

OCTOBER 15, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Kuhn – It being 7:35, I apologize for the delay. I am slightly under the weather so I don't know how far I will be able to go during the meeting so I did ask my Deputy Mayor if I would have to leave she will be more than happy to take over the meeting. I do have a change in the Agenda and it will be for an Appointment for the Traffic Safety Committee, other than that the Agenda will stand as presented. If we could stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Kuhn - The Agenda will be amended adding an Appointment for the Traffic Safety Committee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Also in attendance were Manager Andrejchak, Secretary Sorce, Finance Director Schrecengost, Alexander, Solicitor, Toth, IT Supervisor, Chief Burton, Police Officer Blaze and Police Officer Quinn and Blackwell, Planning Director.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Mayor Kuhn – First on the Agenda we will have Citizens to Address Council. When you come up if you could give your name and address and make sure that you speak into the microphone as I am doing because if you turn your head one way or the other the microphone does not pick it up for our Minutes. So first on the Agenda we have Christian Sansone.

Christian Sansone – My name is Christian Sansone and my address is 740 Gaywood Drive. The reason I came here tonight I wanted to come sort of on behalf of the neighborhood. At the June Council Meeting there were some Ordinances passed 2628 through 2633 and they were related to driveway safety zone and I guess the result of that they were approved and the result of that was limited parking in the area of my neighborhood. I live on Gaywood Drive and Blackridge and several other streets there. So I am kind of coming on behalf of the neighborhood and there were a couple of

questions that came up and I called into some different departments to see if I could get some answers and eventually I was directed from somebody in Traffic to just come here and to address my concerns and questions and to see what we can do and what information I could gather so I am more or less just information gathering and possible suggestions. What I wanted to ask first of all is what initially prompted having the parking reduced on this street. Is there something to do with accidents or was it resident complaints that might of lead to that decision being made?

Mayor Kuhn – I am assuming that generally when there is an Ordinance brought up to Mayor Council for any type of parking restrictions it usually is a recommendation from the Traffic Safety Committee, is that correct?

Scott Andrejchak - Yes.

Mayor Kuhn – So basically on what their comments were is really how Mayor and Council decide on what needs to be done on the safety and welfare of the residents and I know sometimes it is difficult for us to get salt trucks up and down the roads and our rubbish contractors. Also I am assuming that is probably the reason for doing this. So if I am not mistaken what you are asking for is if there could be parking limitations for certain times, is that correct?

Christian Sansone – Yes that was one possibility.

Mayor Kuhn – Really I am going to ask the Solicitor once the Ordinance has already been voted on and in place I don't know if this point in time there can be changes or am I incorrect?

Craig Alexander – Sure anytime there is an active Ordinance you can modify that Ordinance.

Mayor Kuhn – You can modify the Ordinance.

Craig Alexander – You can vacate it entirely or modify certain parts of it. In order to do that you have to pass a new Ordinance that would be put in place, whatever modifications to the current Ordinance that you want to see put in there.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. then I would suggest and I don't know if the rest of the Council would be in agreement perhaps we could have the Manager present this to the Traffic Safety Committee again and see if they feel if these could be inactive and if not why and base on what their recommendation is and in all probability that is how Mayor & Council will be taking the information that they give us into consideration, but at this point in time the Ordinance does stand but being that the Solicitor said that we could put some different verbiage into it I would ask if your request could be turned over to the Traffic Safety Committee and then they could tell us why if they aren't in favor then why, would that suffice?

Christian Sansone – Sure.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. now I don't know is that alright with the rest of Council?

All of Council agreed.

Mayor Kuhn - Alright. Thank you very much.

Christian Sansone – Would I be able to say one more thing?

Mayor Kuhn – Yes.

Christian Sansone – So when I initially put in the request and I am assuming that you have the e-mail that I sent to Maureen originally so at the time I sent that in one of the concerns that I had was that the signs that went up were only on Gaywood Drive at that point since that time signs have been added to all the other streets and because of that neighbors on the streets had asked me to say something also. One street in particular is Blackridge Avenue and I apologize that it is not on the document. The parking signs on that street are on both sides of the street so it is not limited to just one side of the street. We just wanted to ask what was the justification for taking the parking that was on both sides and not only on one side.

Mayor Kuhn – Scott you are making notations on this?

Scott Andrejchak – I am and what the Mayor alluded to all of these changes they do come out from a staff recommendation and traffic safety and the origin why we would have to get back to you.

Christian Sansone – O.K. and as far as follow up on the Ordinance when they are going to review about the Ordinance will I be notified of it and how does that work?

Scott Andrejchak – There is an advertisement

Craig Alexander – First the Traffic Safety Committee would have to recommend changes. They would have to take a look at your document and determine whether those changes in their opinion are warranted and if any of them and if they do that Penn Hills is a little bit different they publish their Agenda I think a week ahead of time and any Ordinances that are under consideration are on the published Agenda so you will have to look on the website or wherever the Agenda gets published to see if there is an Ordinance under consideration. Penn Hills does it opposite of most places they advertise their Ordinances after they are adopted as opposed to seven days before they are adopted because they publish those Agendas in the newspaper a week ahead of time.

Mayor Kuhn – This is Chris. Also the Agenda Maureen puts it on the website. The Agenda for the Traffic Safety is published on the website and you can see when the dates are.

Mayor Kuhn – If I am correct our Agenda Meetings are always placed on the website and plus if anyone comes up to the Municipal Building themselves they are able to obtain one. As the Solicitor stated that is seven days ahead so that gives any resident in Penn Hills seven days to see what is on and for them to look into any type of information they might need if they have questions on any of the Resolutions and Ordinances and plus you will see as we go further on in the Agenda Mayor and Council do not do group passages we read each Ordinance and each Resolution and give the audience an opportunity to speak and then Council before we vote on it.

Christian Sansone – O.K. thank you for your time everybody.

Mayor Kuhn – Thank you. Next we have Sharon Lowell from Fourth Street.

Sharon Lowell – 841 Fourth Street – Just like as he is saying you have an Ordinance which the Police don't know about, the District Attorney doesn't know about, Judge doesn't know about it. You have an Ordinance 612.1B Dogs and Cats under the leash law. Now when I adopted this cat from the Humane Society I asked them is there a leash law and they said that Allegheny County doesn't have a leash law now I have lived in this house for five years and I have had this cat for 3-1/2 years and my neighbor is complaining now and it stems just not from the cat. I don't know if you all heard I am the one that painted the house rainbow. This is non-stop with my neighbor. I do have a petition of 250 people and I can get more. If you could change the Ordinance or as you say revise it a little bit. My cat is spayed and neutered and it is licensed, not licensed vaccinated. This cat has been going in his yard for three years and now it is a problem. I also said I have some other documentation I can hand to you guys.

Mayor Kuhn – I believe everyone on Council has received the letter that was presented regarding the cats and then we had follow up of the fence and the house painting is that what you are alluding to?

Sharon Lowell – I saw other cats that were in his yard but I am being targeted out. I have cats that are on my property and different parts of Penn Hills on the street and I also had a citation from the Police Department which they didn't even understand. When I went to Judge DeLuca he said there is a lease law on cats? I am not going to name any names but I know someone particular in your Penn Hills Municipality that has cats and lets them outside. I also want this to be known Pennsylvania Law states any domestic cat protected by Animal Welfare Act 2006 of an offense to trap and initially kill or harm in any way also because a cat can be considered property the act of taking a cat and dropping it off somewhere else is theft in the eyes of the law. I am just saying that because the person is here today. Also here why are cats required to be leashed or collared? The answer to the questions are multiple answers again historically cats roam

agricultural areas and is a means of pest control which my cat does he hunts mainly in his yard. He is a flower guy, he has mulch, he has everything else around and he likes it. Thus leashing the cat would hurt his ability to catch rodents. Many people worry about strangulation which I have tried to leash my cat. The Police were there and Code was there and seeing that I was doing my best. I have a thirteen year old non speaking autistic son. He doesn't understand don't open the door. We do our best to keep it in. It is his pet and I don't want to get rid of the cat. We also have another cat that stays in. I do have 250 signatures. Like I said I would like to see it may be revised a little bit. I mean if Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh doesn't have one on cats as long as they are fixed and they have their vaccinations. If that is the case, you should really enforce it. Not only that because I know it doesn't pertain to that but there are other Ordinances too that if you are going to cite me for this Ordinance, I am calling on the Bullying/Harassment Ordinance. The Chief of Police told me that that only pertains to children. If you read this, it is off your page. It is Ordinance Number 2018-2619 this is why I am being bullied and harassed by my neighbors, why aren't they being cited?

Mayor Kuhn – So what your original complaint is the Ordinance that is now in effect in Penn Hills does not address the problem that is being created with your cat and your neighbor and you would like to have it looked at for possible revision, is that correct?

Sharon Lowell – Yes Mayor.

Mayor Kuhn – Well I will ask my Solicitor exactly. Mayor & Council aren't legal people so that is why we have him sitting here.

Sharon Lowell – I also wanted to state also I do have an attorney but he did tell me to come here and talk.

Mayor Kuhn – Yes exactly.

Sharon Lowell – But if it needs to be I can give you all of that information.

Mayor Kuhn – I would have to say that other than us Mayor and Council looking at the Ordinance I think it is basically I don't know if this is a neighbor to neighbor problem and if that would be the case we could not get involved in that. That would have to be at the local Magistrate's Office.

Sharon Lowell – There are plenty of court cases right now.

Mayor Kuhn – But if you are asking us to look at the present Ordinance that is not a problem but as far as the problem with neighbor to neighbor Mayor and Council can't get into that if I am correct and I will ask the Solicitor that.

Craig Alexander – What I understand your issue to be here Ms. Lowell is the Penn Hill's Ordinance says that as drafted right now any cat that goes outside is required to be on a leash.

Sharon Lowell – Well not free roaming, correct on your own property.

Craig Alexander – So you are asking it to be looked at so if it is spayed or neutered then it doesn't need to be on a leash.

Sharon Lowell – Vaccinated also.

Craig Alexander – We require leashes as well as dogs to be roaming.

Sharon Lowell – And if I would have known this prior I would have not have adopted the cat but when I adopted the cat they asked me where I lived and I said Allegheny County in Penn Hills. Allegheny County doesn't have one and Pittsburgh doesn't have one.

Chris Blackwell – Mayor can I speak on this case. I just want to say Ms. Lowell and her neighbor Mr. Makay this is a neighbor dispute. The Planning Department and the Code Enforcement Department became aware of it in August of 2017 when Ms. Lowell came in to the office for a building permit for a porch. At that time she had an inquiry about the business next door and commercial vehicles and things like that. Since that time these neighbors have gone and they have filed cases against each other with the Police, with Code Enforcement, with Planning they have been to the Zoning Hearing Board and they have exhausted every single resource we have except tolerance and understanding. You could not solve this case. It has become violent and our Police have been involved and I believe in this case the Ordinance is fine it just says they can't roam. I can't image Mayor & Council saying yes pets are a loud to roam free and it doesn't require them to be on a leash and I am also afraid that this is a neighborhood dispute and it has really exhausted the resources of the Municipality and now they are coming to you to take it town wide.

Mayor Kuhn – I think the Manager has a suggestion when this type of complaint comes to Mayor and Council and I will let him explain it and what it does it explains to the resident who has the complaint exactly what Mayor and Council can get involved in and what we can't so I will turn this over to you Scott and I think this will be very helpful and eliminate this type of thing coming before Mayor and Council.

Scott Andrejchak – Possibly because I am just sensing what you are saying and what Mr. Blackwell just explained there is some history here that goes back to 2017 and I agree a lot it stems from a conflict you are having with a neighbor and it has taken on all these different forms and I think as he indicated some of these issues aren't going to be sorted out by this body and some of these other places. There are some resources

that I would really encourage you and your neighbor to take advantage of. There are neighborhood dispute mediation services.

Sharon Lowell – I talked to the Chief of Police about them.

Scott Andrejchak – I have a list of them. Some of them are local and some of them have a lot of success. I think it probably is an avenue that ought to be pursued by both parties if they want to pursue it.

Sharon Lowell – At this time I can't because there is a criminal case against him right now for shooting my dog which he was arrested for. I am just saying but also there is so much right now and all I want is to be just left alone. You live your life and I will live mine.

Scott Andrejchak – I don't know whether or not but I think at this point as Mr. Blackwell indicated in a sense of getting what we are hearing some of these neighborhood conflicts they really are not conflicts that necessarily need answered at a Magistrate or through an Ordinance so it is just a suggestion.

Sharon Lowell – No I do understand but when he becomes violent it is a different story.

Scott Andrejchak – I can certainly give those to you. I have them here.

Sharon Lowell – Actually my Attorney has them. I got them from the Chief of Police, Chief Burton and like I said my Attorney just sent the letter out to them to decess and assist. That is what we want.

Craig Alexander – Here is the thing we are not going to get involved in the neighborhood dispute between you and your neighbor. You are handling that appropriately with the local authorities. What we will do we will look at the Ordinance and Mr. Blackwell has full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances and if there is something in the Ordinance we will take a look at it.

Sharon Lowell – Thank you that is all I am asking.

Mayor Kuhn – Right the fact like I said because of the fact we say we are taking a look at it doesn't mean that there will be changes. When someone comes up and has a situation that the Ordinance is causing then we can look at it but that isn't a big factor but we can tell Chris to take a look at the Ordinance and for him to give a recommendation to Mayor and Council as to whether or not he feels the Ordinance is fine and if it should stay in place as such or if there is any changes that should be made to it. So as far as that part of it Mayor and Council can get involved in that. As far as the other part of it, it is very difficult when there is a problem between two neighbors but

unfortunately I am sure your attorney would tell you that Mayor and Council really cannot get involved in that.

Sharon Lowell – That is what he told me to come and talk. I have a question about the Ordinance. I know you do have an Ordinance that you can get a variance for. Like I said I have an autistic son and he doesn't understand not to let the cat out. We try but for some reason he likes to go into his yard first. Everybody in the neighborhood knows him. There is a lady two streets down that have a cat and it goes in his yard and it comes in my yard but I am the one that is being singled out because of the dispute. I am just asking for you to take a look at the Ordinance and maybe I can get a variance.

Mayor Kuhn – Right and like I said that is basically the only position that we can take. We will take a look at that and based on what our Planning Director informs Mayor and Council we will go by that. Alright?

Sharon Lowell – Would you like to meet Richard? Just a joke.

Mayor Kuhn – Thank you.

Sharon Lowell – Thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – And next on the Agenda we have Mr. Ron Makay and Mrs. Iolanda Makay.

Ron Makay – We are the neighbors in dispute and my name is Ron Makay and this is my wife Iolanda and we live at 845 Fourth Street. My name is Iolanda Makay and we live at 845 Fourth Street. It is about the cat. My husband was never arrested for the criminal and I know you aren't criminal but just so you know that is not what that was. So the cat does come in our yard it has been but it was always in the back and it goes on his truck and it goes on my porch. It sits on my porch furniture and it sprays. I have a cat too but I put it on a leash outside once or twice a day. She says her child is autistic and he is non verbal but he does understand because when they say let's go to the store he comes out and when they say let's go swimming he comes out and he understands, however, the cats out in the afternoon and the child is in school so yes there are times when he may let him out that is fine it happens but not all the time. I sit on my porch and I can't even sit on my porch because we are the ones that are doing everything but however we just get called all sorts of names when we sit out there. We are nothing what they are saying we are. We are not homophobic, we aren't racists and we aren't anything of the above. We can't say anything because of the criminal case that is going on but our side of the story will come out at the very end but however we are here for the cat and I feel that it should be on a leash. My cat is on a leash. I have four cats and one I had to just put down and the other ones they have gone out on a leash once, twice three times a day. We have never had an issue. Once it goes on a leash and knows its boundaries it goes to the back of the yard and it knows it can't go

out. It is an indoor cat. I got mine from a shelter. In fact Richard the cat she is talking about is not neutered. If they got it from the shelter they spayed, neuter.

Mayor Kuhn – I don't want to cut you off hon but being that seems to be the exact same situation.

Ron Makay – This started in April of 2017 not August 2017.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. so the way I am looking at is whatever our present Ordinance reads is what we have to abide by at this point in time. So if our present Ordinance is reading it has to be on a leash if I am not mistaken then that is what we have to go by.

Chris Blackwell – The Ordinance doesn't say it has to be on a leash.

Mayor Kuhn – Just a minute Chris. So basically that is the jest of it. As I said can we look at an Ordinance if it needed anything updated on it and that we can do but that is not saying that we are going to change the Ordinance but at this point in time if I am not mistaken by the Solicitor we have to go by what the Ordinance that is in place at this time, is that correct?

Craig Alexander – You are absolutely correct, Mayor.

Mayor Kuhn – We have to go by what the Ordinance states now and Chris I am understanding the Ordinance does state that it has to be on a leash. Just yes or no honey.

Chris Blackwell - No it doesn't. It says that the animal must be under the control of the owner. It does not say anything about a leash.

Mayor Kuhn – Well this is what I mean what I am saying sometimes we have to look at our Ordinances because sometimes the verbiage is just too broad. Does anyone agree with me or disagree with me?

John Petrucci – I agree with you but I am just a little bit confused. What were you cited for? What did the Police Officer cite you for?

Sharon Lowell –

John Petrucci – What is the title? Under the 6121B?

Sharon Lowell - Yes sir.

John Petrucci – For the Ordinance?

Chris Blackwell – At the end it has a fine that is set for

John Petrucci – No I don't want to know what the fine is,

Chris Blackwell - I have never seen the Police Report.

John Petrucci – No but she was saying she was cited for a leash. That ordinance says it doesn't have to have a lease, right? Howard do you want to interject on this?

Chief Burton – No.

Sharon Lowell – It says free roaming.

John Petrucci – Oh it says free roaming.

Sharon Lowell – It says not to roam free off of the property. The citation says it was roaming free off of the property several times.

John Petrucci – I was under the assumption and I think the Solicitor was too that you were cited for a leash violation so it is not a leash violation but it is a free roaming violation.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. so the citation is not reading that you were cited because of the fact your cat wasn't on a leash, the citation is saying that you were cited because of the fact the cat was free roaming and I am assuming that the Officer or Code Enforcement actually saw the cat out of the property. However, it is going to be, I don't think this is a situation that Mayor and Council can resolve. The only thing that we can go by is what our Ordinances are stating and if the Ordinance is stating that it doesn't have to be on a leash, am I correct?

Chris Blackwell – No Leash.

Mayor Kuhn – It does state that it is not permitted to be free roaming. So if anything we need to be more specific on what free roaming means.

Sharon Lowell – It also states that it has to be under control.

Mayor Kuhn – Well to me free roaming means that it was off of your property. Like I said that is just as I am reading it and like I say I think we need to have the verbiage more accurate so free roaming is understood by everyone else. I think that would solve your problems.

Iolanda Makay – We have neighbors that have come to this meeting tonight as well saying that her cat is in their yard as well. I guess they can't speak if their name is not on here.

Craig Alexander – We understand both of your points of view. This isn't the proper forum for this to occur. The proper forum if there is a dispute on the language of the Ordinance is if you have been cited if one person has been cited the local Magisterial Judge is the authority on what that Ordinance says and how to interpret that Ordinance. The Planning Department or the Code Enforcement Officer is the one that interprets it first. If his or her interpretation is that there is a violation of the Ordinance then that Code Enforcement Officer will issue a citation. If the person disagrees with the Code Enforcement's interpretation and believes that there should not have been a citation issued then they go to the Magisterial Judge and because these are summary offenses it is the same as a traffic ticket. The standard is the same in any criminal case. It is beyond a reasonable doubt. There is a pretty high standard to overcome so if there is a violation that is proven beyond a reasonable doubt before the Magisterial Judge you are going to be found guilty. But if the Judge questions it in any manner to any degree beyond a reasonable doubt then you are going to be found not guilty. This Council is out of that equation. Once the citations are issued that is a criminal matter. That is a matter before the District Judges not pertinent for us and we will look at the Ordinance and see if anything needs to be changed but according to the Planning Director at first glance this Ordinance seems to be square.

Mayor Kuhn – And our Ordinance, our Code Enforcement Director read the Ordinance that under control and not roaming that there was a violation or he wouldn't of sent the violation. Am I correct?

Chris Blackwell – It was a Police Officer.

Mayor Kuhn – So I mean in reality at this point in time the citation would stay in place because of our Ordinance at the present time and because of the fact that our Code Enforcement Officer read it that the cat was roaming and that is why he presented the citation. If you are not or are in disagreement with that then as I said then you have to go to the Magistrate.

Sharon Lowell – I do want to say that we were at the Magistrate's already and Judge DeLuca held it until I had this hearing here today and now that you say you are going to take a look into it I think it is on the 25th if I am not mistaken I am going to go back and tell that you and Council are going to take a look at it. Now if he wants to hold it over again it is on him.

Mayor Kuhn – Like I said really and truthfully us taking a look at the verbiage of the Ordinance does not take effect of what is taking place at this time. So if at this time based on this Ordinance and how our Code Enforcement Director read the Ordinance and his determination was that there was a violation so really that is all we have to do at this point in time and basically there is nothing more for Mayor and Council other than like I said if we want to look into the Ordinance just to see if we need to do any clarification or maybe not. Leave it as it is. So I mean I know this might not be what either one of you might be looking for as an answer but that is the answer that Mayor

and Council have to give. Like I tell everyone you might not like our answers but at least we will give you an answer. At this point in time the Ordinance is in place and the citation is in place and so now it is up to you because of the fact you received the citation as to whether or not you want to go further with the complaint. But at this point in time I would say that this is not a legal opinion but based on what took place in all probability you are going to have to keep the cat on your own property being that you have already been cited once. But like I said I am not an attorney or a judge so I hope that satisfies the information that we can give. O.K.

Sharon Lowell – This is being recorded correct because I got the last copy from the last hearing that I was at and had to pay for it from the stenographer is that correct?

Craig Alexander – Actually there is a stenographic record.

Sharon Lowell – Correct. There is a record of it and it is out in Harrisburg and I had to pay for it for the last time I was here. Just want it well known that my son does not understand and nobody should judge my kid if you don't know.

Mayor Kuhn – Like I said this is something that we can just not be in charge of. O.K. we need to move on.

MINUTES:

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve the **September 10, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes.**

Deputy Mayor Sapp seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn – I have one comment to my Manager's Secretary Maureen. She has to write down word by word everything that is said at our meetings. This is a page and you can see how much writing is on it and there is 41 pages of it so that is a lot of transcription for her to do and I do get complaints from everyone that I do permit everyone to go on to long and most places they only permit two to four minutes. So we are attempting to bring that down so that there is not that much time that is used because of the fact 41 pages is a lot of writing but I feel if you are coming to the meeting and you take the time to come that you have a right to speak so I don't shut anyone off but I will say that we can't have constant repetition on what is being said. So to my secretary who is very accurate and if you cannot be at the meeting and you read her minutes you think you actually were there. I commend her for it and I apologize as I have many times and she does an excellent job.

Maureen Sorce – Thank you Mayor.

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

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve the **September 10, 2018 Public Hearing Capital Improvement Program Minutes.**

Mr. Petrucci 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 October 1, 2018,** Journal Vouchers, 0 - \$0.00, C.D. Requisitions 4 - \$83,696.75, Master 41578 - 41732 - \$1,456,264.59 - Total \$1,539,961.34.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion approve the **Expenditures of October 15, 2018,** Journal Vouchers 1, \$3,156,657.00, C.D. Requisitions 14, \$440,123.86, Master 41733 – 41860 - \$1,991,472.22 – Total \$5,588,253.08.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn – I abstain from Check #41827 to Don Kuhn Auto Body in the amount of \$4,143.00 which represents an insurance payment for repair on a Municipal Vehicle and yes on all others.

There being further discussion the Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Kuhn – Do I have a Motion to approve Al Wickline to the Traffic Safety Committee. I believe this is the only vacancy that we have left. We have been fortunate because of the fact we have many people who have been volunteering their time and we have been able to fill most of our committees so I am very happy with that because there was a time that we had so many vacancies. Al Wickline has been a fireman at Point Breeze which is up on Verona Hill Top. I know him personally and he has a great deal of knowledge and I am very proud to put his name up so I am asking for a Motion for Al Wickline.

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion to appoint Al Wickline to the Traffic Safety Committee.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

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

Mayor Kuhn – Scott if you could get a letter out to Mr. Wickline regarding this and also I don't know if this is alright because I didn't put it on the Agenda but I need to have a list of all the dates that all our committees meet, Zoning, Planning, Council because the Economic Development Committee that we just approved needs to know the dates so they know exactly when they will be calling their meetings to order. If you could get that for me Scott I would appreciate it. Thank you.

MOTION:

Mayor Kuhn – I need a Motion to reject bid for the 2018 Penn Hills WPCD Facilities Equipment Upgrade Re-Bid Contract #1.

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to reject for the 2018 Penn Hills WPCD Facilities Equipment Upgrade Re-Bid Contract #1, Sandy Creek Air Handler/Heater Replacement. There was only one bid for \$125,000.00 which is significantly higher than the project should cost. Gateway Engineers also recommends this contract rejection.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

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

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-046** – awarding a Three (3) Year Contract for the collection and disposal of residential garbage, rubbish, and recycling to Greenridge Waste Services, LLC D.B.A. Republic Services of Scottdale.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

Faith Milazzo – 121 Castle Drive – I just noticed but I knew this was coming but it seems with this new contract that glass is no longer going to be recycled and in addition there are fewer plastic and it is only plastics one and two and unfortunately this is where recycling is going. I was warned about this from people in the South Hills and I know there is nothing that you can do but what I am asking is perhaps if the Municipality can inform residents of this. I guess this will become effective come January I believe. Just so residents will understand that they won't be able to recycle glass and not a lot of plastics. So if this could go on the web site and facebook page and maybe even the Progress. I just think this is really important so residents can be made aware. I know just in general I think some residents don't understand recycling. I know some residents recycle their newspapers and plastic bags which you really can't do and the recycling facilities have to end up throwing those newspapers away so just trying to educate residents I think is important.

Mayor Kuhn – We have in the audience I believe John from the Republic Service and if you would want to come up John and give us some input.

John McGoran – Republic Services – Thank you Mayor and Council and Residents. There has been a significant change in the Global Recycling Market throughout the entire World. Our places for recycling are being eliminated from the recycling stream. We will be educating the residents some time by the 1st of the Year informing them of these changes and just really making sure we reeducate the residents on really what this is doing on recycling. The number one thing we want to see different besides the reduction of glass and plastics is the materials that goes into your recycling bins it needs to be put in there loose and so often when I drive the streets of this Community I will go past people's recycling bins and they are all tied in plastic bags. The problem with that is every one of those bags has to be torn open by machine or by hand. Please put your recycling in the bins loose and not in those blue bags from Walmart or Giant Eagle or any of those places just put them in loose. If Council has any questions I would be glad to answer.

John Petrucci – I have a question. I understand it has gone up 33%. Do you want to elaborate a little bit on why the expense has gone up 33%?

John McGoran – Number one the cost of doing recycling has gone up. About two or three years ago recycling use to bring back some revenue to us to help offset some of the costs. Today we are paying a lot of money to have stuff recycled. There is just no market for it. China was our biggest and they took 40% of our recycling and they were paying big money for it but they have since pushed away from it and it is very hard to find people to take recycling and there is no money for it.

John Petrucci – And the tv's, you are still doing tv's?

John McGoran – Yes we are still doing tv's. Yes, absolutely I think that has been a great program for the Municipality and we will continue to do as we have been once a week . You call into us and let us know. We don't want it out the same day as your trash. I don't know what day we do it.

John Petrucci – I believe it is Tuesday.

Maureen Sorce – Thursday.

John McGoran – Try so the TV glass is not broken because the glass in there has contamination.

John Petrucci – How do you feel about a central depository for the televisions if we donated a dumpster and we put it at one of our sites and maybe we could have folks go down to a local depository.

John McGoran – I would prefer not to do that for two reasons. One somebody has to handle them. With us doing them the way we do it now if somebody has one of those older 200 lb. tv's we have equipment that can lift them without breaking and then somebody has to stack them on pallets. You can't just bring your dumpster to the recycling center they have to be unpacked and how we do that we put them on pallets and make sure they get there unbroken.

John Petrucci – O.K. one second. In one part of our town we have a lot of dumping of tv's. They are lying all over the street. How could you help us with that problem?

John McGoran – I would be glad to work with the Manager on that. We can work something out.

John Petrucci – O.K. thank you.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Thank you John.

Mayor Kuhn – Any other questions for John? I am asking Council. I would like a ten minute recess to have an Executive Session on a question on this before we vote on this. How do we go about doing that?

Craig Alexander – Make a Motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss this Resolution.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. do I have a Motion.

John Petrucci – I will Motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss Resolution for Republic Services.

Deputy Mayor Sapp seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn – Do I have to ask if there are any questions?

Craig Alexander – No.

Mayor Kuhn – No – Do we vote on it?

Craig Alexander – Yes.

Mayor Kuhn – Roll Call.

There being no further discussion the Motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss Resolution for Republic Service Contract was a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Kuhn – Excuse me audience but before we vote on this as you can see this is a very costly situation. We need to address a few items before we go into the final vote. We will try to be not more than ten minutes.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. thank you and sorry for that interruption. There were some questions that Mayor and Council need to have answered more in detail so we are going to ask for a Motion to have this tabled. I believe we have so much time so the bid would stay the same. How many days is this bid good for?

Craig Alexander – I don't know what the bid spec says but usually it is for sixty days.

Mayor Kuhn – Is that what it is John, o.k. so if not we could call a special meeting on it but if that is the case we are just going to ask for it to be tabled and the Manager is going to get us some more information and then we are going to take it off the table hopefully at our next meeting and vote on it at that time. So do I have a Motion to Table Resolution 2018-046?

Mr. Petrucci made a Motion to Table **Resolution No. 2018-046.**

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion to Table **Resolution No. 2018-046.**

Mayor Kuhn – No discussion on a Tabling so can I have Roll Call.

There being no further discussion the Motion was tabled with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-047** – awarding The 2018 WPCD Facilities Equipment Upgrade Contract #2 – Re-Bid – Jade Drive Pump Station Generator Replacement to Merit Electrical Group in the Total Amount of \$62,970.00.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

John Petrucci – Resolution 47 and 48 are both about generators and we are spending approximately about \$102,000 in generators. Maybe the Manager can enlighten us as to how these generators are and what kind of condition the old ones were in.

Scott Andrejchak – Thank you. My understanding and I have discussed with Gateway Engineers they are ancient and I know that is not a technical term but the one at Jade is not even in operation and it is my understanding when it has to be in service they have to rent a generator. The new equipment has a life time of about 20 – 30 years. They are very old equipment and that is why they are being replaced.

John Petrucci – O.K. thank you.

Mayor Kuhn – We did receive a copy of the letter that was sent from Merit Electrical Group on October 2nd requiring if the low bid is more than 15% lower than the second low bid then they to send a notarized statement from their bonding company. I am assuming we have that.

Chris Blackwell – Yes.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K.

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

Mr. Underwood made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-048** – awarding the 2018 WPCD Facilities Equipment Upgrade Contract #3 – Re-Bid – Lincoln Road WWTP Generator Replacement in the Total Amount of \$40,700.00.

Deputy Mayor Sapp 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. 2018-049** – granting Conditional Use Approval to The Catholic Cemeteries Association of The Diocese of Pittsburgh for The Construction of an addition to The Existing Mausoleum to be located at The Mt. Carmel Cemetery, 7601 Mount Carmel Road, (Lot Block #230-K-102, 230-E-6 and 230-J-292).

Deputy Mayor Sapp seconded the Motion.

Mayor Kuhn – Just to let the audience know that the Planning Commission did have a public meeting also on this and they recommended approval and our Economic Development Department has also reviewed the application and they also recommend the approval.

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

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Resolution No. 2018-050** – authorizing The Designated Official to Sign and Complete The Grant Agreement with The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Green Light-Go Pennsylvania's Municipal Partnership Program.

Mr. Underwood seconded the Motion.

John Petrucci – Just to let the audience know this Green Light-Go is to install LED Lighting into our Traffic Lighting to save the Municipality money.

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

ORDINANCES:

Mr. Brodnicki made a Motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2634 of 2018** – An Ordinance of The Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, No Parking on Highland Road.

Mr. Petrucci seconded the Motion.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – I just wanted to have clarification why the Traffic Safety Committee recommended No Parking on this street.

Chris Blackwell – I would say that all these like the Mayor stated are all related to snow removal. If you look in Penn Hills many of the streets have very narrow right of ways and some of the newer streets like Shenandoah the roads are much wider like 50 ft. Narrower right of ways and it is really about snow renewal. Some of what the gentleman said earlier Traffic Safety goes around with Scott Shepard from Public Works and the Police Department. This is an effort to determine what the issues are like snow removal and removing cars from streets for plowing. It has been a difficult situation for many of these streets and then what happens is the truck can't get down the street so they don't go and so then people are saying why isn't my street being plowed and it because these cars on the street. So these are just difficult streets to plow.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – So this would be no parking on either side?

Chris Blackwell – Like the map says it is only the dead end portion.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – O.K. thank you I see it.

Mayor Kuhn – Chris I was concerned also because of the fact there is no parking at all on the one side and on the other side it is within 40 ft. really and truthfully the residents who live there have to have somewhere to park their cars. So there will be spaces for someone who has people coming to visit.

Chris Blackwell – It is an issue and you saw in the previous case there is no parking on both sides but people have driveways.

Mayor Kuhn – I know that but really and truthfully people who have driveways they have their own cars parked in there but if you have an elderly couple coming to visit somebody and they have to park on the other street and walk that far I think that is kind of silly.

Chris Blackwell – It also becomes an issue we all know from getting calls he is parking in the front yard.

Mayor Kuhn – Well I am not condoning parking in front yard.

Chris Blackwell – Well I think you will see in the future.

Mayor Kuhn – I just want to make sure that there is sufficient parking so that if someone does have someone coming to their home they are able to have somewhere to park.

Chris Blackwell – I can't speak for that but they are looking at Ordinances from other Communities and I will say I spoke to Mike Lape this afternoon about some towns have where they only remove cars during snow events.

Mayor Kuhn – That is my other question that I was going to bring up. I know at one time we had this problem and the residents were so upset and that was one of the solutions that we gave like if it was for rubbish day then it says no parking on every Monday or something or if snow removal something like I said I know myself I wouldn't be very happy if I couldn't have someone visiting to have them not be able to park on either side of my street.

Chris Blackwell – Absolutely.

Mayor Kuhn – So that is the only concern that I have so we aren't going to put up any signs up at this time?

Chris Blackwell – No that will be an Ordinance that will come before you. This is something in the future that they are working on. It would of course come before you.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – So it would have to be modified?

Chris Blackwell – Mr. Alexander can talk on this but there is a significant amount of Ordinances that are already out there I think the new Ordinances would address that and it would override all proceeding. There are certainly some areas there is Faybern there was a lot of discussion between Mayor and Council and there are going to be a lot that aren't going to change and some for snow removal only. But you have all voted on No Parking Ordinances with other issues, hard bends or curves.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – They are putting all these signs on many of our streets and I know I just attended a baby shower and the Police were called because there was no place to park and everybody had to move their cars and I thought that was ridiculous.

Chris Blackwell – I think they will have to look at that in different avenues.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Thank you.

There being no further discussion the Motion failed a 1-4 vote.

Mayor Kuhn – We have to have a better system so you have to put your thinking cap on Chris.

Chris Blackwell – Luckily this isn't my Ordinance so Mike Lape from Traffic Safety will take care of this.

Mayor Kuhn – So tell Officer Lape he needs to come up with some signage that is going to work better for the situation.

Chris Blackwell – I will be involved and I will help too. I do want you to know that they do spend a considerable amount of time in researching this with Public Works. Each Public Works Driver knows their streets and knows which ones are problem areas.

Mayor Kuhn – And like I said I know there are problems with the rubbish truck and in the winter time trouble with the snow plows but really that is only one day a week with the rubbish and I don't think the residents should be penalized for seven days a week for one day a week and especially because of the fact you could put on there from whatever time I mean naturally you will give a lee way but you could say every Monday if that is their route from 10 – 2 and then you are not restricting it seven days, twenty four seven. That is my idea on it. Thank you.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

INTRODUCTION FOR ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ETC.

None.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND MANAGER

John Petrucci – In light of the increase in our rubbish I had taken an article out of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and I wanted to share this with the folks in the audience that we aren't the only one that is struggling with this issue. Council voted Monday a 6 to 1 to award a 10.2 million dollar five year contract for garbage and recycling to Waste Management and this was in Peters Township. This is going to affect the Community as \$67 per quarter they pay their quarterly rate. The previous rate was \$51 and the senior citizens will pay 60.30 per quarter and citizens with back door pick up will pay \$83.00 per quarter. Senior citizens with back door pick up will pay \$74.70 per quarter so just a little in sight we are all in the same boat with the rubbish going up. Now on another note I posted something on social meeting on October 11th at 2:11 P.M. and I

will read some parts from it and if you would like to go on social media and take a look at it you are more than welcome if you would like to. The Penn Hills Monument Fund has started again. The fund was started by the Penn Hills Officers after the tragic event that happened on March 25th, 1972. Patrolman Bartley Connolly and Sergeant William Schrott were shot and killed while working un-uniformed off-duty security jobs at East Hills Shopping Center. A petite female subject has just attempted an armed robbery at the store Sergeant Schrott was working at. Thinking the woman was a little girl because of her build, Sergeant Schrott attempted to talk her into dropping the gun, but instead, she shot him. Witnesses ran to another store where Sergeant Connolly was working. He attempted to take the same action Sergeant Schrott took and was also shot and killed. An off-duty Pittsburgh Police Officer shot the woman in the leg and was then shot by a responding Penn Hills Police Officer who mistook him as the shooter of Sergeant Schrott and Patrolman Connolly. The woman was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Sergeant Connolly was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran of the Korean War and had served with the Penn Hills Police Department for nine years. He was survived by his wife and three children. Sergeant Schrott was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII and has served with the Penn Hills Police Department for 22 years. He was survived by his wife and three children. The Officers themselves paid for the single monument hoping they would never have to do this again. On December 6, 2009 tragedy struck again. Patrolman Michael Crawshaw was shot and killed in an ambush while responding to a call in the 200 block of Johnston Road. He had been the first Officer to arrive on the scene and had parked two houses away to wait for backup. As he waited he reported to dispatchers that he heard gunfire from inside the home and he then un-holstered his weapon. Moments later a suspect exited the home and immediately opened fire with an AK-47, fatally striking Patrolman Crawshaw several times as he was still sitting in his patrol car. The suspect fled the scene but was apprehended a short time later. A preliminary investigation determined the suspect had gone to the home to collect on a drug debt and had murdered an occupant of the home prior to opening fire on Patrolman Crawshaw. In January 2013, the suspect was convicted of first degree murder for murdering the occupant of the home and second degree murder for the murder of Patrolman Crawshaw. Patrolman Crawshaw had served with the Penn Hills Police Department for two and a half years. He had previously served with the University of Pittsburgh Police Department for four years. The Middle and Right End Monument, dedicated to Officer Crawshaw, were erected due to fund raising done by fellow Officers he worked with, friends and family. The Community came together and donated enough money to cover the cost. Once again we need the Communities help in the movement of the Monument. The Monument is at the New Municipal Building and we are waiting to install it on the new land designated for it. Along with the Police Monument will be two memorial walls. One dedicated to the Veteran bricks that were bought, and the second to all the plaques on the old building along with the Fireman, John G. Heidish, Jr., who lost his life at the age of 20 on March 16, 1981. And yes the little boys and girls running will be there also. A lot of businesses have donated their time in helping this move but, we need donations to finish. So please help us finish this tribute to the ones that gave the ultimate sacrifice for your Community and your

Country. Donations are being accepted at S&T Bank, 12262 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA c/o of Penn Hills Monument Fund. I thank you and the families thank you. Special thanks to the ones who are now or will graciously be donating their time and material to this move. Rome Monument for the new footer and move of Monument, Joe Verrico, Beautify Landscaping, Mangretta Landscaping, Mucci Contracting, Gateway Engineering, we thank you. This is made up of a committee and made up of retired Police Officers and Police Officers now and family members of the deceased. The folks are making decisions and the longevity of the Monument and I hope and pray that we never have to do this again so look for our Go Fund Me Page and our Fundraisers and hopefully you can donate to this. This Saturday I took an application from Pitt and what it is called is PMADD that means Pitt Makes A Difference Day. On October 20th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. an estimated 500 students, staff, faculty and alumni from The City of Pittsburgh will serve their Community through meaningful service projects. Well I filled out the application and we got accepted and it looks like we are going to have 42 students which will be a full bus load dropped off here at 10 o'clock in the morning to pick up litter. We are probably going to split that group up with some of the streets around here and then down in the other sections of our Community so if you would please we could use some help on this. Basically, I am asking for some volunteers that would come from the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to give these students a hand with this Pitt pick up. Also we have Saturday Oct. 27. 2018 we have the Agency of the County Police, 16th Annual Event focusing on the opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted and unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to Law Enforcement Officers for destruction. That will be happening at North Park Police Station, South Park Police Station and the Wilmerding Police Sub Station. So if you have anything you want to get rid of you can rid of it at those locations. I want to thank Senator Costa. We were contacted on 9-17-18 by Manger Andrejchak that The Commonwealth Finance Agency has awarded Penn Hills \$418,000 in grant funding under the Small Sewer Grant Program. Funding is for upsizing the sewer line on Limehollow Road. I would like to thank him for that. We are not the only ones having problems with the DEP. I don't know if you saw this in the newspaper the other day Monroeville Council approved an Ordinance Tuesday that established fees to pay for one of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agencies most expensive unfunded mandates preventing sediment from entering into the streams. The Ordinance resolved in a \$3.2 million dollar a year for Ms-4 Municipal Storm Sewer System. Just to give you some of the fees Monroeville homeowners have to pay, homeowners will pay \$120.00 a year to help pay for the storm sewer management system. The consultants out there said that the top twenty which will include Monroeville Mall which will include a yearly payment of \$222,840, Gateway School \$91,920 and Forbes Hospital will pay \$45,960. Again we are not the only ones that are taking a hit from the DEP. Last but not least we had a lot of concerned citizens in Penn Hills about Hoffman Kennels and the pet incident and what I did was I took a general consensus from the general folks and I put out some of the requirements and duties that Hoffman is doing now and what the Community wants and I asked them if they could give us any types of suggestions with this and it would be greatly appreciated. The contract is up by June of 2019 and if you have something present it to Mayor and

Council and we will look at it but please don't submit Sable Kennel as one of your choices they are not a loud to take in any strays from the State Supervisor they were revoked their dog license and I personally verified that on 9-28-2017 plus they already answered to me and they are not interested in all the duties that are required in Penn Hills to manage our animals so with that I am finished and I will turn it back over to you Mayor.

Mayor Kuhn – Thank you so much Councilman Petrucci and I do want to say that under The Home Rule Charter or under The Sunshine Act, Council can only have two people meeting with any type of meetings that we have or otherwise we are in violation of the Sunshine Act. I was involved with the Monument and the families had requested Councilman Petrucci to be on the Committee and I asked John and he naturally said yes and I do want to say to everyone he has put so many hours into the placement of the Monument and has met so many times with the families to make sure that they were happy with the placement and like he stated there were so many people who donated so much of their time and also the cost of materials so that it wasn't an expense to the Municipality. So John I thank you very much. You did ten times more than I did and I appreciate it tremendously.

John Petrucci – Thank you Mayor. One other group of people I would like to thank also they pulled out the 640 bricks out of the old Municipality.

Mayor Kuhn – And they did it in one day.

John Petrucci – And they did it in one day and it was in about two hours. It was Len HRomyak, JoAnn Schrott-Alexander, Mr. Crawshaw was there, Ronnie Lauffer was there, Jason Bonace was there and there was one other gentleman that was there and I am sorry I don't know his name. It was a younger Police Officer that I have never met. They did a wonderful job pulling them out. They got them all out in one piece and there are few that have some chips on them but I think we can use them and the game plan in the end result is I have the Brick Layers Union, the Apprentice Program come down here and try to do something with them maybe insert them into a wall. What is going on out there in case you are wondering there are two footers out there and the one to the left of the parking lot is the one that the Monument is going to be put on. The first one was a mistake. Mucci put that in but all mistakes are sometimes good mistakes. We are going to take that one for the wall with the Veteran' bricks on it and then we will have to get something later like another wall to put the plaques on it. It is coming together and we are going to have a nice sidewalk in front of it and hopefully it will all be complete by December 6, 2018.

Mayor Kuhn – Any other reports?

Deputy Mayor Sapp –Mayor Kuhn I don't have a report but I have some questions for Councilman Petrucci with regards to the Pitt Pick Up.

Mr. Petrucci – Yes.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – That is so good and I am sure Faith Milazzo will appreciate that. What age group did you say?

John Petrucci – These are all students from Pitt.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Oh so they are adults.

John Petrucci – Yes they are all adults.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Will they be signing waivers?

John Petrucci – Yes we can have them sign I believe.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – Yes we can or yes we will?

John Petrucci – Yes we can do that it says right here in my notes that I am going to give to Scott Andrejchak.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – O.K. so you will be responsible for making sure that each one of those volunteers will have a waiver signed?

Scott Andrejchak - Yes.

Deputy Mayor Sapp – O.K. thank you. That is awesome.

John Petrucci – Not a problem.

Mark Brodnicki – Just a couple things. September 15th, I stopped at the Rosedale Fall Festival and it was great and everyone was having fun and I talked to the Firemen a little bit and it was a great event. September 22nd my wife and I went on a litter pick up with Faith's group on Verona Road and it amazes me that two weeks later you see the litter back again but it was a great group and a lot of people there working very hard. October 2nd went to Griff's Grounds and there was a fund raiser there for Leonard Hammond, it was well attended and I stopped in for a couple hours before work. That is all.

Mayor Kuhn – I have several comments I have for reports. First of all I want to acknowledge how dedicated and how hard our new Manager is working for Penn Hills and its residents. He came in and when his feet hit the ground he was running. He gives us as I have requested our previous Manager always gave us a weekly Manager's Report of what took place and Scott has given us in such detail so that if Mayor and Council is ever approached by a resident as to what is taking place in the Municipality we have the answers to give them and I also want to tell everyone that our new

Manager will be moving into Penn Hills November 1st and he has already signed a lease so I think that is tremendous also. He is a very very hard working young man and he is really doing a very good job. With that being said I also want to bring up that we are working with Churchill in regards to a possible tap in for approximately 250 homes that would connect Churchill into our system and we have different scenarios that we are working on but everyone of them would be a windfall for the Municipality in the fact of the money that it would generate. The Manager has been working with the Borough of Churchill and we are just basically in the infancy and just basically starting our negotiations. Is that correct, Scott?

Scott Andrejchak – Yes that is a good summary Mayor.

Mayor Kuhn – O.K. secondly the Manager has contacted realtors to look into the possible selling of the Old Municipal Building as far as them giving us information and quotes as to what it is worth so he is also working on that and ALCOSAN has awarded Penn Hills \$122,500 in a grant funding for the Churchill County Club Sewer Line Project. In July 2018, Mayor and Council by Resolution authorized a grant application to ALCOSAN for the project. The Municipality asked for \$483,000 and we did receive \$122,500. It wasn't what we were asking for but we will never say no to \$122,500 so I thought that was really good news. We also the Manager and our Code and our Fire Marshal have been working very hard up at the Val Mar Gardens and they are at this point in time looking into all the units that are not occupied and they are securing them so that other people cannot come in and rent or someone come in and go into them and stay there so that is a pretty large job to do and it is very important that we keep those empty apartments that are empty now completely safe and not going in there for any reason. The other is the Manager also has sent a memo to Mayor and Council regarding a program called Community Champions. It is in regard to a national data base of vacant properties and properties in foreclosure. The Municipality has a vacant property registration program in place at this point in time, but the new data base from the national is much more detailed and it is a process that is mostly reactive as well as time consuming for our Code Enforcement to handle but under the program the Municipality would have a web base on an on line portal that would show all vacant properties and would update as soon as any properties would go into foreclosure. That would let the staff access other information about the properties including points of contacts, who to call for maintenance of properties and the upshot of this program maybe that we can free up Code staff which we need to do so that they can do more Code Enforcement and improve our registration rate in revenue so they are exploring this program and the Code staff is embracing this idea as a no cost way to make our program more effective. So I want to commend the Manager for that because with everything that he has on his plate that he also is looking at ways to improve the running of the Municipality and I also want to thank Jay Costa for the grant that he had given to the Municipality. As Councilman Petrucci had stated EPA has no trouble giving mandates to Municipalities, Borough or Townships but they do not give a type of grants or revenues to enable those Communities to pay for those mandates. So for

Jay Costa to come up to the plate and present this amount to Penn Hills we need to be very appreciative of it. So I do thank Senator Costa and I would like the Manager if you haven't already to send Senator Costa a thank you note from all Mayor and Council and with that I am done with my reports and I will ask for an adjournment and we will have an Executive Session on Personnel Matters after the meeting.

Mr. Underwood – Scott the new Municipal Manager hit the road running. I have been with him several times and had many good opportunities to do that and work with him. And as you have already pointed out many of the good things and there are no bad things. I have been with him a lot even out on the road.

Mayor Kuhn – Thanks and like I said he really has given 110% to the Municipality. I am sorry if I am repeating has anyone mentioned Autumn in the Hills. On October 20th we are having Autumn in the Hills. There will be music, food, beer samples, ax throwing and I hate saying this word so I am just going to skip over it, and games and it will be a fun time for everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

John Petrucci made a Motion to Adjourn.

All agreed to Adjournment.

Mayor Kuhn – Motion to Adjourn. Thank you each and every one of you for coming out and showing your interest and support.

Meeting ended at 9:30 P.M.

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MAUREEN M. SORCE
MANAGER'S SECRETARY

