

FEBRUARY 5, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Kuhn - It being 7:35 I will call the February 5, 2018 Council Meeting to order. The Agenda will stand as presented and could we stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Kuhn - The Agenda will stand as presented.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also attending were Rayan, Municipal Manager, Sorce, Manager's Secretary, Schrecengost, Finance Director and Blackwell, Planning Director.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION:

Mayor Kuhn - First on the Agenda we have two of our wonderful Police Officers that we are going to recognize today, tonight so if they would both please like to come up to the podium which is Officer Dustin Hess and Officer Matthew Junod, is that how I say it honey, alright. I guess due to my age when I have to swear my Officers in I always tell them they look younger and younger every time and now I have two wonderful young men here who I want to recognize and it is really my privilege and my honor to recognize both of you. First Matthew Junod. We have here a Certificate of Recognition for Officer Matthew Junod whereas, Officer Matthew Junod has rendered outstanding service as a Police Officer to The Penn Hills Community which deserves special recognition; and whereas, his dedication and great deal of pride and hard work has earned for Officer Matthew Junod the respect of his fellow workers; and now, therefore, on behalf of Mayor & Council and all our citizens, I am pleased to give this Certificate of Recognition to Officer Matthew Junod, with our sincere thanks for his dedicated service and outstanding efforts in Penn Hills helping to keep our citizens and community safe. Officer Junod responded to a Shots Fired Report that resulted in a homicide investigation. Officer Junod's quick response and the actions he took were instrumental in the arrest of three homicide suspects in August of 2017. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be fixed the seal of The

Municipality of Penn Hills on this 5th Day of February, A.D., 2018. We must always remember that our Officers everyday put themselves in harm's way and in this day and age it has even become worse because something as simple as what might be a call for a domestic can end up being a tragedy on both sides and all too often our Officers hands are somewhat tied because of bad publicity was used in the public opinion of them and that is shameful and it is sad because of the fact every day they go out and they put their lives and their families, not their families lives, but the way of life for their families. They are always on edge because they never know what that call will be or what the result will be. I always tell them when I swear them in to be safe and I would rather have them to be safe and back home than to have a tragedy for us. So I hope that everyone acknowledges our Officers with the respect that they should have on a day to day basis and always remember they are out there serving and protecting the residents of Penn Hills and all those who come through our Community. So it is my honor and privilege to give this to you and thank you and be safe. Now I don't mean to be repetitive, however, we have our other Officer Dustin Hess. Whereas, Officer Dustin Hess has rendered outstanding service as a Police Officer to The Penn Hills Community which deserves special recognition; and whereas, his dedication and great deal of pride and hard work has earned for Officer Dustin Hess the respect of his fellow workers; and now, therefore, on behalf of Mayor & Council and all our citizens, I am pleased to give this Certificate of Recognition to Officer Dustin Hess, with our sincere thanks for his dedicated service and outstanding efforts in Penn Hills helping to keep our citizens and community safe. Officer Dustin Hess responded to a Shots Fired Report that resulted in a homicide investigation. Officer Hess's quick response and the actions he took were instrumental in the arrest of three homicide suspects in August of 2017. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be fixed the seal of The Municipality of Penn Hills on this 5th Day of February, A.D., 2018. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Mayor Kuhn - I want to give the opportunity to the Deputy Mayor and Council to also express their gratitude for the services of both the young Officers that we recognized today.

Mrs. Sapp - I would like to say thank you very much for your services that you diligently rendered to Penn Hills and I am very proud of you and thank God you were kept safe during that actual call. Thank you gentlemen.

Mr. Brodnicki - yes, I want to thank you also. You do such an important job for us and we couldn't survive without you basically and your families they really deserve our support also because again whenever you leave the house we never know if you are coming back or not and we really appreciate that. Thank you very much.

Mr. Underwood - Gentlemen let me stand up. I salute you and the whole Police Force. I also am the son of a City Policeman so I know how the families are as well. I did especially as a youngster growing up. I appreciate everything and my father taught us quite a bit. He said as an example you know where my revolver is, it is always

loaded you never touch it and you better believe we didn't touch it. We behaved so I understand and don't forget if you really feel strong enough make sure you get back up please and thank you again. Take care now.

Mayor Kuhn - Oh I am sorry John not seeing you I am forgetting you are there John, they should have but the computer next to me.

Mr. Petrucci - Oh I am here Mayor. I want to thank both of those gentlemen being in the line I was also so I know what they go through on a daily basis so I want to thank both of them and if I was there I would shake their hands and be safe. That is all I want them to do is be safe. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn - Thanks John. Now before I ask the Citizens on the Agenda to speak I would like to give some comments. This is very near and dear to me and the families are very near and dear to me. So before the speakers come up to speak I would appreciate it if they are allowing me to present information regarding the subject. It is my belief and it always has been that information is most important and misinformation most damaging and speculation is completely damaging. I want to recognize the families and not that I am slighting my Officers in any way, shape or form but the families of Sgt. Bill Schrott, Officer Bart Connolly and Officer Michael Crawshaw's family. If you care to come up to the podium and if not my remarks are addressed to you in particular and to the audience and to my Officers. To each of you, I want to say I believe with all my heart there is not one person in this room or this community who would ever in any way disrespect our Fallen Officers or the sorrow, pain and loss their families have endured. All our hearts were and still are sadden and broken. However, as sad as we all are none of our feelings can even touch those of the families of our lost Officers. With regret I have to say I am not as informed and was not as involved with the loss of Patrolman Connolly and Sgt. Schrott and their families but that does not mean I believe or see their loss as any less heart breaking than Michael's loss to his family. Sgt. Schrott and Patrolman Connolly and Officer Crawshaw each woke up one morning and got ready for work. They left their houses and their families not realizing it would be the last time through no fault of their own. As a personal note as a Mother of two sons my heart was broken for Mrs. Crawshaw. Can I say I know what she is going through absolutely not. I am able to talk to, I am able to see and I am able to touch my sons that was taken from Mrs. and Mr. Crawshaw. It was taken from Michael's family, it was taken from Sgt. Schrott's family and it was taken from Bart Connolly's family. The Monument of the Fallen Officers is to remind us to never to forget those Officers who served and protected Penn Hills and were needlessly taken. If anyone could possibly think for a moment anyone in all of Penn Hills would want to take away the memory and sacrifice of those Fallen Officers and their families they are sadly mistaken. If there are questions that need answered that is fine. If there is any information that is needed that is fine, but I am sincerely hopeful everyone is working together united in finding an acceptable and workable solution. I have no idea nor any understanding how the comment every came to be us against them. Who exactly are them? Those tragedies affected each and

every one of us in this room and in this Community. No one knows or can say how this tragedy affected anyone other than themselves. However, there is no one who knows or will ever understand the loss and heart break the Fallen Officers families have endured. We have not walked in their shoes. There are reasons and complications why the new sight is a problem for the Monument locations. There are alternate beautiful solutions being worked on to further honor and further beautify the present sight. That being said I believe in my heart the sight should be chosen by the family who lost their loved ones. If the families together can give a location as to where they would prefer the memorial to be and if the sight can accommodate the memorial at a reasonable cost, my opinion is the families choice for they alone lost the most. Their heartache and suffering is not only on their anniversary but each and every day and each and every year. The location for the memorial was not an oversight. From the beginning of the construction when it was determined that the building would have to be moved forward closer to the roadway eliminating the amount of frontage property the property remaining would have piping running underneath it. The memorial sight has been a priority. Tonight we are passing a Resolution for a Grant for the present sight to be transferred into a Community Park Center making the present sight a historical location for all the memorials on the sight, not just our Fallen Officers but we have the Veterans and also the Firemen who lost their lives in the line of duty. The walkways, shrubbery, gazebo and incorporating the materials from the present building that we are in now into the area. The present building has been the location of the Police Headquarters since 1939. It represents the history of our Police Department and it is the location our Fallen Officers worked from. There is no leaving the Fallen Officers behind. The plan is to make their memorial even greater. Not simply a statue but a Memorial Park that will highlight the statues and make them more accessible to remind everyone of their families sacrifice so no one will ever forget. Vandalism of the memorial is presently insured under the building umbrella. We have already contacted our insurance agent to have a separate policy for the memorials put in place. No one can completely control vandalism. Dating myself, a patron from a bar across the street, left the bar went to the back of the present Police Station and spray painted the Police cars so they weren't fearful of the Police being in the building. The upkeep will continue and when the building is completely removed every measure would be put in place for the safety and security of the statues. Once the Memorial Park would be completed, the Memorial Day Parade will end at the location as well as Light Up Night and our hope would be that many would visit the site possibly taking pictures at the gazebo for weddings, graduation, whatever, and that would be a time for all of them to visit the site and honor our Fallen Officers. The new firing range that we have presented in our new municipal complex will have a place installed with the Fallen Officers names not only in their honor but to have their presence there to remind their fellow Officers to be safe. The main lobby of the building will have a curio cabinet with the Officer's name and information so that every visitor will be able to see our Fallen Officers. Once again this meeting tonight is not a vote, it is nothing of that kind. It is for the families and the Police Officers to see if they want to go into why the possibilities are limited. Not that they are not able but the areas are limited to where the sight could be placed at the new complex. So once they look at everything, I don't know what information they have

because I wasn't present during their meeting with Manager but once we give them all the information if their choice remains the same then that as far as my concern would be where the sight would be but as I said this was never in any way shape or form any ones desire to cause any type of separation. This was something that we were hoping to enlarge the memorial and the memory of our Officers. With that being said I believe we have John DeBasi and Joanne Alexander.

Mayor Kuhn - can you just speak a little bit louder.

Joanne Alexander - Can you hear me know? My name is Joanne Alexander and I am the daughter of Sgt. William Schrott. I want to thank you first for allowing us to speak tonight and I want to thank all of our retirees and Police Officers that have showed up in support of us tonight. Most of what you said is the same thing that I am going to say in my speech. You are saying exactly what we feel but with that I will go on. I am here on behalf of the Connolly, Crawshaw and Schrott family to ask for your help and support in moving the monument to the new municipal building. I do not live in Penn Hills. I did not even hear of the building until last November or would have requested a meeting from the very beginning. We cannot understand why no one reached out to the families prior to the planning of the new building to see what our wishes were.

Mayor Kuhn - may I interrupt you for just a minute honey. Can everyone hear?

Audience - No.

Mayor Kuhn - I didn't think so. Would you mind if John since your voice isn't feeling well. If Joanne doesn't mind please read her words then you can give yours.

John DeBasi - We cannot understand why no one reached out to the families prior to the planning of the new building to see what our wishes were. They didn't consider the sadness when, once again, we were being forgotten. By not considering our feelings you have reopened a deep wound, and brought out an emptiness that has and will never be filled. The loss of a husband, a father and especially a son, a pain even I cannot even fathom, is something we live with each and every day. You may think it has been many years, but when someone is taken away from you in such a horrible, senseless way, the pain does not lessen. We were told that there were no plans or a location at the new building to set the monument. We were also told that there were plans to tear the existing building down and build a park or sell the building. With all of the uncertainty of the future of the existing site, the only solution is to move the monument. Now is the perfect time while the building is under construction and the grounds have not been landscaped. Mr. Crawshaw, John DeBasi and I met last week and feel we have a location that would be suitable to place the monument. The monument says "We Shall Not Forget". We feel by leaving the monument at this location they are being forgotten. We want our loved ones remembered and the monument that shows that remembrance to be in a place that every Officer serving this

Community can walk by each day and remember their fallen brothers. I would like permission to talk with the contractors working on the project to ask for their assistance in preparing this site. All we need is a concrete pad for the foundation and one wire for lighting. Along with your cooperation and that for the contractors we can make this happen. Lenny HRomyak could not be with us tonight, but asked if I would read this letter. He speaks for all of the retirees.

John DeBasi reads letter from Lenny HRomyak - As any good Police Officer knows, being a Police Officer is not just a job, it's a calling. Police Officers are in our communities and neighborhoods; they are our eyes and ears; our early warning system. To "protect and serve" takes physical and moral courage as well as compassion and honesty. If the residents of Penn Hills can sleep soundly at night, it's because The Penn Hills Police Force is always on duty. Police Officers and their families know that this job is different, that there are dangers in society that they potentially face each day, that their return home each night is never a given. The necessity for teamwork - needing to rely on each other's work as a unit - creates a bond and brotherhood that is not typically found in other lines of work. This brotherhood is very much like a family. There are strong relationships built and the occasional disagreements; but when tragedy strikes, the family pulls together, and petty disagreements fade. We've had two such tragedies in our Community. On March 25, 1972 Sgt. William Schrott was working extra duty details in The East Hills Shopping Center at the same time Officer Bart Connolly was working several stores away. A female with a hand gun entered the store Sgt. Schrott was guarding. Not wanting to react with deadly force, Sgt. Schrott tried to talk her into dropping the handgun; but was shot and fatally wounded. Several witnesses ran to alert Officer Connolly who selflessly ran to the aid of his brother Police Officer, only to suffer the same tragic fate. Several days later Sgt. William Schrott and Officer Bart Connolly were laid to rest with 100 Police Departments attending - that in itself tells you something about the brotherhood of being a Police Officer. Sgt. Schrott was 49 years old; Officer Connolly was 38. Both left behind a wife and three children. Thirty seven (37) years later, on December 6, 2009, Michael Crawshaw was shot and killed in an ambush while responding to a call where gunshots were heard. Officer Crawshaw was 32 years old and was survived by his parents and loving family. The monument erected in 1973 after the tragic deaths of Sgt. Schrott and Officer Connolly and was purchased by then-active Police Officers. The expansion in 2010, after the death of Officer Crawshaw, was financed through donations, fundraisers and personal contributions by the Police Department and Crawshaw family members. At those times, it was never anticipated that The Municipality would move forward with plans to relocate their Police Headquarters, or that when doing so the family members of these Fallen Officers - both by blood and by the bond of brotherhood - would have no say in the fate of the monuments they own and maintain to this day. Because of their physical location in front of the Penn Hills Police Headquarters, these monuments are a reminder to the Penn Hills Community of the dangers facing those who protect and serve, and solace to brother Police Officers who enter that building every day. How tragic it would be for the Schrott, Connolly and Crawshaw families, for retired and active Police Officers, and the Community itself to

leave these Officers behind. Americans don't leave their heroes behind. Although the new Police Headquarters will represent a new beginning, it should not overlook the blood, sweat and tears that came before it. What better way for us to remember the past sacrifices made than to bring these precious monuments to their new resting place. Thank you for giving this matter your thoughtful consideration.

Not on Microphones Mayor and Moe with Joanne Alexander. Showed drawings and sites that might be acceptable to put new monuments. In-audible.

Mayor Kuhn - o.k. what I would suggest then is because this is the information that Mayor and Council had received and as I said the two locations that were presented to Mayor and Council to me were not acceptable locations but if we would meet with the person who would do the installation and with the architect and yourself and John if possible and if they can tell us that that is a possible place to install it and if that is the wishes of the like I said especially the families. I am not slighting my Officers but they go home to their families everyday and the families of the Fallen Officers do not so that is why I am giving them a little bit more of the leverage.

Joanne Alexander - inaudible.

Mayor Kuhn - yes I see Mr. & Mrs. Crawshaw.

Joanne Alexander - inaudible.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. John do you have anything to say on your own or are you done?

John DeBasi - Yes just real quick on something you said. You said you have received information about this being a us against you.

Mayor Kuhn - yes.

John DeBasi - no ma'am. This is not us against you.

Mayor Kuhn - I hope not because it was very upsetting because there is no one who felt this tragedy they felt perhaps as much as I did outside of the Police Department and the families but there was nobody who felt it more than I did. I stood out in that freezing cold December day and as I said I can relate to Mrs. Crashaw and I am not slighting your family honey it is just that I wasn't involved at that time but I can relate because I am a Mother of two sons and I always say the worst tragedy in the world is to lose a child but it is doubly hard for the Mother, but I had to stand corrected because of the fact I stood next to Mr. Crawshaw and I will never ever forget the sadness Mr. Crawshaw had in his eyes so I don't ever want it to be that anyone thinks and I do apologize for not contacting the families, that in part falls on me, because of the fact that I wasn't Mayor, at the time, but I was on Council and I do apologize for that but my

intent was always to make it more than what it even was. It was to add not to ever take away from, but if that is what everyone is wanting and if the location can be done, which I am a lay person I can't pick where it can be and where it couldn't be, so if you want me to be available to go with you when you meet with them I don't mind, but it is not necessary if you just want the Manager to go and have the report sent back to Mayor and Council that would be fine too, but if that location is where you are wanting it to be that is fine. My opinion I really thought that what we were planning would be a greater exposure let's put it that way than Duff Road was but that was just my opinion and that only came about when I was told it couldn't go at the new location.

John DeBasi - well that is why this is not us against you. It was everybody has their ideas and we came together and there was a lot of misinformation. I heard there was \$10,000 to \$15,000 just to move the monument. They said John from Rome Monument gave it. Finally I met with Moe and he told me what to do. I spoke with Mr. Dioguardi here and I got a price off of him to move it. Gave it to Moe and let him explain to the folks on Council what is going on and we are here tonight to try to change your minds to have that monument moved. I am sorry to cut you off but I wasn't planning on speaking. There are other people who want to talk and I don't want to take a whole lot of time. You brought it home tonight. I am glad we had a meeting here tonight to recognize Officers for their outstanding work and putting their personal safety and what they do every day on the line. Now these Officers only got Certificates of Recognition. Sgt. Schrott, Officer Connolly, Officer Crawshaw they made the ultimate sacrifice and we should not leave them behind.

Mayor Kuhn - John the only thing I would ask. I am willing to work 110% but I will also tell you please let's not say we should not leave the Officers behind because believe me the first thing that will be in the media in the head line is Mayor and Council vote to leave the Officers behind and that would be shameful and so disrespectful because of the fact anyone who knows this Council, please if you would just use another terminology. Like I said when I thought it wasn't going to be able to be at the new location I wanted the plaque in the new firing range for all the Officers not only honoring them but for them to remember the sacrifice that these three Officers did and for the Officers that are in there to be reminded to be extra careful and that is why I wanted the curio with the information so that anybody going in and out could see so there was never ever the thought of leaving our Officers behind and Lenny will get reprimanded big time from me and if he is anywhere near John I hope he hears me.

John DeBasi - I apologize to Council Members for not using better terms. I apologize.

Mayor Kuhn - that is alright, John.

John DeBasi - I am sorry. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Kuhn - that is alright John. Thank you. Anyone else want to speak, please come up to the microphone.

John DeBasi - Like I said we have Mr. Diaguardi from Rome Monument here. He would be able to answer any of your technical questions, financial questions, anything about this monument. He has been doing it for years and years and years and he constructed the Crawshaw portion of that monument back in 2010. So if you have any questions he looked at the sight today, from the road, and he would be able to explain anything or any questions you may have.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. and thank you John. Before the young man speaks I want to give an opportunity to the rest of Council to give their thoughts and comments too if that is alright and you can speak after, thank you.

Mrs. Sapp - I would like to say to the families here tonight that you have my deepest sympathy, condolences to you. Officer, I get all worked up about it because that was a very touching evening for me. I didn't know him personally but my sister does work with his Mom or did work with his Mom at AGH so even now when we talk about it you know it is very near and dear to my heart. I definitely don't believe that anyone in Penn Hills who is aware of our Fallen Officers would ever forget them or the services that they provided. I don't like the phrase either of being left behind because that is not the intent of Mayor and Council or any resident in Penn Hills who may be aware of our Fallen Officers so if we could indeed strike that and maybe come up with something different, I definitely would appreciate that. Mayor took the words right out of my mouth and I definitely am in support of whatever the family wants to do and where they want this monument to be. I even personally thought if we could take it inside let's do that but whatever we need to do I am in support of it.

Mayor Kuhn - Thank you Cathy.

Gary Underwood - Well I also agree with everybody here. All the Officers. As you well remember just moments ago I mentioned my Father was a City Police Officer and I will stand with you. Unfortunately he was of age when he did pass away but that was Mother Nature so I agree with everybody else. So you have my vote as well.

Mayor Kuhn - Thank you Gary. Mark.

Mark Brodnicki - I agree with both my colleagues. Every time a Policeman comes to my door with an envelope every Friday and before meetings I tell them to be safe, please I support everything they do. I give them my vote for whatever it takes to do whatever the family wants to do as far as this matter is concerned.

Mayor Kuhn - Thanks Mark. John you are up.

John Petrucci - I am here. I also agree with everybody and when I heard it wasn't going to be moved I also noticed about the basketball courts. I brought that up to Moe that we could put it down there if that is the last resort. I hope we work this out amongst ourselves and get these monuments moved and I am in full support of the Police and the Emergency Response of Penn Hills and I also would like to be involved in this at some point in the future if that would be possible. I am in full support of the Police. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn - Thanks John. Do you want to come up and give your name and your address for the record?

Officer Adam Lawrence - O.K. real quick before I even get into this speech. I am just going to say that you did touch on a couple of issues that I was going to raise in here so I am going to do my best to work around them so we don't have to listen to the same things being said over and over again. So Good Evening my name is Adam Lawrence and I am a Police Officer and a resident here in Penn Hills. I came tonight to speak about the memorial as well. In roughly half a year we will be relocating to a brand new building on Duff Road. It has come to life that the memorial won't be joining us on the move. Frankly it was a bit disappointing. The consensus amongst the majority of the Police Officers and retirees and the families of the Fallen Heroes is that the memorial belongs at the Police Department Headquarters. It belongs there for a variety of reasons and I will do my best to outline as quickly as I can. First and foremost the memorial pays tribute to Sgt. Schrott, Officer Bart Connolly, Jr and also Michael Crawshaw. I say these men's names because it is imperative that we remember the reason the memorial stands outside. Some of you may have walked past it on your way in tonight. As you leave, I encourage you to stop there take a moment to read its passages. As you do, ask yourself what you give to make a difference in your community. Then I would like you to think about what Sgt. Schrott and Officers Connolly and Crawshaw gave to protect us. It can be quite humbling when placed in perspective. The decision to place the memorial in front of the building was simple. There wasn't any other question as to where it belonged. Simply put it was the best location to admire its importance which is directly in front of the Police Department that those men came to work at every day. That memorial is a part of our Police Department just like those men were. We may no longer have them with us but we can walk past every day knowing that they stand guard just outside our doors like the Angels watching over us. We would like that to continue. Every year we gather out front on March 25th and December 6th to honor the anniversaries of our fallen. What will the future hold? Is that going to go by the way side? I fear that it will and if so that is a shame. We should be gathering at our new home. Our Officers lined up outside and saluting the same monument. When I came in here I realized and I looked over and saw that picture and that picture couldn't say it any better. That is exactly what I am talking about. If you haven't had the chance to see this please come next month when we honor Sgt. Schrott and Officer Connolly. I think you will appreciate the reasons why this memorial sits in front of the Police Station. I truly hope that this won't be the last ceremony. A memorial like this doesn't belong outside an abandoned building or a

park. We wouldn't leave our flag pole behind and not erect a new one at the new facility. We have already dedicated pavilions at one our parks by naming them after these Officers which is appropriate for that setting. This is more than a pavilion and if it belonged in a park it wouldn't sit where it is now. I was going to touch on vandalism and you did cover that and you did say that it was insured and I am glad to hear that. The only thing that I will say to that respect that the Officer's families shouldn't have to worry about this given everything that they have gone through already. I don't think vandalism would be an issue if it is sitting in front of the new Police Station. The families of these three men are asking to place a memorial at the new building. Despite what any of us want aren't their desires more relevant given the tragedies they have endured. I don't think they are asking for much and I believe we should accommodate those wishes. Those monuments and what they represent offers some type of peace for these folks knowing that they sit outside the Police Department where they are most appreciated. If that brings them added comfort then that is the least we can do. I also understand that there may have been questions regarding the cost to move the monuments and if they could be moved safely without damaging and if there was room on the new grounds to place them. I have spoken with the Crawshaw family and they stated that they were able to get an estimate of \$2,500.00 to move the memorial and that it won't be damaged. They have also spoken with the folks that are constructing the new facility and there are several locations that it can go that it doesn't interfere with anything below ground. New concrete footing and some electrical wire. In total it shouldn't exceed \$5,000.00. What does it say about the word cost. What does it mean? It often implies that something has a price associated with it but even then its meaning can be confused. The Oxford Dictionary defines cost in its verb context as to require a payment of a specified sum of money for example it would cost the Municipality of Penn Hills \$5,000.00 to move the Police memorial to the new building. A second definition of the word cost is to cause the loss of unpleasant consequence of as in Sgt. Schrott and Officers Connolly and Crawshaw who faithfully served the Municipality of Penn Hills and it cost them their lives. Same word but two entirely different meanings. When we compare the sentences it is evident that one has far more significance than the other. The monetary figure to move the monument can't begin to compare to the loss of life to service to a community. I think that we can all agree the price Sgt. Schrott and Officers Connolly and Crawshaw paid are more than enough to justify the small cost associated with honoring their memory and the wishes of their families. They made the ultimate sacrifice for us so let's make a small one for them and move the memorial to its rightful home where it belongs, in front of our new Police Department. I truly think when you see it there, you will glad that you moved it there. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Kuhn - Is there anyone else that would wish to speak? Please come up to the microphone and give your name and address.

John Diaguardi - I live in Beaver Pennsylvania. 1501 Corporation Street. I am not a resident of Penn Hills. Very touched with what I have witnessed. My Grandparents on my Mother's side came from Penn Hills and when John presented the opportunity of designing this new memorial for you, I got attached to it. John wanted a

number from me last year and he wanted a number from me tonight on the foundation. We argued on the foundation and I told him it was free. Before the meeting even got as far along as it has I handed a card to the gentlemen to the left where I am sitting . I didn't hand it to John because he would get mad at me and I know he is going to get mad at me anyway but there is no charge to move that monument. Now understand something I am not an electrician, I am not a person that can do the concrete work around the perimeter of the monument. We can do the footer. That footer will be five feet deep minimum. Like this one was done here. That monument will need amenities so keep that \$5000 in mind and use that number to fill out the other things that it will need in addition to the lighting and beautification. You got a beautiful story here and I thank Council and Mayor and the Police Officers on how you handled a tough situation tonight but you got our support. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn - Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who would like to make a comment? That being said again this situation was never about cost in any way shape or form. If it was about cost this Mayor and Council wouldn't have worked as hard as we did to have a gun range put into the new municipal complex for our Police Officers for the safety of them. This never ever was thought that any one on this Council or anyone in this Municipality would ever forget the Police Officers and the sacrifice they gave. This was never about not realizing and not appreciating the pain, the sorrow and the loss that these families gave for these Officers to protect our community. The Police do have a brotherhood and they do serve together but that doesn't mean that there aren't others who loved and suffered the loss of these Officers just as much. The situation that was received was because the building had to be moved that there were only two locations for it to go. The one was back at the basketball court which would not be acceptable. The other was on the corner which in my opinion was not acceptable because of the fact you could hardly see it. We weren't told that there was another possibility. We asked where are the locations that it would be possible to have the memorial set. We never left it behind. We just were told that there were two locations and those locations were not acceptable so because of that we tried to come up with another scenario that would honor them the best we could. If that as I had said in my statement the suffering for the Officers, the suffering for the Community is not even able to compare the suffering of the families and that is why in my statement I made it very clear that where ever the families wanted this monument to go, if it was possible for that location to work and handle the monument, that is where it would go. I hope, I sincerely hope that the families understand that we will share the pain and sorrow and the loss that you have had and we would never ever try to cause that loss to be any more severe than it already has and yes we do honor our Fallen Officers twice a year and that is a remembrance but the families remember it every day, 365 days a year, the birthdays, the Christmas's and I could go on and on but the saddest part to me is the Crawshaws don't have the opportunity that I had because they don't and will never have a grandchild of Michaels so perhaps I am more emotional because I am a Mother but it was never anyone's intent to ever cause you an ounce of grief in any way, shape or form. We honor our Fallen Officers with all our heart just as every other Officer does and we know what they go through and we know that in this

day and age the threat is even worse every day so Joanne as I said if you want to meet with the architect and they can show that that is a suitable place and it will hold the monument that will be fine. I also was asked when this was taking place if there was a place if it could be put inside and the answer was given to me that it couldn't be, but it wasn't that we didn't attempt every possible way we could to have it there. It was never about a dollar figure. Thank you all for coming. Thank you for all your service and again our deepest sympathy to the families mostly who have lost their loved ones. Thank you very much.

Moe Rayan - Mayor if I may before we conclude. Of course the monuments they do not stop at the Police Officers. We have memorial bricks out there. We have statues. We have the Vietnam Veterans and we have the WWII folks and that was the hurdle to make a site that could accommodate all of these things. We have approximately 50 feet of memorials out there and that area Joanne that you mentioned that will not accommodate that.

Mayor Kuhn - that being said Moe

Moe Rayan - I am not sure what to do. I am going to need direction from Mayor & Council to figure out what is going to go on with that particular memorial.

Mayor Kuhn - We aren't having any intention of slighting the other monuments that are there but to my relocation none of them are the size of what the Fallen Officers are so I am sure that we can look at the sight, it is large enough that perhaps we can place them in a respectable place also. But I think we need to take one step at a time and let's see if we can find a suitable place for the Fallen Officers Monument.

Ron Laufer- Retired Police Officer. I think we are here tonight only only for the Schrott, Connolly and Crawshaw monument. The other monuments that were prepared or dedicated or so forth there were certain groups that were responsible for that. They are on their own and I am not saying that to be mean. I am saying that we are here tonight for our monument only. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn - Thank you Ron. Come up.

Robert Frank - I am a retired Penn Hills Police Officer for 31 years. I say that because I was here for Schrott and Connolly and I am sorry but I take offense when you say I and We. When you say I and We you are talking about you people right here and he pointed to the people sitting up with Mayor and Council because none of you were here when Bart and Bill were killed and these people that are all here especially the retirees from the day they were killed none of us have ever forgotten or gotten over what happened and I retired before Crawshaw died but it is the same thing and it means that not I, not We, and if you were thinking about us instead of I and We you would have come to us and as far as the other monuments with the property that is over there first

of all we are here and we had as that Officer said we had speakers and we had ceremonies. What are we going to do march from Duff Road to here?

Mayor Kuhn - First of all you are out of line as far as I am concerned and I have known you for a very long time and I respect you and your position but Bob for you to say that if we used the word I and We I don't know how much more

Robert Frank - but you did.

Mayor Kuhn - I don't know when it came in to be but I don't know what more you could want Bob we have said that we are going to do everything that you have asked for. So I don't know where the problem is that you want to come up at the 11th hour and make a derogatory remark when someone said why did I make the statement of us against we, well that is exactly what you are making the statement here. I know that you were involved with both shootings with the one at East Hills and I respect that but I don't understand Bob what your complaint is when Mayor and Council have just said I am not going to say We or I but we have just agreed with everything that is being asked for and I made the apology and I said to everyone here maybe you didn't hear me

Robert Frank - Oh I heard you.

Mayor Kuhn - I said to everyone in here I take the blame for not contacting the Officers and contacting the families so I don't know what more you could want. I apologized and I took the blame for it and we are doing everything we possibly can to have that and I just told the Manager that I was not concerned at this point in time about the other monuments that we are at this time concerned about the Fallen Officers and there is enough property over there that we could put the monuments at other locations so Bob I don't know

Robert Frank - That was my point.

Mayor Kuhn - Well I already said it Bob.

Robert Frank - There is enough property there but you didn't say it out loud but

Mayor Kuhn - Oh I most certainly did just say to the Manager out loud Bob and I am not going to argue with you Bob because of the fact I have known you for many years and I respect your service and I respect what you have done for the Municipality and the residents of Penn Hills but I don't respect the comments that you have made.

Robert Frank - I will go on record to say that before the planning of that building was completed that all of the monuments which were a part of this building should have been taken into consideration and at that point the families and the Officers present and retired should have been contacted and said what do you want to do with all of this. That is my point period.

Mayor Kuhn - And I apologized for that and I took the blame Bob so I don't know what more you would like me to do.

Bob Frank - Nothing more. I had my say. Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn - Are there any other comments from the audience? Once again thank you all for attending.

MINUTES

Mr. John Petrucci made a Motion to approve the **Minutes of December 29, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes and January 2, 2018 Re-Organization Meeting Minutes.**

Mr. Brodnicki seconded the Motion.

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

EXPENDITURES

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve the **Expenditures of January 22, 2018.** Journal Vouchers - 0 - \$0.00, C.D. Requisition - 13 - \$61,299.20 and Master 39630 - 39731 - \$2,955,164.33 making a Grand Total of \$3,016,463.53.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve the **Expenditures of February 5, 2018.** Journal Vouchers - 1 - \$76,525.01, C.D. Requisitions - 2, \$731.80, Master 39732 - 39839 - \$1,252,549.92 making a Grand Total of \$1,329,806.73.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn abstained on Check #39767 to Don Kuhn Auto Body for \$600.00 for rental and yes on all the others.

Mr. Petrucci - No on Check #39267 and yes on all the rest.

Moe Rayan - Can you repeat the check number please?

John Petrucci - 39767.

Mayor Kuhn - John they couldn't hear you are you abstaining or are you saying no?

John Petrucci - I am saying no to Check #39767 and yes on all the rest.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K.

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

ORDINANCES

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2611 of 2018** amending Ordinances and/or Resolutions relating only to No Parking On McCutcheon Drive (Ordinances 1346 and 1422 which was amended as well on per Ordinance 03-2401).

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mrs. Sapp made a Motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2612 of 2018** amending Ordinances and/or Resolutions relating only to No parking on Buchanan Road (Ordinance 1145).

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

John Petrucci - I have a comment Mayor. I have a comment about this Ordinance.

Mayor Kuhn - Go ahead.

John Petrucci - The line where it says no Parking anytime for 40 feet on both sides of the street at the intersection of Robyn Drive, McCutcheon Lane and Flamingo. Robyn drives doesn't intersect with McCutcheon or Flamingo. We have that same problem on Ordinance No. 2615 also. It doesn't connect with, it connects with Pearl and it connects with Buchanan but it does not connect with any of the others.

Mayor Kuhn - I am not aware of that. I don't know Moe do you have an answer for Mr. Petrucci?

John Petrucci - I know it doesn't connect because it is Pearl on one side and it is Buchanan on the other and the line is in the middle of the street and they do not intersect any of the streets that are mentioned in these Ordinances.

Moe Rayan - What is the name of the street again Mr. Petrucci?

John Petrucci - Robyn.

Moe Rayan - Robyn that is not in that area. Robyn is on the opposite side of the

John Petrucci - It connects between Pearl and Buchannan. You are talking about Robinia. This is Robyn.

Moe Rayan - Yes, it does not intersect.

John Petrucci - No it does not intersect between those. It intersects between Pearl and Buchannan. The way this is written it looks like it is intersecting McCutcheon and Flamingo.

Moe Rayan - Right no parking any time for 40 feet on both sides of the street or at the intersection of Robyn Drive, McCutcheon Lane and Flamingo.

John Petrucci - Yea they don't touch.

Moe Rayan - No they don't.

John Petrucci - Motion to table it until we get it fixed.

Moe Rayan - Yes I don't think we need to table it. All we have to do is ask the Solicitor for approval on that. Can we continue with the Ordinance and make the corrections later in the wording or

Mayor Kuhn - What is the wording suppose to be? No parking at any time for 40 feet on both sides of the street at the intersections of McCutcheon Lane and Flamingo Avenue?

Moe Rayan - Yes.

Mayor Kuhn - So if we just would take out Robyn Drive.

John Petrucci - Yes you could take out Robyn.

Moe Rayan - Yes we could just take out the intersection, the word of intersection.

John Petrucci - Yes that is fine.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. The Ordinance would be No Parking any time for 40 feet on both sides of the street of Robyn Drive, McCutcheon Lane and Flamingo Avenue. Is that correct?

John Petrucci - Yes that is correct. There you go.

Mayor Kuhn - Solicitor do we have to

Chris Blackwell and Moe speaking and it is inaudible.

Mayor Kuhn - Alright that there is being some confusion on this I am going to ask for this to be Tabled.

John Petrucci - O.K. that is fine.

Mayor Kuhn - Are we just talking about this one Ordinance that we are going to table?

Moe Rayan - No. 2615 is going to have to be Tabled as well.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. so we already passed 2611 am I correct Maureen?

Maureen Sorce - Yes.

Mayor Kuhn - Now 2612 we are going to Table, correct?

Craig Alexander - Yes along with 2615.

Mayor Kuhn - Along with 2615. John are those the only two that you have a concern with?

John Petrucci - Yes, that is the only two that I went through all of the paper work for.

Mark Brodnicki speaking off Microphone and was inaudible.

John Petrucci - Mark I was thinking about that myself. I am not sure if there are stop signs that already exist on those streets. I have to check it.

Moe Rayan - I did not physically inspect that because it was given to me by the Traffic Officer Lape so I went by what his inspection along with The Traffic Safety Committee so

Mayor Kuhn - So what Ordinance now being that Mr. Brodnicki brought up another one. What Ordinances are we tabling? 2612, 2615 and 2617, Correct?

John Petrucci - That is correct.

Mayor Kuhn - So do I have a Motion to table Ordinances 2612, 2615 and 2617 of 2018?

Mr. Pettrucci made a Motion to Table Ordinances 2612 of 2018, 2615 of 2018 and 2617 of 2018.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Craig Alexander - There is no discussion on a Motion to Table.

Mayor Kuhn - So we just do Roll Call?

Craig Alexander - Yes.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2613 of 2018** - The Traffic Safety Committee is proposing The Ordinance relating only to No Parking on Flamingo Road.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2614 of 2018** - The Traffic Safety Committee is proposing The Ordinance relating only to No Parking on Robyn Road.

Mr. Brodnicki seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2616 of 2018** amending Surveys and/or Ordinances relating only to No Parking on Springdale Drive (Surveys 59-11, 61-1, 62-28, 73-7 - Ordinance 11234, 1227 and 1379.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Mark Lance - 534 Springdale - Currently there are already No Parking Signs on both sides of the streets. On the even side which is what you are recommending here and there are currently signs on the uneven side. Are you going to remove those signs, is that what your intent would be?

Moe Rayan - No these are all new No Parking Signs.

Mark Lance - We already have No Parking Signs.

Moe Rayan - On the even numbers of the street?

Mark Lance - There are some on the even, yes, but there are also some on the uneven. I don't have a problem on the way it is but my comment is going to be when you talk about on Valeview, Lime Hollow and Weedon. Weedon is the road that is right over here.

Moe Rayan - Right.

Mark Lance - There are signs right now on both sides of that street. No Parking but there is one house there if you go out there right now there are two cars parked right in front of it.

Moe Rayan - As soon as you get off of Weedon and make a right on Springdale on the left hand side.

Mark Lance - Yes as you start down. Now I came by there the other day and while I was driving down a Police Officer was coming up and he had to stop to let me go through. I told him do you see there are No Parking signs here and these cars should not be parked here and he just looked at me like I was from Outer Space and so my question is if you are going to pass this Ordinance are you going to enforce the Ordinance?

Moe Rayan - That is the intention of these Ordinances to enforce the No Parking signs. Our Public Works Department experiences a hard time in the winter time maneuvering, fire trucks, emergency vehicles, ambulances and so on and that is the reason for all of these Ordinances. The Public Works Department along with the Traffic Safety Officer Lape they got together and formed these Ordinances trying to prevent and make them enforceable. That is the purpose behind them.

Mark Lance - Presently there are No Parking signs on those roads so as long as you are going to enforce it then that is fine.

Moe Rayan - That is the intention, yes.

Mark Lance - Thank you.

John Petrucci - I have the same sentiments that Mr. Rayan did.

Moe Rayan - Mr. Petrucci can you repeat the last sentence Maureen was not able to pick that up.

John Petrucci - Yes and it does need to be rectified and enforced.

Moe Rayan - Got it.

John Petrucci - I was thinking we should try to keep track of these citations and see if this is effective. It might be something to think about.

Moe Rayan - Will do.

Mrs. Sapp - I would like to ask the resident, you did say that you didn't mind the No Parking signs being placed on the other side, is that correct?

Mark Lance - There are already signs there. According to your Ordinance, I think you are going to remove some of the signs on the uneven side.

Mrs. Sapp - Is that correct, Moe?

Moe Rayan - The only area that would have the No Parking 40 feet from the intersection. That is on the even and the odd side.

Mark Lance - O.K. but there are signs all the way around. That is my comment.

Moe Rayan - Yes, the areas that are going to be added are the ones that aren't currently posted.

Mark Lance - O.K.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion approve **Resolution No. 2018-001** authorizing the filing of a PA Small, Water and Sewer Program Grant in the amount of \$418,200.00 from The Commonwealth Financing Authority and Designating The Proper Municipal Officials to Execute all Documents and Agreements.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mrs. Sapp made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-002** authorizing the filing of an Application for Funds with The Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC).

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-003** authorizing the filing of an Application for Funds with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, (RAAC).

Mr. Brodnicki seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-004** in support of the Proposed Activity of Pittsburgh Housing and Development Association, Inc. and the work they are performing in Penn Hills.

Mrs. Sapp seconded the Motion.

Mr. Whitting - Inaudible - was thanking Mayor and Council for passing Resolution 2018-004 in support of The Proposed Activity of Pittsburgh Housing and Development Association, Inc. and the work they are performing Penn Hills.

Mayor Kuhn - Thank you very much.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution 2018-005** approving the Acquisition and Subsequent Disposition of Vacant Property located at 112 Dauntless Drive, 0369-C-00050-0000-00 in accordance with The Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program and providing assurance that Acquisition is consistent with The Penn Hills Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Mark Brodnicki - I do not believe we do one right now but I was wondering if we could consider possibly putting maybe a newsletter twice a year or maybe quarterly just for the events going on. Maybe a short thing about the sewage as far as just explaining to people so they get the right information. The Tips for Cops thing is coming on the 21st of this month over at Mohan's where the benefits go to the food pantry. Things that bring the Community together so they know what is going on. It doesn't have to be big. A page or two. I know there is cost to it but right now we are depending on the newspapers basically to put out what we have going on or we post flyers at different buildings around here and the newspaper can't put out everything we have. I just think this might be a way to promote the Community a little bit better.

Mayor Kuhn - When you are considering a newsletter is the intent to mail it out to the residents?

Mark Brodnicki - Yes direct mail. I found as a business that is the best way to reach people because advertising is so fragmented anymore. You put it on the web site but most people don't go to the web site whether it is in the newspaper but very few people read newspapers anymore no offense to the newspaper but direct mail is most effective anymore and I know there is a cost to it but just something simple.

Mayor Kuhn - What do you think the cost of that would be? I mean we have 22,000 houses.

Moe Rayan - I haven't mailed anything lately so I don't know what the stamps are.

Mark Brodnicki - Well bulk mailing but still.

Moe Rayan - \$.50.

Mark Brodnicki - Well bulk mailing for something that big.

Moe Rayan - That is big.

Resident not at microphone - In-audible.

Moe Rayan - No we don't do any billings . All our billings are being performed by outside agencies. Keystone they send out their own items in terms of the Earned Income Tax, Real Estate Tax and the Municipal and School Tax. Water companies The Wilkinsburg Penn Joint they just have a little post card and Oakmont I believe they have it in letter form. We tried to go with the school district with their mailings in the past. We did have our newsletter a few years ago, right Chris, about three or four years ago. We weren't able to send them out other than have them go out in a mailing form and that was very costly. \$11,000 a month if we are going to do a monthly newsletter.

Mark Brodnicki - maybe twice a year.

Moe Rayan - that is \$22,000.

Mark Brodnicki - I just wanted to put it out there that is all.

Moe Rayan - O.K.

Chris Blackwell - I think each week Jesse Toth our IT Department e-mails all the Department Heads and asks for information for our Face Book page. We have Twitter, we have a lot of social media so I think and they don't search for things they rely on us

to give them things so that maybe it is not in a paper form but that is an opportunity where he does ask weekly for us to put things and to post.

Moe Rayan - He does every week. He was instructed to do that and he communicates to the Department Directors and asks them, so if anybody has anything in particular to post on our Web Site they do forward that to him. Of course that is not their job to look for information. Their job is to post it.

Chris Blackwell - We have to get in the habit of sending those kinds of things to him. He doesn't seek them out, he is asking every week.

Mark Brodnicki - Thank you.

REPORTS

Mayor Kuhn - I do have, I wish we had more residents in the audience right now but I probably should have given this report possibly in the beginning of the meeting but I have some very productive and wishful, hopeful news that the Manager, Gateway, Mayor and Council have been fighting for close to four years on Regionalization. Everyone and anyone who comes to the meetings knows that I have made several attempts of explaining what the Regionalization would mean to Penn Hills and the Penn Hills residents. Back in the beginning of December I was contacted from Judge Gallo to have a meeting and he extended that he was involved with ALCOSAN and he felt that he could be somewhat of a mediator between ALCOSAN and Penn Hills. Unfortunately, my husband's brother passed away and then the Holidays came so we had to postpone our meeting until this past week and at the meeting there were two representatives from ALCOSAN and Judge Gallo, myself and the Manager and prior to the meeting it was probably, is that about right, when the representative from ALCOSAN spoke to the Manager and showed some interest in saying that she wanted to know what the actual stumbling block was with ALCOSAN and Penn Hills as far as our position on joining the Regionalization and her first comment was I know that the Mayor has several concerns on it. So after the meeting with Judge Gallo and I apologize I don't have the names of the two representatives from ALCOSAN they assured us that they could not do the negotiating at that point but they were interested in once again understanding Penn Hill's position and I explained to them that Penn Hills was not being difficult in any way, shape or form but I also made it very clear to them that Penn Hills residents have paid for their repairs, we are out of the Criminal Consent Decree, we are out of the Consent Order and we are now basically just in the position of taking care of our plants and keeping the mandates which are EPA and DEP up to par and I explained to them and the Manager had all the letters that we had back and forth with ALCOSAN since 2013 and that their position was that Penn Hills was not special and we could not get special treatment because then the other 82 communities would want special treatment also. I explained to them that I disagreed with that 100% because of the fact of the amount of money that we have put into our sewer system and where we are now and I also explained to them that we have 22,000 households and the surrounding

communities of Wilkins, Plum, Oakmont and Verona had anywhere from 2500 to 4000 households and I explained to them to multiply if the flat rate would be \$10.00 what each of those communities would be putting into the pot compared to what Penn Hills would be and I also explained that Penn Hills not only would be putting in the largest amount of money other than the City of Pittsburgh but we would not be taking out because of the fact that our repairs were already done and I also explained to them that this was not just a threat if Penn Hills didn't receive some compensation for what we had done and what communities were going to benefit from then Penn Hills would not go into the Regionalization Plan and without Penn Hills then the plan would cost the surrounding communities tens of thousands to millions of dollars because of the fact they would have to go out around Penn Hills for connections. Nothing was permanently said but it was very positive because of the fact it was the first time that we had ALCOSAN come to Penn Hills with a possibility of having negotiations that would prove beneficial to Penn Hills. I fought this battle for so many years and I have made many many enemies as my Council Members can attest to but I think and I am hopeful this possibly will come to some type of benefit for the Municipality and the residents. We also had applied for a Grant. I believe it was a year or 18 months ago from ALCOSAN and we were turned down and now they came and said they had wonderful news for us that our new grant request was a real possibility of coming through for Penn Hills. So like I said I am very hopeful and very positive and it looks like that the fight that Penn Hills has put up is going to hopefully come to a benefit for our residents as we deserve it so I will keep you in touch and I will say that Judge Gallo at the end of the meeting said that he could not be involved in the negotiations but he could very well see Penn Hill's position. I thought that was positive also. The other thing is I will be making Appointments at the next meeting and I have Appointments that I will be making for the Library Board, The Traffic Safety Board and also Planning Commission. So that being said I think that is my report. Are there any reports from Council?

Mr. Petrucci - As some of you may know I had two Resolutions at the beginning of the year and one of them was to change some of The Home Rule Charter to fit

Mayor Kuhn - They are having a little bit of trouble hearing you John can you speak a little maybe slower and a little louder?

Mr. Petrucci - How about now is that better?

Moe Rayan - I will try to convey Mr. Petrucci. Go ahead.

Mr. Petrucci - O.K. As some of you may know there are two New Year's Resolutions that I had and one of them was to amend The Home Rule Charter to fit the needs of the Community and the Residents of today. I have finished it, finished reviewing The Home Rule Charter and I will have everything typed up and ready for you to examine at the next meeting. I believe Craig Alexander, Solicitor Alexander has the next step that we need to do so we just follow whatever he tells us to do to try and get it amended. The Home Rule Charter has not been amended since November 6

hasn't been changed since November 6, 1973 when it was established. The other thing that I have been working on, I am sure that the Mayor and some of the Council Members know about trying to make our Council Meetings more accommodating to the young and older residents of the Community. I have put it out on social media about this. I have got some facts about this and I got some back. Some of them are requesting that we possibly make the meetings earlier. I got different ideas from different people so I am still searching for more ideas to present to Council. If anybody has any ideas they can e-mail them to me and my e-mail address is councilmenpetrucci@gmail.com. This way we can try and get more people involved in our meetings and so not just talking to a handful of people. I believe we all agree that we are talking to the same folks over and over again and we need to get our messages out to the Community . Maybe it will take some type of video of the Council Meetings from some of the young adults up at the high school that are in audio visual department that they could come down and we could broadcast this over maybe a U-Tube or Facebook, whatever the case may be so we can get the rest of the residents in the Community involved. Anybody that has any more thoughts on this idea I would be glad to hear them and I am sure Council would be glad to hear them and Mayor would be glad to hear them. We definitely need more people to get involved in these meetings. The older people are complaining that we have the meetings to late at night and they don't want to drive that late at night. The younger people I am sure like we discussed before they are always busy. Maybe we can switch these meetings to a Saturday after soccer practice or something like that. We have to do something to try and make it more accommodating for the younger people also. They have busy lives, they have children that they rush home to and they do their homework and they take them here and take them to soccer practice and we need to try and fit them in and make it more accommodating for these people also, so like I said if anybody has any other ideas they can e-mail me at councilmenpetrucci@gmail.com and that is councilmen. That is all I have right now Mayor.

Mayor Kuhn - John, from what I could hear your first comments were in regard to amending The Home Rule Charter, is that correct?

John Petrucci - That is correct. I will have the typed up amendments for you at the next meeting.

Mayor Kuhn - And then your other comments were in regards to different ways to get the residents involved in our meetings, is that correct?

John Petrucci - That is correct.

Mayor Kuhn - The only thing John is I think we did speak on the Saturday Meetings would be very costly and I think the Manager had stated that was not a reasonable timing due to the fact of what we would have to pay for the staff to be present, is that correct Moe?

Moe Rayan - That is correct. These folks are also going to be taking time on their own schedule to come out on a Saturday and some type of a compensation will have to be presented.

John Petrucci - In-audible.

Moe Rayan - He is proposing that the staff to be off on a Friday before that Saturday Meeting. We will have to look at all of that Mr. Petrucci. I don't think at this point we can give the staff off, like Maureen from my office upstairs, I won't have anybody. She is the only one there on Friday besides me. I am not sure that this would work for our schedule in terms of providing service during the Monday through Friday week.

Mayor Kuhn - But I do agree with you John we do need to do something to get more people interested in coming to the meetings and for comments from the young people that are moving into the Community so I do agree that I think that would be a good project to work on, but I am just not sure on the Saturday Meetings. Any other comments or reports, John?

John Petrucci - No I am good, that is it. Thank you.

Craig Alexander - inaudible. I just want to point out for the public and newspapers that Judge Gallo is a retired Judge not a sitting Judge that is why he is able to do the things he is doing. The microphone kept going on and off.

Mayor Kuhn - O.K. thanks for that clarification. I don't want to get the Judge in any hot water for trying to help Penn Hills. We will have an Executive Session after the meeting for Personnel Matters. Do I have a Motion for Adjournment?

ADJOURNMENT

John Petrucci entertained a Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn - Meeting is adjourned. Good bye John.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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MAUREEN M. SORCE
MANAGER'S SECRETARY

