause. For each of you I have a Certificate and information and also what I have for the folks are pins for my good Samaritans here I have a pin that has our logo and says hero and that is what they are they acted as hero's and they can wear that with pride. For my professional folks here they also get

the hero pin but they also get the professional nationally improved bar pin that they can wear on their uniform if their supervisor allows them so they each get that. So I will hand that out also.

Diane Fitzhenry - while Cheryl is passing this information out I wanted to reiterate some of the facts. In the United States every year there are over 300,000 Cardiac Arrests and as Cheryl said some of the survival rates are dismal as best so this is really something very exciting for us and we are very pleased that we were able to make such a difference. They say that the chain is only as strong as its weakest link and as she discussed the chain of survival we can see that in this instance each of the links provided the strong support that it needed to have a successful outcome. I would as Penn Hills EMS we are fortunate to have the support of the elected officials in the Community we are fortunate that we have some of the highest trained staff and some of the newest technologies available to us so that we can assist in caring for our patients, the members of our Community and the visitors of our Community. We also know that Public Safety Personnel are often taken for granted so it was especially enjoyable that we were able to bring this to a public meeting and have everybody share in the excitement of such a wonderful outcome. In addition to everything that Cheryl has passed out and the Certificates of Recognition that Mayor Kuhn has I have a small token of appreciation on behalf of Penn Hills EMS and a grateful Community to all that were involved and it is the Star of Excellence Award for services above and beyond so thank you all for a job well done and continue to do great things out there as you advance in your careers in EMS and in closing I would urge all members of the public to at least learn how to do hands only CPR and really take advantage of some of the classes that are available because it does make a difference.

Cheryl Rickens - so if I could end this Council I know this did take time from your Agenda so I really do want to thank you all for allowing us to do this. In sharing not only the good news but it is a good educational tool so really thank you for allowing us to be here. And of course our survivor Vince.

Diane Fitzhenry - we also have Certificates for UPMC East Emergency Department and UPMC Cath Lab as well as the pin. So we have representatives from the Hospital here today too because it doesn't just end with us we have to take our patients to definitive Cardiac Care and they did a wonderful job in providing the services that Vince needed so I would like to thank them for helping coordinate all of this tonight as well.

Mayor Kuhn - if I could just have your attention for a minute please that this is a very happy occasion for Penn Hills. For the people who began the support before the Paramedics and Police got there thank them so much and thank them for the training that they took time to have so that they could perform this. It is a very frightening time and I know unfortunately personally because my son has had the Paramedics they know our home without even knowing from 911 unfortunately because he has heart disease too and when you are waiting for the Paramedics to come in each second

seems like ten minutes so I applaud them because that is a very frightful time when you see someone in that position.

Vincent Hogan - There is one person who is not here tonight who is just as equally as important and that is the 911 Operator who is sitting at his telephone right now. He stuck with me the whole time.

Mayor Kuhn - The 911 County they are there and they have things that they have to do to to help talk to people and keep them calm until the Paramedics and Police Department come. My Paramedics I am so proud of and every resident should be proud of them. I tell my residents all the time Penn Hills is one of few communities that have their own full time Paramedic Staff so that is a real benefit because seconds matter and we have received so many wonderful letters of compliments of what our Paramedics have done and as I said I personally can say that they are so professional when they come, they are so quick and they not only take care of the patient but they also take care of the patient's Mother and Husband. So I thank them and our Officers they go beyond always and we need to show our appreciation of how much we do appreciate the staff that Penn Hills has because of the fact we are very fortunate. Our people are all well trained and they are all professionals when they behave in that fashion so if you once again want to give they a round of applause.

### **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

Mayor Kuhn - Faith Milazzo - 121 Castle Drive - I am representing members of the newly formed Penn Hills Anti-Litter Group so if anyone is here from that group if you would stand. I know that there are a bunch of you here. I just want to talk as briefly as I can about that. We formed a couple of months ago. There is a little over a 150 of us which I think is really good and in essence we are concerned about litter in Penn Hills. We think it can be better. We think it can be improved and we are trying to be pro-active about it by doing our own litter pickups. We just this last Saturday cleaned up Long Road and eight additional side roads along the creek. We ended up picking up twenty three bags of trash, fourteen bags of recyclables and four cans of recyclables. So we have some suggestions and I understand that you won't be able to implement all of these maybe not ever and maybe some of these will take some time but I just want to leave these on the table and then I will leave you with a sheet that lists these things and just some litter facts too because I think there is some really interesting litter facts too because I think that there are some really interesting litter facts that people don't realize so I will leave you with that. One of our main concerns is we are hoping that businesses in Penn Hills there can be some stronger enforcement. I read through part of the Codified Ordinances Document and it is very long, it is about 1,000 pages but I discovered this thing it is 1270.2 on page 188 that says fast food restaurants subject to the following conditions the operators of the fast food restaurants are required to collect all litter from the fast foods restaurant daily in an area within 250 feet of the restaurant so I found that to be very interesting because if you have been around restaurants in Penn Hills you know various businesses it is not just restaurants and also businesses

there is some trash issues so that is one of the things that we are hoping can be enforced more because we are not really sure that it is and we are also wondering if it is possible to extend that to other businesses. I mean we understand why fast food was chosen so why can't Walgreens or Giant Eagle why can't those businesses be held to the same standards. We are hoping that is something that Code can look into. Also trash collection that is another one of our enforcement rules. I think and I am not sure and you can correct me if I am wrong that I guess they are on some kind of a time schedule so they have to get all their trash collection done in a certain amount of time but what some of us have noticed is sometimes the buckets when they dump all the trash it will be overfilled and trash will spill out and it ends up on the road and that is really unfortunate my husband passed that a couple of weeks ago and said to me I know you are going to be mad when you see long Road because you are going to see trash all over the place so we think that is a concern also sometimes trash collectors and this could be part fault of the residence but a bag will rip or they will just drop some trash and I have seen the trash collector on my street and they will leave it on the street and so that is one of the things that we are hoping that there is a way to maybe rectify that, just talk to the trash collectors and just that sort of thing. We also think that it is important just to step up enforcement in general. Let me ask you everyone up here. How many of you this calendar year can tell me if you have seen a McDonald's wrapper, a bottle of water, a napkin, how many of you if you saw that on the street in front of your house, who here would pick it up? O.K. so that is most of you. Well first let me say join The Penn Hills Anti-Litter Group because we want you because these are the kind of people we are looking for. We want people that care about the Community and I presume that you care about the Community because you are here serving us so we care very much so that is why we are here we defend Penn Hills when other people cut it down because we think it is a good place to live we just want to make it better so if you are willing to pick up trash please join us. Maybe you don't want to pick up trash. Some people don't want to touch trash I get it, I have touched used condoms, I have touched diapers, I have touched feminine products not with my bare hands but I mean I have picked these things up and they are disgusting so if that is not your thing maybe it is calling people. There are certain roads it is not safe for the public just to be out there picking up litter. So that is when we go to Public Works if it a County Road we go to the County or we go to Penn Dot so that is just a few things. We are hoping speaking of Public Works that maybe they would be willing to go out into the streets a little bit more and just see the places that we are seeing that we think have a really big trash issue. I personally, I pick up trash along Althea and I don't even live on Althea. I live off of Althea and I was in the Progress last week this is what I do I pick up trash from Althea eight to nine months a year nearly every day because it is important. You drive on Althea and it is going to look pretty good unfortunately there is a hill side that looks pretty awful and Code has been in talks for about two years now that is a pretty bad area. It is a very steep hillside but again it goes back to businesses so we are hoping people come up to the businesses a little bit more. One of our other suggestions and I understand we have wonderful Police they are very hard working but is it possible for the Police to be on the lookout. What I learned that a lot of us didn't know this is if I spot someone throwing trash out of their car I can get their license plate number and I can

get their information but I have to show up to court to testify and most people in this date and age are not going to do that. Even if you are able to miss work or take time from your family there could be a risk of retaliation so that is unfortunate but it sends a message. I know no one is going to come after me I am just going to throw my trash so we are hoping that there is some way that maybe Police could be the ally and be the look out on that. The Police on their website they have an online form where you can report a crime. Can we report litter? If it is not on the Police website can it be on the Municipality Web Site. Just something to consider. It doesn't have to be today but I think if people felt they could report it and not even for someone to be arrested but if people understand that Penn Hills is taking this seriously then we are hoping that it would help out. Another suggestion we have is adding some recyclable cans and garbage cans throughout the areas. Again if Public Works could see the problem areas and we are keeping track of problem areas on our page but studies have shown that places that have garbage cans show less litter and when places are clean people tend to not litter as much so we just want to throw that out there and perhaps businesses could donate to that. If a business had their name on a garbage can it might be an incentive. There are people in my neighborhood there is a garbage can on the corner of Banyon and Althea. A gentlemen empties it every week. He uses his own garbage bags and takes the garbage away so it would great if we could have the garbage collectors empty it but I know there are people in Penn Hills who are willing to do this because they care. So I think that is important to note. Also I know years ago this was talked about but I don't know if Community Service if that is still some type of punishment when people create a crime but is it possible to have litter pick up as a Community Service punishment. Obviously not some cold hearted killer but some minor crime why not do that. We amongst us we are willing to pick up litter but we don't want to do this every week necessarily so why not utilize those people. A couple more suggestions we have and then I will wrap it up. We are really hoping maybe the Municipality's Web Site there is a lot of good information on there. We are hoping that maybe you as a Municipality can talk about litter. You can advertise the litter pick up and any groups will tell you when they are and you will put it across the scroll. You will say maybe on the home page that you don't tolerate litter that there will be a fine and we as a group will be happy to provide litter tips and facts so you could put some of those up. Maybe litter statistics. I realize recently and I didn't notice that Public Works will supply residents with garbage bags and gloves and vests and that is great. I said myself I have used my bags for three years so that is a nice thing so tell people if you don't feel like spending your own money and you are nice enough to pick up litter we will help you out. I think it is important to recognize businesses that do keep their area clean. You really really one of our main things is we want to crack down on businesses that aren't keeping clean. I really want to highlight that the whole pick up your trash daily. We don't think it is happening but there are businesses that do clean up so maybe recognize those again. We as a group we would be happy to help recognize those and we could send them to you. We want to help in any way that we can. Someone had suggested maybe coming up with a Keep Penn Hills Beautiful Sign. Maybe installing some of those. I think when people see Don't Litter \$300.00 Fine. I don't know if you know but I am guessing that not many people have been fined

\$300.00 for littering. Maybe try a positive message just a nice sign Keep Penn Hills Beautiful or we could have a contest again we could help and again businesses could also help. They could also help to pay for that so I have a piece of paper to pass out that lists these seven suggestions that I hope you will look at at your leisure and on the back I said there are some litter facts. That is basically it so I just again want to emphasize that we are Penn Hills Proud and we want Penn Hills to be a good Community and we feel really good what we cleaned up this weekend but of course I drove on Long Road and I counted six bottles and I mean it is inevitable you are never going to get rid of litter but if we can reduce it by 25%, 50% would be great. Start small maybe tackle a few of these things and we think that would be great. I don't know if there is anything to speak to now or I am happy to come back to the next meeting if you want to talk about this.

Mayor Kuhn - First of all Faith I want to thank you and I want to thank you and the people who have joined the Penn Hills Litter Clean Up. I think it was very pleasing to me to hear that you say you care about Penn Hills and when Penn Hills is unfortunately given bad coverage and bad comments that you stick up for Penn Hills.

Faith Milazzo - I do as much as I can and I am not saying 100% percent of the time.

Mayor Kuhn - well yes but if everyone did that then Penn Hills would be the special place that it really is so I thank you for that.

Faith Milazzo - you are welcome.

Mayor Kuhn - as far as the business enforcement of the 250 feet I will ask Chris if he will look into that and if you could Chris make up a letter and send it to all the businesses that we have stating, now I don't know if all the businesses are under that 250 feet as the fast foods are but all the restaurants and fast foods if they are under that 250 foot that if you could send them a letter stating that this is the law of Penn Hills which I am sure that they were made aware of when they came in to receive permission to put their restaurants in and that Penn Hills unfortunately because of the businesses not doing it on their own we are going to have to enforce the 250 foot footage and if they don't comply then we will have to fine them. It is very difficult when you give fines. The legal system is so horrible honey by the time you go you have to send this letter then you have to send that letter then you have a hearing and if they don't come then you have to have a second hearing then if they appeal it after thirty days you go downtown so but I mean we need to start somewhere so I think this is really a good suggestion for us. As far as the trash collectors our Manager Moe Rayan isn't here this evening so I have made a notation and I will call our Manager in the morning and tell him that we have had this complaint and that he needs to let our trash collectors understand that if their drivers and their pick-up people if they drop any litter while they are picking up the rubbish that they are to pick up what they have dropped. I will have to ask Moe on the Public Works and Police situation because of the fact of Unions they have what their

definition is so I will have to ask him that I can't make a real comment on that. As far as having garbage containers throughout Penn Hills I think that is a very good idea and maybe we can work with Code to see where they think where the best locations for that would be. Now I will tell you that I have tried several times and went through the District Justice and said when you have cases that they are given Community Service can you not make that that they have to clean up the roadways. Unfortunately the Magistrates answers were they can't do because of the fact if they would be on the road side and they would get hit then there would be law suits. I don't know why but they said that is how the law was written because especially with young people that would be a very good solution. I thank you for your time. I thank you for caring for Penn Hills and I will follow up on this and I will ask them to put this on our web site so people can join and I do know that we have some very dedicated people who clean on clean-up day and one of them is sitting in the audience, Mrs. Getsy and her husband. Crescent Hills has a committee of clean-up and they are on a very bad road. They do Lime Hollow which is very twisty and what have you so we do have so many dedicated people in Penn Hills and hopefully we can get some more.

Faith Milazzo - I hope so thank you and I just to remind you in case you weren't aware it sounds like you are, Crescent Hills they do have a clean-up. I believe it is the Saturday, Earth Day Week End and I know the CDC has a cleanup that Sunday I forget the date I believe it is the 23rd and then we the Anti-Litter Group we are planning to clean up Duff Road in May. I just want to encourage all of you anyone here clean up trash. I know it is unfortunate but as we said a lot of us if you would just pick up that bottle in front of your house, keep a pair of gloves in your car. I use a newspaper bag I probably am going to get some sort of disease from some of the stuff I have touched but it is just something to consider just consider cleaning up a little. Join our group we would love to see you at a litter pick up or just tell us that you cleaned up a road and we have people in our group that will never join us for a group litter pick up but they are out cleaning their neighborhood so thank you

Mayor Kuhn - thank you and if you could I don't see real quick that there is a date that you are doing Duff Road.

Faith Milazzo - we didn't put it on there. We think it is going to be the Saturday before Mother's Day. It is not set in stone but I can e-mail you that.

Mayor Kuhn - if you could just e-mail it to the Municipality and we can put that on the web site. Thanks very much.

Chris Blackwell - I think there is a lot of things on the list that Penn Hills does do but I have never met with these folks so some things for me it is frustrating that I would like to give you my card and then I would like you to meet with us. There is a lot of things that we do and one of the things would be like Public Works hands out gloves, bags, they will give you. We have been doing that for twenty years. There are like Christine Miller and Mrs. Getsy and there are a lot of people in the audience and

including myself that have picked up a lot of litter so I think that there are a lot of things that I brought some information like Allegheny Clean Ways to the study recently and we got 44 different sites at Allegheny Clean Ways looked at we are looking at grants for that. It is 54 tons of garbage. It costs about \$33,000 to pick up and those are large dump sites not litter. But I just there are a lot of things that we are doing and I just want to kind of meet with your group and talk to the sort of things that we are doing and coordinate.

Mayor Kuhn - that is Chris Blackwell honey he is our Planning Director and maybe if you could have a meeting with him then he can give you the information that we have and you can give him the information that you have and then that way we can work together. Thank you.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Brodnicki seconded the motion.

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 April 10, 2017**, Journal Vouchers 0, \$0.00, CD Requisitions 12, \$16,423.73, Checks 37118 - 37334 – \$1,741,554.01, making a Grand Total of \$1,757,977.74.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

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

### **ORDINANCES**

Mr. Brodnicki made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2017-2595** - amending Section 7 of **Ordinance 2420**, The Penn Hills Zoning Ordinance to Clarify Permitted Uses in The Industrial Zoning Districts.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mr. Underwood - Ordinance 2420 that was mentioned in this Ordinance does anybody on Council have a copy of that?

Chris Blackwell - I believe you all have that. That is the Penn Hills Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Underwood - I have a copy of that?

Chris Blackwell - I am sure at some point as becoming a Council Member you have gotten a Zoning Book or you have access to The Codified Ordinances but whenever we come before you with changes to the Zoning Ordinance we reference the 2420. That is the Penn Hills Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Underwood - I don't recall having a copy of that.

Mayor Kuhn - no Gary what he is saying is the Ordinance that he is referencing 2420 in the Zoning Hearing Book that is that blue book you would be able to go to that correct Chris and then it would describe it in the book.

Mr. Underwood - I will check to see if I have that book if not I will stop by your office.

Chris Blackwell - absolutely.

Mayor Kuhn - I have a few. I know that when we make changes in our Zoning Codes what we usually do on any change is usually it is underlined so it is easy for Council to see what the change is and anything that is taken out is in parenthesis, am I correct?

Chris Blackwell - yes.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. going over this then on number 13 on the second page that is the Education Institution is taken out.

Chris Blackwell - that is correct.

Mayor Kuhn - and put in is the Vocational Schools.

Chris Blackwell - yes.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. I just want to make this clear to the public because of the fact if they look up the Ordinance there are so many things in it so I want to tell them what is being changed so it is easy and like I always say Chris it is very helpful when you do it in that fashion because of the fact Mayor & Council can see exactly what is being deleted and what is being added and I appreciate that and number 9 self is added and the firm is depleted, am I correct?

Chris Blackwell - yes I think there are terms where we call the self storage warehouses so storage firm.

Mayor Kuhn - I think that is much easier for anyone who is looking at it. The terminology is much easier when you have it stated as you have changed it. The other one that I wanted to ask you about was on 17 accessory use of building customary to and this is what is being added and support the Industrial Uses, is that correct?

Chris Blackwell - that is correct so if there was a copy shop or something it might not be permitted in an industrial zone but it would be there to support the industrial uses and the workers there.

Mayor Kuhn - now #16 it has 16 and then goes to 15 because of the fact

Chris Blackwell - we are moving parks and playgrounds

Mayor Kuhn - you are deleting 15 completely?

Chris Blackwell - you know it is funny I actually tried to find something else to put in there honestly to not have to do that. I really did and

Mayor Kuhn - I assumed what it was because all the way down the line 17 becomes 16 and 18 becomes 17 and so on so I just wanted to make sure that that is and that is the only changes that we have put into this Ordinance, am I correct?

Chris Blackwell - that is correct and I realize that it may be confusing and that but if you look on the first page, section 1 and section 2 where I have said The Penn Hills Zoning Ordinance is amended as follows to insert the following that is where I am putting an entire paragraph in. If you would like me to underline I don't want to make it confusing and I realize in the section where I said purpose in section 2 again I said the following new text so then section 3 I say the following underlined text.

Mayor Kuhn - well really you have underlined school vocational trade so I am assuming it meant that whole paragraph.

Chris Blackwell - that paragraph like section one and section two it is the whole paragraph even though it is not underlined.

Mayor Kuhn - right. I just wanted to give the information to the public because they might not be aware of it.

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Underwood made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-024** – authorizing The Municipal Manager to enter into a Line Extension Agreement with People's Natural Gas Company.

Dr. Kincaid seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - before I ask any questions from the audience I just want to let everyone understand what this Resolution is pertaining to. Peoples Natural Gas Company agrees to extend its main pipeline facilities consisting of approximately 250 feet of six inch pipe to accommodate the two commercial gas meters to serve two commercial buildings at the Penn Hills Municipality New Municipal Building at no cost to the Municipality. So I just wanted to make everyone aware that the gas company has agreed to move them and it will be at no cost to the Municipality or the taxpayers.

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

Mrs. Sapp made a motion to approve **Resolution No 2017-025** - renewing The original Contract with Instant Electric Company, Inc. for Time and Material for Electrical Work for a One Year Period from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - again to explain this before I ask for public comment. We had entered into a contract with Instant Electric Company on March 10, 2015. The term of the contract was from April 1, 2015 through April 1, 2016 with an option to renew for two years one period at the mutual consent of the parties. The Municipality is exercising the option to renew the contract with Instant Electric Company for the second one year period from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 based on their quote for the service received on February 20, 2015 so what that is saying is they had a two year option of course we have to vote on each year that we are given the option and this is the second of the two year option and there has been no cost increase from 2015.

Glen Conneol - Dalecrest Road, Penn Hills. I just had a question what is Instant Electric do for Penn Hills?

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. what this is is for I will read you the exact memo. It furnishes all labor, material, and equipment for electrical work as requested in strict accordance with the specifications for Time and Material.

Glen Conneol - o.k. I was just wondering what they did, I didn't know if they took care of the lights, the street lights or what they did.

Mayor Kuhn - that is fine. That is what we are here for if you have a question I tell everyone information is your best source and misinformation is the most dangerous.

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

Dr. Kincaid made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-026** - authorizing The Municipal Manager to execute and submit a Utility Reimbursement Agreement to The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and authorizing The Director of The Water Pollution Control Department to attest to the Manager's Signature.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - once again before I ask for public comment I will explain exactly what this is this is a proposed highway improvement project for State Route 130. It is located in the Municipality of Penn Hills and Allegheny County and it requires the relocation and adjustment of certain manhole facilities that are owned by Penn Hills. It is understood that the cost of relocating or adjusting our facilities are normally at our cost and expense but that under the provisions of Section 412.1 of the Act of June 1, 1945, the Secretary of Transportation may determine that the Department will share in such cost. So what they are paying is 75% and we are paying 25% right, Ed?

Ed Schrecengost - yes.

Mayor Kuhn - so this again is a plus for Penn Hills.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-027** - awarding an Eighteen (18) Month Contract to Janitorial Services, Inc., for Janitorial Services to various Municipal Owned Facilities.

Mr. Underwood seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sapp - have we used this company in the past?

Mayor Kuhn - I know we had a janitorial service but I don't know if this is the same one, do you know Ed? Cathy there was only two bidders on this and so the public can understand that anytime we have and we advertise in paper for bids for whatever project we are looking to do and it is advertised and we keep a copy of it and then we get bids in and unfortunately there were two bids and Mayor & Council received that and the Department gives a recommendation based on the bids that have been received.

Chris Blackwell - I think that the Resolution the contract is to be awarded to Quality Services for janitorial services. Below down in number one the Contract is with Quality Services, Inc. for janitorial services, I think there is an error in the

Craig Alexander - there is a typo in the title where it says an 18 Month Contract to Janitorial Services, Inc. for janitorial services it is actually Quality Services Inc. not Janitorial Services, Inc.

Mayor Kuhn - thank you for that correction.

Chris Blackwell - I was going to say because that is the guy we know. When you said are we awarding to the same contractor I am thinking yes but that is not their name. We have been using Quality Services for quite some time.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. Craig being that we made the motion for Janitorial Services do we have to take that off and read it as it should be stated?

Craig Alexander - no just amend it to Quality Janitorial Services.

Mayor Kuhn - Mark if you could just say that you are amending Resolution No. 2017-027 to state it is as Quality Services, Inc.

Mark Brodnicki - I would like to amend Resolution 2017-027 striking Janitorial Services Inc. and putting in Quality Services, Inc. instead.

Mr. Underwood - seconded the motion to have Resolution 2017-027 to be Quality Services, Inc. instead of Janitorial Services, Inc.

Mayor Kuhn - just so the public does recognize what this is it is the Municipality of Penn Hills awards an 18 month contract to Quality Services. That covers janitorial services for the Penn Hills Library, Lincoln Park Community Center Library and the Municipal Building, the Public Works Garage, Water Pollution Control Department and the total is \$86,130.00.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2017-028** - awarding a Twenty-Four (24) Month Contract to Security Systems of America (SSA) for The Alarm Systems Monitoring and Maintenance Contract for Municipal Owned Facilities.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the motion.

Mayor Kuhn - on this one Cathy unfortunately we only have one proposal so if we only have one proposal I guess that is who we are going to accept.

Mrs. Sapp - yes I saw that.

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

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Mayor Kuhn - Mayor & Council had our seminars and training for the Allegheny League of Municipalities this past week end and it includes 130 Municipalities and we have classes ranging from A to Z for Municipal Information and Mayor and Council were somewhat upset because of the fact even though we remind everyone that Penn Hills is the second largest Municipality outside of The City of Pittsburgh. So out of 130 we are No. 2 but for some reason Penn Hills doesn't get recognition. Not the recognition that we should get. Other Communities seem to be getting all the recognition and Penn Hills seems to be passed by. So I had suggested and Mayor and Council were very positive on it that we need to implement on and I have to approve this by the Manager that we would like our Slogan and our Slogan we would like it to be We Are Penn Hills so that our voice is heard throughout the County. We Are Penn Hills. Now I have to say I am a football fan and I stole that from Penn State but I hope they don't have a patent on it or anything or I will be in trouble. But I would like it to be put on all of our literature that we begin to buy and maybe have a stamp and put it on what we have but Mayor and Council we had several large problems back in 2004 and it took the Municipality seven to eight years to get through this. Now our Municipality is sound, financially sound our sewers in good situation so now we need to use our energy in presenting Penn Hills in a positive way and let our voice be heard and we are no longer going to accept being overlooked through the County, the State and the Federal. My journalist is in the audience today Moses he is a journalist because of the fact he reports the facts impartially and as they are he doesn't do them as some reporters do just to get the headline so I am hoping that he puts this in the paper so that everyone will see that we are starting to have the voice and also the respect that the Municipality of our size deserves so I don't know how I will have to go about it that is why I am bringing it up under consideration and I will present it to our Manager tomorrow when he gets in and that is why I was so happy to see young people coming up with a positive situation for Penn Hills as we had for the litter. So that is what we are going to do and that is our goal.

## **REPORTS**

Dr. Kincaid - beginning is (inaudible) and at that meeting we heard from one of the representatives from the Mon Fayette Expressway Project and his name was Steve Harvicks now at that particular time we got the news which I think is pretty pervasive in this Community that there would not be a connector relevant to Penn Hills and I think Chris we are specifically looking at Rodi Road at one time being a possibility. You can correct me if I am wrong.

Chris Blackwell - It would have been Thompson Run Road.

Dr. Kincaid - o.k., thank you for that. I always wanted to say on Rodi, however Mayor & Council and audience we learned at that point that the project was being slowed down and probably be delayed until 2020 etc before things would get really moving. Since that time Mayor and Council has received a letter from Chief Engineer

Mr. Havel from the Mon Fayette Expressway Project Turnpike and what I understand now that everything is being put on hold. We had hoped to get more information at a public hearing sometime this month or next month but it looks like from information I have to date everything is on hold and Chris you may have new information that we do not have, are you understanding?

Mayor Kuhn - right I believe Mayor and Council all received a letter from the Mon Fayette that it is not only the Penn Hills ramp that isn't going to be included but because of funding I guess the entire Mon Valley Expressway now has been put on hold.

Dr. Kincaid - secondly, just before we go into the Allegheny County League of Municipalities Conference we had on April 6 - April 9 I want to share and commend our Mayor for representing Penn Hills with outstanding leadership at that particular conference and for you hearing her reference a few moments ago for affirming that Penn Hills is a good place to be and a good place to live and already you can see that there are some things coming out of that positive statements you heard a few moments ago. My point at this point is to commend Mayor Kuhn for outstanding leadership.

Mayor Kuhn - thank you Dr. Kincaid I appreciate that.

Dr. Kincaid - that is all.

Catherine Sapp - I am fired up and ready to go Mayor Kuhn. After this meeting as Mayor Kuhn stated it is so sad that Penn Hills is the largest Municipality the second Municipality outside The City of Pittsburgh out of 83 Municipalities and we were so overlooked. Monroeville, Plum, Oakmont all of these different Municipalities received so many things and even recognition. Us being the largest Municipality outside of The City we were only recognized in a negative way and it really upset me because when it is election time all of the politicians come here to Penn Hills to speak their votes and without us they really can't get in so for them to go back to work it really upset me to go back to work and overlook Penn Hills. We absolutely have positively nothing. If you were there you would be sick to your stomach. So on that note I just want to say one of the seminars that I attended was a new technology that is happening for Municipal Police Day. The speaker was District Attorney Steven Zappala. His subject was cameras and they are being used to track criminal activity that lead to an arrest and to keep our Municipality safe. There are several Municipalities that already have these cameras and many of these in the Municipalities that are already in effect and have recognition. Penn Hills has one. Everybody else has nine or more, we have one. That is sad. There are trainings available for our Police Officers to learn the software. They have the capability to access this program and the cost is \$2,000.00 per year. Mayor Kuhn has already made arrangements to meet with District Attorney Steven Zappala and I am looking forward to her meeting with him. That was one report and I think that those cameras in Penn Hills it will actually help us to track a lot of the activity that unfortunately is happening here by a lot of non residents just coming through because we are a gateway and they can do that so if we have those cameras it will make our

Police Officers jobs a lot easier and it will make our residents safe. I am definitely for that one. Another interesting upcoming issue is drones. Now in this seminar I learned about the regulations and permits needed and how to obtain them. There were three major reasons for drone use and those reasons were discussed and it was a commercial use, pipeline inspection and personal use. I thought that was a very interesting point that they are going to now use drones to do our pipeline inspections. It was said that Verizon is already experimenting with the drones so that when the cell towers go down that we can still have power and connect. Finally a big concern was the property rights for citizens. No one wants to have drone flying over them while they are sun bathing on their decks. So what I want to do is look into more of the permits and licensing of the drones because you know that this is a new millennium and all of our kids even have drones and so there are licenses that you have to have and there are permits that you must have so Chris I wanted to meet with you about that so we can be on the same page before I go farther into investigating those drones. I will keep it short because I know Mr. Brodnicki may have one also. Medical marijuana that is coming and it is here but it is really coming fast to all of our Municipalities. So the big thing I personally took away from this seminar was something that I did not consider because I was so focused on the patients needs but it was public health and safety. For example did you ever think that someone in your Municipality could life guard. A life guard on medical marijuana how does that prescription effect a patient and expect that patients work and the activity that they do are they able to save a life, are they able to save a child. Did you ever think of that. What about a Fire Fighter or an EMT person. I learned that there is no legal definition for what is under the influence so that just blew me away because medical marijuana is a really big thing and I was so focused on the patient and them needing it and getting it that I never even thought about the risk that a Municipality would have with their employees. So that was very interesting and I am going to leave the last one for Mr. Brodnicki but once again I do want to thank our Mayor she was the voice for Penn Hills she was heard she was very aggressive and she addressed every Congressman, every Senator, every State Rep and she addressed our County Executor and addressed our Penn Hills County Council person and even addressed the District Attorney on behalf of her residents and tax payers. Her voice was loud, her voice was strong and she meant what she said and I am fired up. Penn Hills and I am ready for us to go. We want to go Downtown or wherever we need to go and we want to write letters and we want to let them know Penn Hills is here. Guys you are being overlooked we are being overlooked we have absolutely no recognition and nothing coming our way for being the largest Municipality outside of The City of Pittsburgh. Get fired up. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn - thank you Cathy.

Mark Brodnicki - yes I think Cathy covered the Conference pretty well. It was very informative and we learned a lot and a lot of contacts but what I wanted to report on is last meeting we had a Mr. Simpkins in here and he is not here tonight but we were asked to go up there and take a look at his situation and I have some pictures of the road conditions . I thought what was being described to me I thought it was a narrow

road with a sharp turn and it is not. It is a nice road going up and the curve is a problem because it goes up the hill and around and if you park on there it is hard to get a truck like a snow plow or garbage truck up there especially winter time if you park on both sides of that. I can see where he was asking about having no parking on the curve. I guess we had sent somebody out there and they should make the whole street no parking and I think that is a little heavy handed. Maybe one side and I am not a traffic specialist by far. I am not but just by looking at it I can see when this comes up that yes no parking on the curb so people can get through there and maybe no parking on one side but not on the whole street and I just don't want to see him penalized for coming to us for help. That is all.

Mayor Kuhn - Dr. Kincaid.

Dr. Kincaid - (inaudible) Microphone not on.

Mayor Kuhn - and just to clarify in case everyone doesn't understand. Faybern had come to the Municipality and asked for no parking signs on part of it and anytime we have anything pertaining to something like that it goes before the Traffic Safety Committee and then the Traffic Safety Committee with a Police Officer who is on the committee they look at the situation and then they give a recommendation to Mayor and Council and the recommendation that they gave to Mayor and Council was that the whole street have no parking signs on the one side and that was not what Faybern residents wanted. So it was like they came up and asked for help and instead of getting help they got penalized for asking for us to look into it so at the last minute we did tell the residents they are going to re-meet with the Traffic Safety Committee but unfortunately they only meet once a month and our meeting was after their March Meeting so they meet this Thursday so it will be discussed then and then it will come back to Mayor and Council.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. I am going to give some highlights of our sessions that we had. The first one was as Cathy said was with District Attorney Stephen Zappala and if I had heard Monroeville one more time I think I would have screamed but the things that I was concerned about is the comments that he made was saying that there are two Communities and I will be very careful and I don't want to offend the Communities this was not my verbiage this was the District Attorney's verbiage and that they were trouble spots. Well they are trouble spots and their way of egress and ingress is through Penn Hills so I said if it is a known area that is a trouble spot and they go through Penn Hills why don't we have a camera in our intersection there. I told him that Giant Eagle on Verona Road is the most beautiful store that I go into of all the Giant Eagles around here and the owner is a female and she keeps it excellent and it is a known area for not only drug users but drug sellers why don't we have a camera there. Rodi Road is a direct shot off of 376. They come off 376 they come up Rodi Road and they make a left and go down Franktown Road and they are in the trouble spots. Why don't we have a camera at Frankstown Road? I said to him also Monroeville we see the grant from confiscated drug money from the District Attorney's Office and they received I believe it

was 15 cameras. Now Monroeville has money to burn because of the fact of their business areas out there. Then it was brought up about the Revitalization of East Liberty. Yes unfortunately I go through it too often because I have to go into Shadyside for my son's health problems and it is beautiful but he stated that the housing that they tore down the element of the people that were living there were people with criminal backgrounds and he said when they were torn down they had to go to other areas and I explained to him you are absolutely right and unfortunately those other areas is Penn Hills. I said the climate of our crime rate has excelled in the last eighteen months. I said everyone is aware of this situation why wasn't something done to help protect Penn Hills for the criminal activity that you knew was coming into our Municipality. I did say to him who do I have to speak to and this was in public forum. I said who do I have to speak to to have Penn Hills recognized as the second largest Municipality in Allegheny County out of 130 for Penn Hills to get some assistance and he pointed to himself and said me. I said very well I will call you Monday morning and I did and his staff is setting up an appointment and I can only take one other Council person because if there is three it is a quorum and that is not allowed under the Sunshine Act so I did ask Cathy if she would come with me and she agreed and after tonight you can see why I asked Cathy to come with me because she is so fired up over this situation. The other thing was on the medical marijuana as Cathy said I believe it was passed to rapidly and they didn't look at all the aspects of it. What Cathy was making a comment on is we are not against it helping patients who need it but the thing of it is it has opened up law suits for Municipalities. The Federal Law has if you are under the influence you are charged there are no ifs ands or buts about it and the Federal Law supersedes the State Law and I said in what the verbiage is now is that the person who receives medical marijuana they are to tell their employer. My argument was it is not mandatory it is suppose to be on them to tell and I said wonder if they don't. Wonder if I have a Public Works person driving a vehicle with a snow plow and plows into a family's car and has an accident and God forbid someone is killed and I said now when they take the test on the driver will he be tested and shown that he is under the influence and their answer was well they will go after him because he didn't notify you and I said any smart defense attorney is going to go after the big pockets and that is going to be Penn Hills. There will be somewhere in there that we should have known or we should have been able to tell or what have you so then they said you could put it into when someone gets hired and you put in the personnel rules or what have you and then you have a problem with the Hipa Law because you aren't allowed to ask these questions. Then I talked to Senator Costa and he is looking into it because he thinks that if you aren't allowed to smoke it first of all you can't smoke medical marijuana you can't take it in food there is a way of how they give it to you and he says that he believes that and he didn't want to say positively that if you take medical marijuana it doesn't have in it what would show up as under the influence now how that is I wouldn't know. But he said he would look into it because of the fact it could open the Municipality up to law suits and we don't need that so I did talk to him and I did talk to Rep. Dom Costa and he said that he also was going to look into it for me and the other thing was and Chris you will appreciate this because you were on Planning when I was on Planning with Howard Davidson and we sat in and we found out that they are putting a walk and trail way from the City of Pittsburgh up to

Natrona Heights and they are going through Millvale, Etna, Harmarville, Springdale, Cheswick up to Natrona Heights. Now Chris knows and this is how many years ago because I have been off Planning for 13 years Howard and myself and others worked very hard to get a bike walkway trail going through Verona, Oakmont, Penn Hills along Allegheny River Boulevard up to the Highland Park Bridge so that we could connect to go into the City of Pittsburgh and then hopeful the trail that goes into Washington D.C. We worked very hard. We had officials and we rented a pontoon to go on the river to show them the cities and we have a straight way by the railroad now I asked the Executive why was Penn Hills not even notified that they were planning on this bike trail and I told him what took place and I said we even contacted Teresa Hines because of the Hines Foundation to see if we could receive some funding and I said we were told that we would be put on the list. I said so I don't know what happened to that list because that was 15 years ago but now some of the funding is coming from the Hines Foundation and unfortunately it is not coming through Penn Hills so I was told by some of the staffers that we are looking into that and I said why you can't come across Highland Park Bridge, go down Allegheny River Blvd. through Penn Hills, Verona and Oakmont across Hulton Bridge connect and then go up to Natrona Heights. Well it is already a complete done deal. Millvale they spoke and said how much Revitalization their Community has gotten how much Economic Development has come in because the new young people they bike and a lot of them are biking from their homes into Pittsburgh where they work. Plus the fact on the weekends they like to bike. We are missing out on that because of the fact what is coming up is the new generation and their way of life is completely different than what my generation was. So everyone is benefiting from that and here we have Allegheny River Blvd. so beautiful and it would be a perfect place and we have already had our plan now. Monroeville said we just passed a Nine Mile Ordinance for a walkway well we did this fifteen years ago and we weren't even considered so then when we left I then went to my County Council Person and I asked why wasn't Penn Hills notified that this bikeway was even being considered so that we could have given our proposal for it to come across Allegheny River Blvd. and that is why myself and

Dr. Kincaid and all Council and especially Cathy are so upset because for some reason we are the forgotten County and we are the forgotten Municipality in the County but that is going to change and I made appointments with everyone on the bike way and on the cameras and what have you and as I said I am going to present to the school board also that they consider taking on the slogan We Are Penn Hills and if we don't present our voice then we are just looked over and that is not going to happen anymore . So it was very productive we just hit on a few things very informative, a lot of information that I am going to be giving Chris and I am going to stop at this point but I did want Cathy to speak on the Brilliant Bridge because that is part of this trail way and I think I am sorry honey I didn't mean to put you on the spot if you didn't have the notes but that is something that I want Chris to look into also because I think we can maybe use that for some leverage.

Mrs. Sapp - so I don't have all of those notes here and it is o.k. Mayor still so fresh in my mind. We are just so overlooked. When we went to the County Executor

and we came up with some ideas on how Penn Hills could fill the gap or connect or at least be recognized some kind of way into this Rail to Trail and he told us that he is looking at the Brilliant Bridge. Well I was unfamiliar with the Brilliant Bridge so I don't know if you are or not but nevertheless it will connect the North Shore, Aspinwall and Highland Park well that puts us right there at the bottom so you know what Mayor after what the County Executor said he said maybe thirty years from now you know I lost it, I am not even going to lie to you thirty years from now. The Brilliant Bridge is all I got for you. I wanted to bring that information to you just to see where we can kind of gap and maybe pickup but after he said maybe thirty years for Penn Hills can be added on it I just lost it. I tried to maintain my professionalism but I am sorry.

Mayor Kuhn - what he was saying to us is that there is going to be some connectors though out this trail way so that is why we said well then we want Penn Hills to be considered now.

Mrs. Sapp - Now.

Mayor Kuhn - now not the next phase thirty years from now. I won't be here in thirty years.

Mrs. Sapp - I will be too old.

Mayor Kuhn - so we said if you are going to have some other connectors is what they are calling them that is when we said well why can't Penn Hills on Allegheny River Blvd. connect at some location where ever this Brilliant Bridge is and then come through Penn Hills, Verona and Oakmont and then connect and go up to Natrona Heights and some of their answers was because of the railroad and the owner of the railroad is giving a lot of trouble and we know that Chris because of the fact we met with the owners of the railroad we did everything possible and he isn't being real cooperative but I said to the County Executor in all due respect every time that you are going through next to the railroad and I said that the one location that you even have on a slide that is too close to the railroad so they have to take it up and over a hill side for it to connect so I don't want to hear that Penn Hills can't have it because of the railroads. Somehow or another you are working with the railroads on the other side there is no other reason you can't work with the railroads on this side. We did get a report from the Manager regarding The Water Pollution Control and we had bids that we received April 4 and they were for the 2017 CCTV Inspection Contract and the bids came in and they came in under the Engineer's Cost Estimate so that is a real plus for Penn Hills and at the same time bids were received for the 2017 Sewer Repair Contracts for lining and excavation and these three bids also came in under the Engineer's Estimate so that is good news for Penn Hills and it is nice that they come in on line but I mean you don't want them to go over but being they went under that is a plus for us. And then I just wanted to read a report for our Police Department there is an Association called BCAP it is for victims and crimes committed against them and their family members and they work very hard and what they do is they contact every Police Department and ask the

Police Department for their court and official records and reports concerning the crime and what they do is they receive over 11,500 plans from victims and they request from 5,219 Police Departments for their Police Reports on victims who are from serious crimes and out of the 5,219 Police Departments only 272 responded and they wanted to let us know that Penn Hills is one of the 272 Police Departments that did respond and they submit their Police Reports within fifteen days or less and that helps to make an enormous difference in the lives of victims of serious crime so I wanted to shout out to our Police Department once again the services that they do in comparison to some that just are too busy to fill the forms out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Kincaid entertained a Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Meeting adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

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