

BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PENN  
HILLS

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IN RE: MONTHLY MEETING PUBLIC HEARING

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BEFORE: SARA JAYNE KUHN, Mayor  
Catherin R. Sapp, Deputy  
Mayor  
Gary N. Underwood, Member  
John Petrucci, Member  
Mark A. Brodnicki, Member  
HEARING: Monday, November 18, 2019  
7:06 p.m.

LOCATION: Penn Hills Administration  
102 Duff Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

WITNESSES: Bill Moutz, Pauline  
Calabrese, Felix Catlin, Angel Kuhn,  
Melissa Waldren, Ron Sapp, Jim Getsy,  
Shawn Kerestus

Reporter: Kaylyn Shaffer

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ALSO PRESENT:

- Scott Andrejchak, Manager
- Craig Alexander, Solicitor
- Sheree Strayer, Finance Director
- Rick Minsterman, Engineer
- Christopher C. Blackwell, Planning  
Director
- Maureen Sorce, Manager's Secretary

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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MAYOR SARA JAYNE KUHN:

Good evening, everyone.  
Welcome all of you. Thank you for attending. I wish we had standing room only because that's what we're here for so that everyone can hear exactly what takes place. I believe we are taping.

Correct?

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

Yes.

MAYOR KUHN:

Which is a big plus for the people who can't come, because then that way if they are not able to attend, they can go onto the taped part and they can see and judge for themselves exactly what takes place and what the procedures are.

Before I call the general meeting to order, I usually do mayor's FYI, and what that is is that I present things that mayor and

1 council receive throughout our weekly  
2 reports from the manager. As everyone  
3 knows, mayor and council are not in  
4 charge of the day-to-day running of  
5 the municipality. We legislate and we  
6 depend on the manager as per the Home  
7 Rule Charter. He is in charge of the  
8 running of the municipality business.

9 So he does present us  
10 with a weekly update of what has  
11 transpired that week, and often  
12 there's some really good things,  
13 positive things, that I generally like  
14 to bring to the attention. We'll see  
15 how the meeting goes, and if I'll have  
16 the time, I'll do that at my report.

17 But the first thing I  
18 would like to do is --- the elections  
19 are over. Some of us say hip, hip,  
20 hooray. Not just for the local, but  
21 also for all the elections, so we  
22 don't get bombarded. As Mayor, I  
23 generally meet with the newly elected  
24 officials simply to go over some  
25 routine general information regarding

1 the charter and some general personal  
2 information.

3 I have reached out to  
4 welcome and congratulate each newly  
5 elected official, inviting them to  
6 tonight's meeting and letting them  
7 know I would be welcoming them and  
8 giving a mayor's message to them.

9 Our newly elected  
10 officials are, and if you care to  
11 stand when I give your name, Mayor  
12 Elect Pauline Calabrese.  
13 Congratulations, Pauline. Councilman  
14 Elect, Frank Pecora, Jr. And  
15 Councilman Elect James Getsy.

16 We certainly welcome  
17 each and every one of you, and I  
18 usually don't speak for other people,  
19 but hopefully I am speaking for the  
20 Board and all of the municipality in  
21 wishing all of you nothing but a huge  
22 success. Your success represents the  
23 success for our municipality.

24 Now, as my present  
25 manager and my Board members are

1       accustomed to, I have some personal  
2       words to give to the newly elected  
3       officials. And as I say, you can ask  
4       any of my administration board  
5       members, I am always giving advice  
6       whether they ask for it or they don't.

7                       Each and every one of  
8       you have a right to be seated on this  
9       board, as those who are presently  
10      seated. Each of you were voted to  
11      serve by the voters of Penn Hills.  
12      Mayor and council abide by the Home  
13      Rule Charter which was voted and  
14      passed by the voters of Penn Hills.

15                      It is mayor and  
16      council's job to legislate under the  
17      Home Rule Charter. We are not in  
18      charge of the day-to-day running of  
19      the municipality. That is the  
20      manager's job per the charter. Mayor  
21      and council are not to micromanage the  
22      manager. They are not to give  
23      instructions to any employee of the  
24      municipality. They are not to have  
25      one-on-one contact with solicitor,



1 engineer, any negotiations without  
2 first receiving approval from the  
3 mayor or the manager.

4 Penn Hills voters did  
5 not elect you to become best friends  
6 with one another, however, they do  
7 expect you to work together for the  
8 good of the municipality and its  
9 residents. Once you are seated on  
10 mayor and council, any personal  
11 agendas or political affiliations, any  
12 and all help received from any  
13 supporter, political party or  
14 contributor cannot have any influence  
15 in your decisions. Once you are  
16 seated here, it doesn't matter if you  
17 are a Democrat, a Republican or an  
18 Independent. You represent 42,000  
19 residents once you are seated here.

20 No one --- and as we go  
21 on in the meeting, we are going to  
22 have an ordinance on ethics and some  
23 of my comments will be expressed in  
24 that resolution. No one should ever  
25 expect to ask for special exceptions

1 because they worked for or supported  
2 one's election. They are completely  
3 and absolutely wrong in asking for a  
4 special exception. However, it would  
5 be your fault if you would, in fact,  
6 give it to anyone.

7 As seated elected  
8 official does not represent --- should  
9 not be directed by any person or party  
10 affiliation. It is also unfair to  
11 play to the audience, which my board  
12 will tell you I tell them on a regular  
13 basis. And when I make my  
14 appointments, I remind them please do  
15 not play to the audience. You  
16 represent all of Penn Hills.

17 Any and all decisions  
18 need to be based on what is best for  
19 all those you represent. Each board  
20 member has a right to present a motion  
21 to the public, and the board has an  
22 obligation to second, allowing the  
23 public to hear the motion, present  
24 their comments and ask information  
25 regarding said motion. The voters

1 voted each board member giving each of  
2 them the right to be heard.

3 Board members have their  
4 own reasons for wanting to serve their  
5 community. The positions that you  
6 hold are extremely serious. They  
7 affect your taxpayers and they affect  
8 your residents. They need to be taken  
9 seriously.

10 It is a huge privilege,  
11 but it's also a five-member board.  
12 Five members who will make decisions  
13 for our community. Personalities  
14 should and cannot be part of those  
15 decisions. The welfare of the  
16 municipality falls on five people.  
17 That is a great deal of stress and of  
18 opportunity to do what is best for  
19 their constituents.

20 If --- in disagreement,  
21 if you disagree, you may voice that  
22 publicly to give those you represent  
23 your reason for non-agreement or  
24 negative vote. The public has a right  
25 to hear an explanation as to what

1 determined your vote. A simple vote  
2 of no gives no explanation as to why  
3 that choice was made, what it is that  
4 you disagree with. The audience and  
5 the public has a right to hear that  
6 from you.

7 There is no place on the  
8 board for derogatory often with no  
9 factual information regarding negative  
10 remarks and especially no place for  
11 targeting one another. This behavior  
12 will bring and show no unity among the  
13 board and will present chaos,  
14 interfering with positive actions for  
15 our community.

16 I served under Mayor  
17 Anthony DeLuca, Jr. for 12 years. Who  
18 to this day I refer to him not as  
19 Judge, but as my mayor. I served with  
20 wonderful council people. Did we  
21 disagree on items, yes. But we were  
22 never disagreeable to one another.

23 As I said, we will be  
24 discussing ethics and its definition.  
25 Not to target one person. Any and all

1 remarks are to be fair to everyone  
2 involved in the passing of a council  
3 decision. Once again, ethics. To be  
4 fair to all and not to single out only  
5 one individual.

6 The comment isn't just  
7 to my board members who are seated,  
8 but also the incoming elect officials.  
9 It's also information that the public  
10 should be made aware of, know and  
11 understand. There is no one board  
12 member who can put into place any  
13 resolution, ordinance, change of  
14 policies or procedure on their own.  
15 To allude to the public that one  
16 member alone is responsible for  
17 council actions, for things that are  
18 implemented is simply political words  
19 that are used during an election. A  
20 majority of three council members,  
21 three out of the five have to vote in  
22 favor to change, implement, pass or  
23 remove any decision that is presented  
24 to council. It takes three members,  
25 not one. My vote as mayor is exactly

1 the same as any council member's. It  
2 represents no additional power, a word  
3 that I despise. Again, the real  
4 purpose to serve together for what is  
5 best for all of our community.

6 Penn Hill is my hometown  
7 and I love it. I was born here, as  
8 was my husband, children,  
9 grandchildren and my great-  
10 grandchildren. I am turning the  
11 hometown that I love over to the two  
12 remaining seated officials and the  
13 three newly elected officials that are  
14 coming on in January.

15 With complete sincerity,  
16 I wish only the best for each of you.  
17 Plus, the greatest of success and  
18 achievements. Your success will bring  
19 success and advancement for all of  
20 Penn Hills. And I am sure that is  
21 what will transpire with the new and  
22 the present board who will be in place  
23 come January.

24 To disagree at times,  
25 that's fine. But you do not have to

1 be disrespectful to one another. It  
2 is wrong and unfair for any board  
3 member to think their view can be the  
4 only view. If no common ground can be  
5 reached among the board, then whatever  
6 the majority votes is what is to take  
7 place. It needs to be accepted by all  
8 and then moved on to the next item.

9 I believe the one and  
10 only way to measure your success is if  
11 the municipality is better when you  
12 leave than when you came on. And on a  
13 personal note, anyone who wants to  
14 inspect any records of the  
15 municipality regarding that statement,  
16 it will show, yes, the municipality is  
17 much better off when I leave than when  
18 I came. And that wasn't just my  
19 doing, that was the joint actions,  
20 behavior and ability of every ---  
21 well, almost every council person that  
22 I have worked for in 18 years. Good  
23 luck and may the Lord bless each of  
24 you and our hometown of Penn Hills.  
25 Thank you for allowing me this

1 opportunity.

2 Thank you very much.  
3 Thank you. That's not necessary, but  
4 thank you, I appreciate it.

5 Before calling the  
6 meeting to order, I just want to make  
7 an announcement that Penn Hills lost a  
8 true son of the municipality. As I  
9 know him, Butch Schrantz lost his  
10 battle to cancer and passed away. I  
11 knew him as a good friend. We worked  
12 together on projects we believed would  
13 be in the best interest for the  
14 municipality, excuse me.

15 Butch never came across  
16 looking for any personal attention or  
17 notoriety. He was a man of integrity  
18 who presented himself as a gentleman,  
19 an example for others to follow.

20 I am --- I did ask for  
21 resumes for his seat on the planning  
22 commission hoping whoever accepted  
23 that appointee will follow the lead  
24 Mr. Schrantz presented while he was on  
25 the board. Please remember him and



1 his family.

2 As I said, I generally  
3 give FYIs, but we'll see how the  
4 meeting goes, and if time allows, I'll  
5 give those at the end of the meeting  
6 under reports.

7 The approval of the  
8 agenda will stand as presented. Could  
9 we please stand for the Pledge of  
10 Allegiance?

11 ---

12 (WHEREUPON, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
13 WAS CONDUCTED.)

14 ---

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Maureen, roll call.

17 MS. SORCE:

18 Mr. Brodnicki?

19 MR. BRODNICKI:

20 Here.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Present.

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mr. Underwood?

2 MR. UNDERWOOD:

3 Here.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Mr. Petrucci?

6 MR. PETRUCCI:

7 Here.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mayor Kuhn?

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Here.

12 Do I have a motion for  
13 the October 21st, 2019 council  
14 meeting?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Mayor Kuhn?

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 Go ahead.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 I'd like to make a  
21 motion that we receive the October  
22 21st, 2019 minutes to be approved.

23 MR. UNDERWOOD:

24 Second.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Motion made and second.

2 Is there any comment from council  
3 regarding said council minutes?

4 Any council --- any  
5 comments from council?

6 MR. UNDERWOOD:

7 No. No.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 I'm sorry, Gary, I  
10 didn't hear.

11 MR. BRODNICKI:

12 He said no.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 No.

15 Okay.

16 MR. UNDERWOOD:

17 I'll just lean over  
18 more.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Roll call, Maureen.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Yes.

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mr. Underwood?

2 MR. UNDERWOOD:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Mr. Petrucci?

6 MR. PETRUCCI:

7 I'll have to abstain. I  
8 wasn't at the meeting.

9 MS. SORCE:

10 Mayor Kuhn?

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 I was not in attendance,  
13 but I did read over them, but I will  
14 abstain on them being that I wasn't  
15 present during the entire meeting.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mr. Brodnicki?

18 MR. BRODNICKI:

19 Yes.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Do I have a motion for  
22 expenditures for November 18, 2019?

23 MR. BRODNICKI:

24 Mayor Kuhn?

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Councilman Brodnicki?

2 MR. BRODNICKI:

3 I'd like to make a  
4 motion that we approve expenditures  
5 for November 18th, 2019. One journal  
6 voucher for \$3,181,762, 17 C.D.  
7 requisitions for \$45,616.01 and the  
8 master of 45025 to 45249 for  
9 \$1,683,991.65 for a total of  
10 \$4,911,369.66.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Do I have a second?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Second.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Motion made and second.

17 Any comments from the  
18 audience for expenditures?

19 Comments from council?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Mayor Kuhn, I have a  
22 question. Actually, this is for  
23 Sheree. Nick's Auto, are they going  
24 along with the invoices that we ---?

25 MS. STRAYER:

1                   Yes. All the department  
2 heads looked through all the invoices  
3 before they do their requisitions to  
4 make sure that everything is ---.

5                   MR. PETRUCCI:

6                   They are going along  
7 with our requirements then?

8                   MS. STRAYER:

9                   Yes.

10                  MR. PETRUCCI:

11                  Thank you.

12                  MAYOR KUHN:

13                  Any other comments from  
14 council?

15                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

16                  No.

17                  MAYOR KUHN:

18                  Roll call.

19                  MS. SORCE:

20                  Mr. Underwood?

21                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

22                  Yes.

23                  MS. SORCE:

24                  Mr. Petrucci?

25                  MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Yes .

2 MS. SORCE:

3 Mayor Kuhn?

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Yes .

6 MS. SORCE:

7 Mr. Brodnicki?

8 MR. BRODNICKI:

9 Yes .

10 MS. SORCE:

11 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Yes .

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Do I have a motion ---  
16 let's see, for agreement 7A, approval  
17 of agreement with Lexipol for a one-  
18 year term starting January 1st, 2020  
19 for the development and updating of  
20 police department policies?

21 MR. BRODNICKI:

22 Mayor Kuhn?

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Is it Mark?

25 MR. BRODNICKI:

1 Yes.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Councilman Brodnicki?

4 MR. BRODNICKI:

5 Yes. I'd like to make a  
6 motion that we approve that agreement  
7 to --- with Lexipol for a one-year  
8 term starting January 1st, 2020 for  
9 development and updating of police  
10 department policies.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Do I have a second?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Second.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Second.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Motion made and second.

19 Any comments from  
20 council --- I'm sorry, from the  
21 audience?

22 Council from ---  
23 comments from council?

24 MR. UNDERWOOD:

25 No. No.



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MAYOR KUHN:

No?

Roll call.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Petrucci?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mayor Kuhn?

MAYOR KUHN:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Deputy Mayor Sapp?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Yes.

MAYOR KUHN:

Do I have a motion for

1 agreement 7B, approval of tentative  
2 agreement between the municipality of  
3 Penn Hills and AFSCME Local 1314 for a  
4 term beginning January 1st, 2020 and  
5 ending December 31st, 2022? Motion?

6 MR. UNDERWOOD:

7 Mayor Kuhn?

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Yes.

10 MR. UNDERWOOD:

11 I'd like to make a  
12 motion to approve agreement B  
13 approving a tentative agreement  
14 between the municipality of Penn Hills  
15 and AF --- AFSCME Local 1314 for a  
16 term beginning January 1st of 2020 and  
17 December 3rd --- through December 3rd.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Do I have a second?

20 MR. BRODNICKI:

21 Second.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Motion made and

24 seconded.

25 Before I ask for

1        comments from the audience, I don't  
2        know if the manager would want to give  
3        any input or just go to comments?

4                    MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5                    On this?

6                    MAYOR KUHN:

7                    Yeah.

8                    MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9                    This is an agreement  
10                   between the municipality and the  
11                   collective bargaining unit that  
12                   represents crossing guards at Penn  
13                   Hills, of which the school pays half  
14                   of those costs. So this is  
15                   essentially the union that represents  
16                   crossing guards.

17                   MAYOR KUHN:

18                   Okay.

19                   Comments from the  
20                   audience?

21                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

22                   It's not one of our  
23                   bigger units.

24                   MAYOR KUHN:

25                   Comments from council

1 members?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Mayor Kuhn?

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Deputy Mayor ---

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 I'd like to ask ---.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 --- Sapp?

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 I'd like to ask if Scott  
12 could just elaborate just a little bit  
13 more on the wage. Is that the  
14 increase of 2.5 percent?

15 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

16 Correct. For every year  
17 of the agreement. The expiring  
18 agreement, they were at threes.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 I'm sorry, what did you  
21 say? They were ---?

22 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23 The agreement that is  
24 expiring, of which we're in the last  
25 year of it, they were in the threes

1 for that group.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 So this is a reduction  
4 actually?

5 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

6 Compared to where we  
7 were, yeah. I mean, it is going up  
8 consistent with CPI, but it's a little  
9 better than the expiring agreement.  
10 Because it was, I think, a three-year  
11 deal that was three percent a year.  
12 So this is two and a half which is ---

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 A savings to the  
15 municipality?

16 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

17 --- better than three.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Thank you.

20 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21 But it's not one of our  
22 bigger units and --- it's not one of  
23 our bigger units.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Okay.

1                   So basically there will  
2                   be an increase because of the fact  
3                   that they will be receiving a 2.5  
4                   percent increase, but the increase is  
5                   not as much as it was last year at  
6                   three percent.

7                   Correct?

8                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9                   Correct.

10                  MAYOR KUHN:

11                  Thank you.

12                  Any other comments from  
13                  council?

14                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

15                  No.

16                  MAYOR KUHN:

17                  Roll call.

18                  MS. SORCE:

19                  Mayor Kuhn?

20                  MAYOR KUHN:

21                  Yes.

22                  MS. SORCE:

23                  Mr. Brodnicki?

24                  MR. BRODNICKI:

25                  Yes.

1                   MS. SORCE:

2                   Deputy Mayor Sapp?

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Yes.

5                   MS. SORCE:

6                   Mr. Underwood?

7                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

8                   Yes.

9                   MS. SORCE:

10                  Mr. Petrucci?

11                  MR. PETRUCCI:

12                  Yes.

13                  MAYOR KUHN:

14                  Do I have a motion for  
15                  agreement 7C, ratifying settlement  
16                  release and agreement with Verizon  
17                  effective October 31st, 2019?

18                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

19                  Mayor Kuhn?

20                  MAYOR KUHN:

21                  Councilman Underwood?

22                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

23                  I'd like to make a  
24                  motion to approve agreement C  
25                  ratifying a settlement release and

1 agreement with Verizon effective  
2 October 31st of 2019.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 Do I have a second?

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Second.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Motion made and second.

9 Any comments from the  
10 audience?

11 Comments from council?

12 MR. UNDERWOOD:

13 No.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Roll call.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mr. Brodnicki?

18 MR. BRODNICKI:

19 Yes.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Yes.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mr. Underwood?



1                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

2                   Yes.

3                   MS. SORCE:

4                   Mr. Petrucci?

5                   MR. PETRUCCI:

6                   Yes.

7                   MS. SORCE:

8                   Mayor Kuhn?

9                   MAYOR KUHN:

10                  Yes.

11                  Do I have a motion for  
12 ordinance number 2655 of 2019?

13                  MR. BRODNICKI:

14                  Mayor Kuhn?

15                  MAYOR KUHN:

16                  Councilman Brodnicki or  
17 was that you, John?

18                  MR. PETRUCCI:

19                  No. That was Councilman  
20 Brodnicki.

21                  MR. BRODNICKI:

22                  I'd like to make a  
23 motion that we approve ordinance  
24 number 2655 of 2019. An ordinance of  
25 the municipality of Penn Hills, County

1 of Allegheny, Commonwealth of  
2 Pennsylvania establishing a code of  
3 ethics for municipal employees,  
4 elected officials and appointed  
5 officials.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Do I have a second?

8 MR. UNDERWOOD:

9 Second.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Motion made and second.

12 Any comments from the  
13 audience?

14 No comments on this  
15 important ordinance?

16 MR. MOUTZ:

17 I have a question.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Who said that? Oh, Bill  
20 Moutz.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Please give your name  
23 and your address for the record.

24 MR. MOUTZ:

25 My name is Bill Moutz.

1 I live at 1335 Maple Avenue in Verona.

2 I kind of understand why  
3 we need this. Exactly what does it  
4 say and what changes is being made?  
5 Thank you.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Thank you.

8 I will go into some  
9 length on the ordinance once it comes  
10 to mayor and council. If --- Pauline,  
11 did you want to say something?

12 MS. CALABRESE:

13 I did, Mayor, thank you.

14 As I read this, to me, I  
15 think that it could be more straight  
16 forward. I think that they are some  
17 conflicting language. I think it's a  
18 good ordinance. I just think that  
19 there is some conflicting language. I  
20 would love to see the phrase put in  
21 there to be strictly we will avoid  
22 impropriety or even the appearance of  
23 impropriety.

24 We have in here a phrase  
25 that says avoid both actual and

1 potential conflicts between his  
2 private self-interest and the public  
3 interest.

4                   With all due respect,  
5 and I have the greatest respect for  
6 Your Honor, I just have questions  
7 about a contract that had passed. We  
8 have a five-year towing contract. I  
9 don't understand the length of that.  
10 I think that gives the appearance. I  
11 don't think it's necessarily improper.  
12 I just think without further  
13 explanation, it gives the appearance  
14 of impropriety. I believe that there  
15 are family relationships that should  
16 be disclosed or at least with the past  
17 vote people should have abstained.

18                   Let me ask this question  
19 directly if I may because people have  
20 contacted me and I do not know the  
21 answer to this. I think it's a simple  
22 yes or no question.

23                   Councilman Petrucci, I'm  
24 told that you're related directly or  
25 indirectly to Angel Kuhn. Are you

1 related?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 No.

4 MS. CALABRESE:

5 There's no relationship  
6 by marriage or otherwise?

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 No.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 I'm sorry, Pauline. I'm  
11 sorry, Mayor Elect. Who did you say  
12 he was related to?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Angel.

15 MS. CALABRESE:

16 I didn't say he was  
17 related to anyone. I said I don't  
18 know the answer to this question.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 I didn't hear, Pauline.

21 MS. CALABRESE:

22 I'm sorry.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Who you said you asked  
25 if he was related to?

1                   MR. PETRUCCI:

2                   Angel.

3                   MS. CALABRESE:

4                   Angel Kuhn. Married to  
5 your grandson.

6                   MAYOR KUHN:

7                   And how would that  
8 effect the ethics if he was?

9                   MS. CALABRESE:

10                   Well, that's the  
11 question because I would think that if  
12 you have a contract with anybody  
13 that's related directly or indirectly,  
14 that should be disclosed. It doesn't  
15 mean it would be a bar from a  
16 contract, but I think it gives the  
17 appearance of impropriety.

18                   And I think when you  
19 have a long-term contract there needs  
20 to be some reason. Typically, a  
21 contract is for a year or two. I  
22 don't know the justification for  
23 having a four --- five-year contract.  
24 Again, it may be perfectly proper, I'm  
25 not suggesting it's improper. I'm

1 just suggesting that we need to be  
2 clear that we talk about things that  
3 are --- even give the appearance of  
4 impropriety. Meaning it looks like  
5 it's improper, it may not be. But  
6 these answers should be explained to  
7 the public. When the public has  
8 questions, it should be answered.

9 So I would like to see  
10 --- and I don't want to get into a  
11 long discussion about the contract.  
12 That's not the purpose.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 We're not interrupting  
15 you, Pauline, but you did not ask a  
16 one-word question so I hope you're not  
17 expecting a one-word answer.

18 MS. CALABRESE:

19 I think I had many  
20 comments, but I had one question and  
21 it required a one-word answer and it  
22 was given to me. Councilman Petrucci  
23 said he has no relationship and that's  
24 the answer and that's fine.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1                   Okay.

2                   But you did go on to  
3 mention Angel Kuhn. You did go on to  
4 say that --- I believe the word was  
5 abstain. And as far as ---.

6                   MS. CALABRESE:

7                   I said if, Your Honor.  
8 I said if there was ---.

9                   MAYOR KUHN:

10                  As far as the Mayor of  
11 Penn Hills, my husband is sole  
12 proprietor of Don Kuhn Auto Body. And  
13 being that you want this information  
14 to be presented to the public, I feel  
15 you should give me the opportunity to  
16 present it.

17                  MS. CALABRESE:

18                  Absolutely, Your Honor.

19                  MAYOR KUHN:

20                  Not to just present a  
21 question and not permit the audience  
22 to hear the answer to said question.

23                  I became deputy mayor  
24 appointed by Mayor DeLuca in 2004,  
25 November. Don Kuhn Auto Body had the



1 towing contract since 1976. He was  
2 voted on and approved numerous times  
3 by numerous administrations. Every  
4 time he, or Don Kuhn Auto Body, came  
5 up to be approved, it wasn't a secret.  
6 It was properly advertised. It was  
7 properly presented to the public and  
8 the public had every opportunity to  
9 ask the questions that Mayor Elect  
10 Calabrese is asking tonight.

11 That's why we present  
12 agendas a week prior to the voting.  
13 So this wasn't something that was new,  
14 and it certainly wasn't something that  
15 was initiated because I was on  
16 council, being that it was awarded in  
17 1976 and I wasn't on until 2004.

18 Now, as far as  
19 improprieties, it's a public, open  
20 contract presented publicly to the  
21 public. It is put out in the agenda a  
22 week --- just like every other  
23 contract, a week prior to being voted  
24 on so that the public has a week to  
25 look into it and to have the

1 opportunity to ask any question. You  
2 cannot say there's an impropriety on  
3 something if a question has not been  
4 asked.

5 The information that  
6 goes to the manager for this contract  
7 is presented to every board member, as  
8 every contract is. That's the job of  
9 those board members to look into every  
10 contract. So if there's any even hint  
11 of an impropriety, they should bring  
12 it up prior to voting on it.

13 MS. CALABRESE:

14 I think we agree on  
15 that. That's my ---.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Well, I'm just saying  
18 because of the fact I --- and here's  
19 the other thing, mayor and council are  
20 ruled by the Home Rule Charter. The  
21 Home Rule Charter has specific  
22 definitions for ethics.

23 Now, since 1975, I  
24 think, the Home Rule Charter came into  
25 place, I don't recall in the charter

1 anything stating that ethically a  
2 board member cannot be on a board if,  
3 in fact, a family member is serving.  
4 Since 1975, the founders of the  
5 charter did not see fit to put that  
6 information into the charter.

7 MS. CALABRESE:

8 Then are you suggesting  
9 we don't ---?

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 I didn't interrupt you,  
12 Pauline. Did I interrupt you?  
13 Because I get accused of interrupting.  
14 I let you speak and you finished ---

15 MS. CALABRESE:

16 I did not finish, with  
17 all due respect.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 --- so now I'm speaking.  
20 You have put --- to  
21 bring up if a council person is  
22 related. Now, let's just see how far  
23 that's going to go.

24 Don Kuhn Auto Body is  
25 sole proprietor. I could see you

1 asking regarding my position, or my  
2 son's position or grandson's position.  
3 But to bring up, what, four months  
4 after the contract was voted on?

5 MS. CALABRESE:

6 Your Honor, we  
7 specifically ---.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Please don't interrupt  
10 me.

11 MS. CALABRESE:

12 Your Honor, if I may  
13 just finish, I'll sit down and then  
14 you can have ---.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 You can sit down if  
17 you're done.

18 MS. CALABRESE:

19 I'm not ---.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 I'm answering questions  
22 that you brought up and it doesn't  
23 matter, Mayor Elect, if I'm related to  
24 the sole proprietor. That sole  
25 proprietor is a vendor of this

1       municipality.

2                   MS. CALABRESE:

3                   See, I think it does  
4       give a bad appearance.

5                   MAYOR KUHN:

6                   And it my job as the  
7       mayor of Penn Hills that anyone who  
8       wants to target one business, who  
9       wants to be unfair to one business,  
10      and it's not on the agenda so that  
11      that person could be here to defend  
12      --- it's my job as mayor to defend any  
13      vendor who is properly awarded a  
14      contract.

15                   MS. CALABRESE:

16                   May I speak?

17                   MAYOR KUHN:

18                   And as I said, there are  
19      ethics in the charter. I'm not  
20      allowed to vote for anything  
21      pertaining to receiving income from  
22      the municipality to my husband's  
23      business. And unless someone who  
24      wants to go through every record since  
25      2004 wants to see if I did, that's

1 your right, but it would be nice if  
2 you did your own homework and not  
3 present that as a Right to Know making  
4 the municipality use taxpayer's money  
5 to have the employees go through that.  
6 It's public record. Look it up  
7 yourself.

8 And secondly, as I  
9 stated, I don't see why did you --- if  
10 you presented, Mayor Elect Calabrese,  
11 something that was done improperly,  
12 this ordinance wasn't in effect when  
13 Don Kuhn Auto Body received his towing  
14 contract. So unless you can present  
15 that it wasn't advertised, that it  
16 wasn't presented for public input,  
17 that it wasn't presented to the board  
18 for comment, then this, to me, is  
19 definitely under ethics.

20 The definition of ethics  
21 is not to target and to be fair to  
22 everyone. I saw nowhere --- and I  
23 researched the ethics. I saw nowhere  
24 where a definition of ethics said a  
25 board member cannot --- it doesn't

1 affect me, by the way, because I'm out  
2 in January. And if this gets passed  
3 today, it doesn't go into effect for  
4 30 days, so I'm not championing this.  
5 And believe me when I tell everyone if  
6 anyone's afraid that I might run one  
7 of my children or grandchildren, I  
8 would stick pins in my eyes before I  
9 would have any of my family be  
10 involved in the environment of Penn  
11 Hills political status.

12                   Eighteen (18) years I  
13 have served with the most honorable  
14 mayor, I don't know, I think Mayor  
15 DeLuca's an ethical man. He voted for  
16 this contract several times. He never  
17 saw fit to bring this question up.

18                   MS. CALABRESE:

19                   That's unfortunate. If  
20 I may speak ---.

21                   MAYOR KUHN:

22                   No. It is, Pauline.  
23 You brought up that it's --- there's  
24 improprieties.

25                   MS. CALABRESE:

1 I did not, Your --- with  
2 all respect ---.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 I would ask you ---

5 MS. CALABRESE:

6 If I may speak and then  
7 I'll sit down.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 --- could present ---.

10 MS. CALABRESE:

11 And then I'll sit down.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 You know, I get slammed  
14 and targeting for interrupting.

15 If you could present  
16 what the impropriety is that you feel  
17 was done with that contract, because  
18 as I said, Pauline, when that contract  
19 was voted on, this was not in place.  
20 So what --- it doesn't matter if my  
21 grandson married, I don't know,  
22 anybody. This was not put into place.  
23 So it has no bearing, whatsoever, at  
24 that time that that contract was  
25 awarded.



1                   And I would like to ask  
2                   so the public knows, were you in  
3                   attendance, in the audience, when the  
4                   contract was brought up for a vote?

5                   MS. CALABRESE:

6                   Yes, I was.

7                   MAYOR KUHN:

8                   Yes, you were.

9                   Did you, at that  
10                  time ---

11                  MS. CALABRESE:

12                  With all due

13                  respect ---.

14                  MAYOR KUHN:

15                  --- present any question  
16                  that you wanted to be answered?

17                  MS. CALABRESE:

18                  With all due respect,  
19                  I'm not here to argue with you. I'm  
20                  not here to put you on the defensive,  
21                  I'm not here to be cross examined.  
22                  I'm here to comment on Ordinance  
23                  Number 2655 of 2019, that's  
24                  specifically what I'm here for. I  
25                  have a comment to make and then I will

1 sit down. I'm not here to put anybody  
2 on the defense if I had one  
3 question ---.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Well, Pauline, if that  
6 was the only question that you  
7 had, ---

8 MS. CALABRESE:

9 No, I have a comment.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 --- I don't understand  
12 why the verbiage of abstain and  
13 improprieties were presented. So  
14 we'll end this.

15 MS. CALABRESE:

16 To be perfectly clear, I  
17 did not say that anything was  
18 improper. What I'm asking council to  
19 consider is that there should be  
20 strict language that says even the  
21 appearance of impropriety. I am not  
22 targeting anyone. But it just so  
23 happens that you happened to be the  
24 mayor who happens to be married to  
25 someone who has an extremely

1       lucrative ---.

2                   MAYOR KUHN:

3                   You didn't ask my  
4       relationship. You asked the  
5       relationship of my grandson's wife.

6                   MS. CALABRESE:

7                   Yes. And that was  
8       answered. Thank you very much for  
9       that answer.

10                  MAYOR KUHN:

11                  And you also, as I  
12       said, ---

13                  MS. CALABRESE:

14                  Now, I would like to  
15       move on ---.

16                  MAYOR KUHN:

17                  --- stated that you want  
18       it to be fair and no improprieties.  
19       But, again, I've asked it so many  
20       times, what improprieties?

21                  MS. CALABRESE:

22                  Well, I think it gives  
23       the appearance of impropriety ---.

24                  MAYOR KUHN:

25                  Well, appearances ---.

1                   MS. CALABRESE:

2                   If I may finish.    If I  
3                   may finish.

4                   MAYOR KUHN:

5                   Appearances is not fact,  
6                   Pauline.

7                   MS. CALABRESE:

8                   Your Honor.

9                   MAYOR KUHN:

10                  You're saying that ---  
11                  you're saying that it was --- you're  
12                  eluding to the fact ---.

13                  MS. CALABRESE:

14                  I am not.

15                  MAYOR KUHN:

16                  Oh, you are.    You're  
17                  eluding to the fact that there were  
18                  improprieties, but yet you can't name  
19                  one.

20                  MS. CALABRESE:

21                  Well, I think it gives  
22                  the appearance of ---.

23                  MAYOR KUHN:

24                  What appearance?

25                  MS. CALABRESE:

1 I'm not here to argue  
2 with you. I'm simply here to ask  
3 council to consider strict compliance.  
4 With all due respect, I have been  
5 teaching ethics. I began teaching in  
6 1999. And it's very common to say the  
7 appearance of impropriety. I'm not  
8 suggesting there's anything improper.  
9 What I'm suggesting is it's too loose  
10 to simply say language, quote, avoid  
11 both actual and potential conflicts  
12 between private self-interest and the  
13 public interest. I think that  
14 this ---

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Now, this ---.

17 MS. CALABRESE:

18 --- needs to go further  
19 and I would ask you to consider that.  
20 Thank you.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 I will go over  
23 improprieties and not just for mayor  
24 and council. But the ordinance does  
25 specify appointed employees --- I

1 mean, appointed board members. So I  
2 don't know if that means that we have  
3 to contact each and every appointee to  
4 a board for them to present a limit of  
5 relationships that they have. Because  
6 this says appointed board members. So  
7 before any mayor can appoint anyone,  
8 are we going to have to say --- by the  
9 way, it's not a blood relative.

10 MS. KUHN:

11 Can I speak?

12 MS. CALABRESE:

13 No, Angel sit down. No,  
14 I'm talking now.

15 MS. KUHN:

16 When you're done, I was  
17 going to talk when you're finished.  
18 Just to get everything addressed when  
19 you're finished.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 No, no, no. You can  
22 wait until it's calm again.

23 MS. KUHN:

24 Oh, no, I'm calm. I  
25 just wanted to address the situation.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   Yeah. But I believe the  
3 ordinance reads blood relative, if I'm  
4 not mistaken.

5                   Is that correct, Mr.  
6 Brodnicki?

7                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                   No.

9                   MAYOR KUHN:

10                  No? It doesn't say  
11 blood relative?

12                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13                  It does, but it also is  
14 inclusive to saying by way of  
15 marriage, and the definition is  
16 defined further.

17                  MAYOR KUHN:

18                  Okay.

19                  So I appreciate you  
20 clarifying that.

21                  So as I said, new  
22 administration can do whatever they  
23 want. But this --- there's no one who  
24 has said there was any wrongdoing  
25 other than the media and,

1       unfortunately, a resident.    So ---  
2       and, of course, also as I said, this  
3       was not in place, and it's not in  
4       place yet, so whatever is put into  
5       this has no bearing on a contract that  
6       was voted on and passed months ago.

7                    I think that the  
8       residents of Penn Hills, I give them  
9       much more credit that they realize  
10      exactly what this represents.   Now,  
11      before I ask for any other --- and  
12      being that I'm the mayor, the charter  
13      gives me this right.   Before I ask for  
14      any other comments from the audience  
15      and council, I would like to --- and  
16      I've seen --- I mean, if this gets  
17      passed, that's fine, abide by it.   It  
18      has nothing to do with myself and it  
19      will have nothing to do with Don Kuhn  
20      Auto Body because it doesn't go into  
21      place until 30 days and I will no  
22      longer be on this board.

23                   Plus, and correct me if  
24      I'm wrong, Deputy Mayor, I believe the  
25      ordinance does say that it doesn't



1       affect any contracts prior to the  
2       implementation of this.

3                   MR. BRODNICKI:

4                   Correct.

5                   MAYOR KUHN:

6                   Is that correct?

7                   The last page?

8                   MR. BRODNICKI:

9                   Correct.

10                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11                  That would be correct,

12       Mayor.

13                  MR. BRODNICKI:

14                  Right.

15                  MAYOR KUHN:

16                  Okay.

17                  So my understanding is  
18       if it doesn't affect any contracts  
19       that were voted on and put in place  
20       prior to the enactment, does this  
21       ordinance affect Don Kuhn Auto Body in  
22       any way?

23                  MR. BRODNICKI:

24                  No.

25                  MAYOR KUHN:

1 A legal opinion?

2 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

3 Not during the term of  
4 this contract, no.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 I'm sorry, could you  
7 speak up so everyone can hear you?

8 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

9 I said not during the  
10 term of this contract, it does not.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Okay.

13 And you could check  
14 records or you could ask me because I  
15 do keep all my records. Don Kuhn Auto  
16 Body is not the only vendor who has  
17 received a five-year contract, and  
18 I'll make it easy for you. Just go  
19 back within the last six months and  
20 you will see that a five-year contract  
21 was awarded to another vendor.

22 And secondly, the vendor  
23 doesn't say how many years the  
24 contract is. That's the decision of  
25 mayor and council. So perhaps you

1 should go to all the administrations,  
2 which are more than seven, who voted  
3 and ask them why they presented, over  
4 a period of 40 plus years, a five-year  
5 contract.

6 This is shameful and  
7 especially because of the fact no one  
8 has made any comments pertaining to  
9 the services that Don Kuhn Auto  
10 provides each and every one of you  
11 that are sitting in here. And the  
12 savings of tens of thousands of  
13 dollars in revenue to his business  
14 because he does not charge when he  
15 tows a police car, an ambulance, a  
16 senior citizen's vehicle, department  
17 of public works, except for their huge  
18 truck, which is at a 50 percent  
19 discount or water pollution.

20 He has towed senior  
21 citizen's vehicles from Seven Springs.  
22 Check and see what that would cost.  
23 He tows ambulance. Check and see what  
24 that would cost. If he charged that  
25 over the period of years, figure out

1 exactly when you want to figure out  
2 how much --- I mean, this has gone to  
3 the extent that the media wants to  
4 know what percentage of the tows is a  
5 part of Don Kuhn Auto Body business.

6 I don't ever know in 18  
7 years if that question was asked of  
8 Nick's Towing. I don't know if it was  
9 asked of Gateway. Gateway receives  
10 tens of thousands of dollars, but I  
11 don't know ever Gateway being asked  
12 what percentage of Penn Hills is your  
13 business. This is how far a vendetta  
14 will go. And it's all because of the  
15 fact the mayor that you're looking at  
16 won't be controlled.

17 It's shameful. And  
18 there's no substance to it and it has  
19 been a smear tactic to a person's name  
20 and reputation. Ask the firemen in  
21 here what they think of Don Kuhn Auto  
22 Body and the services he provides.  
23 Ask the police, ask the managers.  
24 What do you think this budget's going  
25 to be in December if those services

1 are no longer given freely?

2 And as far as I seem, I  
3 believe Alex, I seem to be offensive,  
4 I'm offensive because a business man  
5 who pays more taxes than probably most  
6 of you sitting here and gives --- he  
7 pays his drivers when they tow a  
8 vehicle, he pays for the gas. But  
9 nobody cares about that.

10 Right?

11 If it wasn't because of  
12 the fact that I have something to say  
13 regarding my firemen, I would just  
14 turn my back and walk out for the  
15 shameful, shameful remarks that are  
16 made towards a businessman. And I  
17 know one thing, it doesn't matter if  
18 it's Mayor Sara Kuhn sitting here. If  
19 it would have been Mayor Anthony  
20 DeLuca, he would not have allowed this  
21 either.

22 Okay.

23 Go ahead.

24 MR. CATLIN:

25 Hello. Felix Catlin.

1 223 Datura Drive.

2 I'd like to congratulate  
3 you on your imminent retirement. I  
4 hope that you enjoy that. And I'd  
5 also just like to make a comment on  
6 the verbiage of the ordinance.

7 There are a couple  
8 tragic grammatical problems. There's  
9 a homophone on page four that is  
10 actually refers to, I don't know, a  
11 stripper pole or pole watching. The  
12 P-O-L-E, homophone, P-O-L-L. That  
13 should be corrected, of course. And  
14 the possessive pronoun that follows it  
15 is a problem. There are a couple  
16 other things.

17 So all I would say is I  
18 would --- to the authors of it, I  
19 would re-read it so there's an  
20 appearance of professional writing for  
21 our municipality as we try to improve  
22 our municipality. Thank you.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Do you know of any  
25 other, other than Ross Township, who

1 has the verbiage regarding ethics that  
2 a board member can't serve?

3 MR. CATLIN:

4 Who are you addressing?  
5 Are you addressing me?

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Pardon?

8 MR. CATLIN:

9 Are you addressing me?

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Are you addressing him?

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 I just was wondering,  
14 Alex. Because I know you've  
15 raised ---.

16 MR. CATLIN:

17 My name is not Alex, by  
18 the way ---

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 It's Felix.

21 MR. CATLIN:

22 --- my name is Felix.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Is what?

25 MR. CATLIN:

1 Felix.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Felix, I'm sorry.

4 MR. CATLIN:

5 Yeah. We've known each  
6 other quite a while. I would expect  
7 you would know my name, Sara.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 I apologize.

10 MR. CATLIN:

11 Thank you.

12 Now, are you asking me  
13 about something in Ross Township?

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 This originally ---.

16 MR. CATLIN:

17 I just want this thing  
18 to look more professional, please.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 This --- whatever.

21 MR. CATLIN:

22 Yeah, whatever.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Is there any other  
25 comments?



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MS. KUHN:

My name's Angel Kuhn.  
I'm at 12432 Frankstown Road, 15235.

I am not usually a public speaker. I don't like to publicly speak, so I may come off a little nervous as I am. Everybody is sick and tired of this being brought up meeting after meeting. I know Sara Kuhn because she is my grandmother-in-law. Also at one point was, actually still is, a mentor.

I know John Petrucci through strictly politics. When Sara was originally running for mayor, he was running, I believe, for municipal judge. That is literally where I know John Petrucci from.

Then it came through the grapevine that my half-sisters from my father's first marriage are married to their mother who is deceased, unfortunately, family friend.

Correct.

There is no blood. Don

1 Kuhn, Sr. --- it's disrespectful to  
2 insinuate that there would be a family  
3 relation, that is how the contract got  
4 bid on for an additional five  
5 years.

6 Pauline, I actually know  
7 you and respect you because I was one  
8 of your students at CCAC. I don't  
9 think you remember that because my  
10 maiden name was Angel Malley, I sat in  
11 front row. Whenever I seen in  
12 politics that you were running, I was,  
13 I can say, proud. I learned under you  
14 and I respect you as a strong woman.

15 Don Kuhn Auto Body has  
16 been in business as a strong business  
17 for the last 53 years. I hear the  
18 chuckles, I hear the laughs in the  
19 audience, but Don Kuhn, Sr. was --- is  
20 out at Thanksgiving. Would still be  
21 if his wife allowed him, would be out  
22 at Christmas. Missed his children  
23 growing up because he towed. That is  
24 strictly what Don Kuhn, Sr. is. He's  
25 a laborer and he is a tower. He is

1        --- he is aging in health. It's a  
2 matter of time until the Don Kuhn, Sr.  
3 we all know is no longer and it's a  
4 shame that his legacy --- it seems  
5 that it's crashing and burning because  
6 of a contract.

7                        Let's put the contract  
8 --- Sara, when we leave here, I know  
9 she's going to put me --- she's going  
10 to lynch me when I say this. Put the  
11 contract out for bid. If that's what  
12 we want to do, if we want to keep  
13 going back and forth over this, put it  
14 out for bid. I know the exact story  
15 line of what happened and I'm going to  
16 go ahead and say it right now, right  
17 here because it is public information  
18 and I am a Penn Hills tax-paying  
19 citizen. I graduated from Penn Hills,  
20 I then went to CCAC to get my business  
21 degree and I learned under Ms.  
22 Calabrese.

23                        And the exact timeline  
24 is whenever that contract didn't get  
25 put out, the manager and myself had a

1 conversation that Sara did not know  
2 about. And let's just say, you guys  
3 think this lecture's bad, you think  
4 that you're in her reign out --- this  
5 situation is bad, my ears were  
6 bleeding after I had a conversation  
7 with the manager and she didn't know  
8 about it. He said, Angel, I have this  
9 on my desk along with a million other  
10 things. He's new --- as some people  
11 are, he's new. He's under a lot of  
12 pressure. I don't even know Scott. I  
13 think I might have seen him at Planet  
14 Fitness the other day, but I'm not  
15 sure. I didn't want to go up and  
16 embarrass myself.

17 Scott said, let's get  
18 this done, do you have any changes, do  
19 you want a rate increase? It's been  
20 four years since you had a rate  
21 increase. I said no. I just --- side  
22 note so everybody knows, for the last  
23 two and a half years --- I came back  
24 to Don Kuhn Auto Body in March of  
25 2018. For the last two and a half

1 years before that, I worked for  
2 Progressive Insurance Company, and I  
3 was from Penn Hills and my territory  
4 was New Castle, Slippery Rock. I was  
5 in every shop, every tow yard all the  
6 way from here to Cranberry up to  
7 Slippery Rock.

8 And I can promise every  
9 one of you, you can do your public ---  
10 you can do your public research, every  
11 one of you, Don Kuhn Auto Body's rates  
12 are the lowest rates around. I have  
13 adjustors come in my shop daily who do  
14 what we do for a living, and write  
15 estimates and pay tow bills for total  
16 loses and they say, Angel, why are  
17 your rates so low? You know why,  
18 because I think they're fair.

19 Don Kuhn Auto Body is  
20 not in business to rip off the  
21 community. I am a taxpaying citizen.  
22 I have two children who --- who may  
23 grow up in Penn Hills. I have an  
24 interest in Don Kuhn, Sr.'s business,  
25 so I want the best for that business.

1 If --- to make this all go away and to  
2 show the positive that Don Kuhn Auto  
3 Body does for this township, put it  
4 out. There's nothing to hide. There  
5 is no rate increase.

6 To get back to that,  
7 Scott said you have no rate increase,  
8 we've done it before, let's do it  
9 again. And what is it called,  
10 whenever you just keep ---?

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Minority.

13 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

14 A renewal.

15 MS. KUHN:

16 A renewal. That's the  
17 word I was looking for. Let's just do  
18 a renewal.

19 Scott, it sounds good to  
20 me. It is a sole proprietor, so  
21 ultimately, I'm not the one who signs  
22 the contract. Let's talk about it  
23 with Sara and we'll go from there.

24 Okay.

25 Have a nice day. Hang

1 up. About 30 minutes later, I had one  
2 of the roughest conversations I've  
3 ever had with Sara. Because what  
4 everybody fails to realize is, she is  
5 my grandmother, but she is also my  
6 boss. So to answer to her when I made  
7 a bad decision and I had a  
8 conversation that I had no knowledge  
9 and I shouldn't have had.

10 So now the renewal gets  
11 brought up. Scott moves forward with  
12 his board and he says let's do a  
13 renewal. It sounded good to  
14 everybody, really and truthfully, it  
15 was probably the easiest route for  
16 them. They didn't have to go out and  
17 do, you know, the research. Maybe  
18 they did, Petrucci, he did. He did  
19 his own research, he had it. And they  
20 did a renewal, that was it. It wasn't  
21 put out for bid. Put it out for bid  
22 if that's what will make it go away.

23 We do a lot of good for  
24 the community. When customers come in  
25 --- all the five --- seven stolen

1 recoveries two Mondays ago, it was  
2 seven stole recoveries from the  
3 Township of Penn Hills. Juveniles  
4 went and stole seven vehicles and they  
5 were recovered. One of our own shop  
6 cars were one of them. Not stolen  
7 from the shop, they were stolen from a  
8 residence because the vehicle was  
9 being loaned out --- lent out. It was  
10 stolen. That vehicle was recovered.

11 We towed all those  
12 vehicles storage free, administration  
13 free. We charge less for the tows  
14 because these are victims of crimes.  
15 Nobody told us to do that.

16 And for the record, Sara  
17 Kuhn had no idea I was walking into  
18 this meeting tonight. She was  
19 probably shocked when I walked in.  
20 Something just told me tonight go to  
21 the meeting, it's one of Sara's last  
22 meetings, I respect her as a  
23 businesswoman, she's one of the  
24 strongest businesswomen I know.

25 And that's really all I



1 have to say. If you guys want to put  
2 it out, there's nothing here. \$205  
3 for a tow, 40 a day.

4 MS. CALABRESE:

5 Angel, I do remember you  
6 and I respect you and you were one of  
7 the best students I had. And so you  
8 know that I --- and part of what we  
9 taught was ethics. This is not about  
10 the contract.

11 MS. KUHN:

12 And I don't believe it  
13 is.

14 MS. CALABRESE:

15 It isn't. It's about  
16 --- and we should not be using the  
17 word shameful tonight because this  
18 isn't shameful. This is simply about  
19 ethics. It is a lucrative contract  
20 and that's fine. So you put that out  
21 to bid. The only --- the difference  
22 between this contract and a contract  
23 with anybody else is the person who  
24 has this contract happens to be  
25 married to someone that sits up there.

1 That's all.

2 This was --- I don't  
3 intend for this to be a big  
4 discussion. And I wanted to say that  
5 I --- this is not an attack on your  
6 family, it's not an attack on anybody.  
7 This is just to say this is very  
8 serious legislation, we should take it  
9 seriously, and as we move forward, we  
10 need to be careful about the  
11 appearance of impropriety.

12 And I want to be  
13 perfectly clear that I was not  
14 suggesting that anything improper was  
15 done, but it gives --- we need to be  
16 clear going into the future that we  
17 don't give the appearance of  
18 impropriety. Thank you. I don't mean  
19 to beat a dead horse and I hope we can  
20 move on.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 All right.

23 My council has told me  
24 that they want this ---

25 MS. CALABRESE:

1 Thank you.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 --- to be wrapped up.

4 So we are not going to discuss any  
5 further comment. And I have no idea  
6 why it had to be brought up regarding  
7 Angel. But we're going to just move  
8 on to the ethics ---.

9 MR. BRODNICKI:

10 She can't hear you.

11 MS. WALDREN:

12 Mayor Kuhn?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Mayor Kuhn?

15 MS. WALDREN:

16 I just have one thing to  
17 say.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Go ahead.

20 MS. WALDREN:

21 Melissa Waldren. 342

22 Irish Drive.

23 I don't want to say that  
24 she was, you know, quoting --- I was  
25 listening to Angel's story, but it's

1 on record now. I just have a  
2 question, why are we asking people if  
3 they want rate increases?

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Why are we having people  
6 what?

7 MS. WALDREN:

8 Why would the manager  
9 ask do you want to increase your rate?  
10 That's all. In the best interest of  
11 the taxpayers, I don't understand why  
12 we're asking do you want to increase  
13 your rate. We should just let them  
14 give a bid. That's the only thing I  
15 wanted to say.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Do you want to answer?

18 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

19 Yeah.

20 Excuse me, because I  
21 don't have my notes in front of me,  
22 but the timeline that Ms. Kuhn shared  
23 is relatively consistent with how  
24 things went.

25 I first reached out to

1 the vendor to ask if they were  
2 interested in a renewal, that was the  
3 first question, whether or not they  
4 were open to a renewal. There had  
5 been renewals of the contract in the  
6 past. It was always a five-year  
7 contract and there had been renewals  
8 in the past.

9 So the question to the  
10 vendor was whether or not they were  
11 interested in a renewal, they said  
12 that they were. From there, they then  
13 sent a letter to the municipality  
14 seeking the renewal. From there, it  
15 was a decision of council whether or  
16 not to accept that renewal or whether  
17 we wanted to go in another direction.

18 So it was always up to  
19 the mayor and council whether they  
20 were going to accept a renewal under  
21 the terms that the vendor or whether  
22 they wanted to go in another route.

23 So I would agree, I  
24 think in generally, with the  
25 chronology that Ms. Kuhn shared. But

1 I think it's a little bit of a  
2 mischaracterization maybe the way that  
3 was worded. But the question was  
4 really whether they were interested in  
5 a renewal.

6 Okay?

7 MS. KUHN:

8 Basically, if there's a  
9 rate increase, then it would have to  
10 be put out for bid. We were  
11 interested in a rate increase ---.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Angel. I'm sorry, Ms.  
14 Kuhn, you're out of order. Don't make  
15 me have the chief remove you.

16 All right.

17 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18 But the council, you  
19 know ---.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 It doesn't matter  
22 because of the fact that ---.

23 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

24 I would have been remise  
25 not to provide this council with all

1 of their options. One of which was  
2 whether or not they wanted a renewal.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 Which I believe the  
5 mayor and council had received renewal  
6 or bid.

7 Correct?

8 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9 All the --- I'm sorry,  
10 can you repeat the question?

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 I believe that you sent  
13 out to mayor and council if they would  
14 want to renew or bid.

15 Am I correct?

16 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

17 Correct. Once the  
18 vendor had said that there was an  
19 interest in a renewal with the terms  
20 that was communicated by letter to the  
21 municipality, that went to mayor and  
22 council, as you know, as an option.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Right.

25 All right.

1 Let's move on.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Mayor Kuhn?

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Thank you.

8 It is time for --- to  
9 ask questions --- to ask if your  
10 council has any questions. So I just  
11 want to say that in all due respect to  
12 Elect Mayor Calabrese, I understand  
13 what you were saying. You were asking  
14 us a simple question with regards to  
15 the upcoming vote on this ethics  
16 policy that was recently put into  
17 play. Thank you so much for that  
18 consideration.

19 Angel, thank you very  
20 much for giving that great  
21 explanation. I appreciate you coming  
22 and I appreciate the transparency for  
23 the public.

24 Also, I just wanted to  
25 suggest that we --- I appreciate Mark



1 Brodnicki, Councilman Mark Brodnicki,  
2 thank you so much for putting this  
3 into play. But at this time, I think  
4 because the verbiage is still ---  
5 we've tried and tried to tweak it. I  
6 know I came on the 14th and had a  
7 meeting with Scott, you came on the  
8 15th and had a meeting with Scott.  
9 But the verbiage is very conflicting.  
10 And I know that you will not be here  
11 in January, however, I promise that  
12 this policy will go into place. And I  
13 do appreciate you being the author of  
14 this ethic ordinance that we need so  
15 much in Penn Hills.

16 So I think that Mayor  
17 Elect was just asking a simple  
18 question. I just want to make it  
19 clear that this contract, or this  
20 ethic ordinance, doesn't just affect  
21 Don Kuhn Auto Body. There are many of  
22 us here in Penn Hills who are business  
23 owners. So I hate we spent so much  
24 time on Don Kuhn Auto Body, but that  
25 was a great commercial for Don Kuhn

1 Auto Body, who I do respect. But this  
2 is just not with regards to Don Kuhn  
3 Auto. There are many business owners  
4 here in Penn Hills that this ethics  
5 ordinance will affect.

6 So at this time I'm  
7 going to make a suggestion, Mayor, if  
8 I may that we put this ordinance on  
9 hold and come back to it after the  
10 verbiage has been more clear.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Are you asking for it to  
13 be tabled?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Yes, Mayor.

16 MR. BRODNICKI:

17 That'd be a motion.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 I'm making --- I'm  
20 asking for a motion, Mayor.

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Mayor Kuhn, one thing  
23 before we table this, and I agree with  
24 what the Deputy Mayor says.

25 Okay?

1                   First of all, I know  
2                   Pauline recognizes this. This is the  
3                   Pennsylvania Public Official and  
4                   Employee Ethics Act. You do recognize  
5                   this.

6                   Correct?

7                   So this ethics that we  
8                   have here, which is Ordinance Number  
9                   2655 of 2019, a lot of it was cut and  
10                  pasted from this. Now, we already, as  
11                  officials and employees, abide by  
12                  this. This is state ethics.

13                  Am I correct, Manager  
14                  Andrejchak?

15                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

16                  I mean, we're bound by  
17                  the Ethics Act.

18                  MR. PETRUCCI:

19                  We're bound by this  
20                  particular book, all of us, the  
21                  employees of this municipal building  
22                  and all elected officials. A lot of  
23                  the verbiage is the same that we have  
24                  here. It was cut and pasted.

25                  Now, my only problem

1 with this is, and like you said we  
2 need to go over this, is that in this,  
3 which we're bound by, it has a  
4 commission. The commission takes the  
5 information and does the  
6 investigation. There's nothing in the  
7 one that we put together that says  
8 that. It also says in here that the  
9 commission, once it has its findings,  
10 takes that information and has the  
11 District Attorney file the charges.  
12 So that's going to have to be put into  
13 this one if we decide to keep it.

14 Right now it's pretty  
15 raw. So there's a lot of changes if  
16 we decide to keep this to do this.

17 Now, like I said, it's  
18 basically the same as what I got right  
19 here. Everything in it is basically  
20 here also. So we can make a decision  
21 whether we keep this and abide by it,  
22 or we do an amendment, whatever we  
23 want to amend onto this particular  
24 ordinance. And that is it.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1                   Okay.

2                   Let's get back to the  
3 motion to table. There's a motion  
4 from Deputy Mayor Sapp to table the  
5 resolution. Do I have a second for  
6 that?

7                   MR. PETRUCCI:

8                   Second.

9                   MAYOR KUHN:

10                  Motion made and second.

11                  Solicitor, are we doing  
12 this properly, so that nothing is to  
13 be shown of impropriety?

14                  ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

15                  We are, Madam Mayor. A  
16 motion to table once seconded goes  
17 directly to a vote.

18                  MAYOR KUHN:

19                  Maureen, can I have a  
20 vote?

21                  MS. SORCE:

22                  Sure.

23                  Mr. Underwood?

24                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

25                  Yes.

1                   MS. SORCE:

2                   Mr. Petrucci?

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   Yes.

5                   MS. SORCE:

6                   Mayor Kuhn?

7                   MAYOR KUHN:

8                   Yes.

9                   MS. SORCE:

10                  Mr. Brodnicki?

11                  MR. BRODNICKI:

12                  Yes.

13                  MS. SORCE:

14                  And Deputy Mayor Sapp?

15                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16                  Yes.

17                  MAYOR KUHN:

18                  Okay.

19                  Let's move on. We are  
20                  at Ordinance Number 2656 of 2019. An  
21                  ordinance ---.

22                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

23                  Mayor Kuhn?

24                  MAYOR KUHN:

25                  Yes.

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MR. UNDERWOOD:

I'd like to make a motion to approve ordinance number 2656 of 2019. An ordinance of the municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania Hershey Road weight limit.

MAYOR KUHN:

Do I have a second?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Second.

MAYOR KUHN:

Motion made and second.

Any comments from the

audience?

Comments from the

council?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Mayor Kuhn?

MAYOR KUHN:

Deputy Mayor Sapp?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

I would just like to know what would that weight limit be and what type of vehicle would it be

1 limited to?

2 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

3 Fifteen (15) tons is the  
4 limit.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Fifteen (15) tons?

7 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8 That's been suggested in  
9 the ordinance.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Thank you.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Any other comments from  
14 council?

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Mayor Kuhn, this is a  
17 question for ---

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Councilman Petrucci?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 --- the manager. Is  
22 this what those Duquesne Light trucks  
23 apparently weigh that are making ---  
24 are they still making a left-hand turn  
25 coming out of the parking lot? Are we



1 stopping them from ---?

2 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

3 I think you can still  
4 make that turn right.

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 You can still make the  
7 right-hand turn coming out of the  
8 parking lot?

9 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10 Yeah. We've not ---.

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 But you can't use a 15-  
13 ton truck to do it?

14 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15 My understanding is that  
16 previously ---

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Right.

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 --- when I say  
21 previously, I mean a long time ago. I  
22 think it was in the '80s. They  
23 recommended a 15-ton limit and it just  
24 never happened.

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1                   Okay.

2                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

3                   So I think in reviewing  
4                   some past history, I think the safety  
5                   committee came back and said a start  
6                   would be that 15-ton limit.

7                   MR. PETRUCCI:

8                   Okay.

9                   But we don't know  
10                  whether those trucks are 15-ton or  
11                  not? Some of those Duquesne Light  
12                  trucks.

13                  Right?

14                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15                  I'm not --- I'm not  
16                  really imperative to that.

17                  MR. PETRUCCI:

18                  Okay.

19                  We'll start there then.

20                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21                  I would think it  
22                  probably is based partially on that.  
23                  I know that was one of the complaints  
24                  that the committee ---

25                  MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Right.

2 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

3 --- was those big trucks  
4 that were coming down the hill. But  
5 we've not made that left turn only  
6 yet. Although, I have contacted  
7 Duquesne Light and indicated that we  
8 would wish that they ---

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 Would stop.

11 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

12 --- at this time would  
13 turn left only, but we haven't done  
14 --- we haven't posted it yet.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Okay.

17 That's all.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Any other comments?

20 Roll call.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Mr. Petrucci?

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 Yes.

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mayor Kuhn?

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Mr. Brodnicki?

6 MR. BRODNICKI:

7 Yes.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Yes.

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Mr. Underwood?

14 MR. UNDERWOOD:

15 Yes.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Do I have a motion for  
18 Resolution Number 2019-046?

19 MR. BRODNICKI:

20 Mayor Kuhn?

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Councilman Petrucci?

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 No. That's Councilman  
25 Brodnicki, ma'am.

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MAYOR KUHN:

I'm sorry, Councilman  
Brodnicki.

MR. BRODNICKI:

I'd like to make a  
motion that we approve Resolution  
Number 2019-046. A resolution of the  
municipality of Penn Hills, County of  
Allegheny, Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania authorizing the sale of  
obsolete and outmoded vehicles and  
other equipment identified herein by  
means of Municibid.

MAYOR KUHN:

Do I have a second?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Second.

MR. PETRUCCI:

Second.

MAYOR KUHN:

Motion made in second.  
Any comments from the  
audience?

Comments from council?

Roll call.

1 MS. SORCE:

2 Mayor Kuhn?

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 Yes.

5 MS. SORCE:

6 Mr. Brodnicki?

7 MR. BRODNICKI:

8 Yes.

9 MS. SORCE:

10 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Yes.

13 MS. SORCE:

14 Mr. Underwood?

15 MR. UNDERWOOD:

16 Yes.

17 MS. SORCE:

18 Mr. Petrucci?

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 Yes.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Do I have a resolution

23 for Number 2019-047?

24 MR. BRODNICKI:

25 Mayor Kuhn?

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MAYOR KUHN:

Councilman Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

I'd like to make a motion that approve Resolution Number 2019-047. A resolution of the municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorizing the manager to be the designated official to sign and complete all documents and agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application.

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Second.

MAYOR KUHN:

Motion made and second.

Any comment from the audience?

Comment from council?

Roll call.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Brodnicki?

1                   MR. BRODNICKI:

2                   Yes.

3                   MS. SORCE:

4                   Deputy Mayor Sapp?

5                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6                   Yes.

7                   MS. SORCE:

8                   Mr. Underwood?

9                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

10                  Yes.

11                  MS. SORCE:

12                  Mr. Petrucci?

13                  MR. PETRUCCI:

14                  Yes.

15                  MS. SORCE:

16                  Mayor Kuhn?

17                  MAYOR KUHN:

18                  Yes.

19                  Do I have a motion for

20                  Resolution Number 2019-048?

21                  MR. PETRUCCI:

22                  I know that, but where's

23                  it at here?

24                  MAYOR KUHN:

25                  No motion?



1                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2                   There's no ---.

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   Mayor Kuhn, I'll make a  
5 motion for Resolution Number 2019-048.  
6 A resolution of the municipality of  
7 Penn Hills, County of Allegheny,  
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a  
9 plan revision for new land  
10 development.

11                   MAYOR KUHN:

12                   Do I have a second?

13                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

14                   Second.

15                   MAYOR KUHN:

16                   Motion made and second.

17                   Any comments from the  
18 audience?

19                   Comments from council?

20                   MR. PETRUCCI:

21                   Mayor Kuhn? Maybe Scott  
22 Andrejchak, our manager, can enlighten  
23 us on this a little bit.

24                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25                   Thank you.

1                   This was something that  
2 was added to the agenda prior to the  
3 first draft. But what we're doing is  
4 we're allowing a resident at 138  
5 Tilford Road to tap into our sewage  
6 system.

7                   And the reason this is  
8 required is that typically when you do  
9 sewage tap-ins, usually it's a large  
10 development, oftentimes, a new  
11 development rather than one house. So  
12 after the resident pays the tap-in  
13 fees that are required under our  
14 program, they then have to submit a  
15 whole lot of paperwork and information  
16 to the DEP after this.

17                   So what this resolution  
18 does is it allows that resident to get  
19 off of septic and tap into our sewage  
20 system and pay the fee that's  
21 commensurate with that.

22                   Is that a good  
23 explanation, Mr. Engineer?

24                   MR. MINSTERMAN:

25                   Yes, that's correct.

1 One more customer.

2 MR. BLACKWELL:

3 Mr. Manager?

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 Apologies that it wasn't  
6 in the packet.

7 MR. BLACKWELL:

8 Mr. Andrejchak, this is  
9 going to be for all new tap-ins.

10 Is that correct?

11 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

12 This resolution pertains  
13 to 138 Tilford.

14 MR. BLACKWELL:

15 But I mean --- but I  
16 mean each new tap-in will have to come  
17 through this process.

18 Is that correct?

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 Yeah.

21 MR. BLACKWELL:

22 Okay.

23 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

24 It's unusual to be one  
25 house. Usually it's a development.

1                   MR. BLACKWELL:

2                   Yeah. I guess what I'm  
3 getting at is that we do have some new  
4 housing starts in Penn Hills and  
5 they'll have to go through this ---

6                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7                   Yeah.

8                   MR. BLACKWELL:

9                   --- process as well,  
10 come to council and get approved by  
11 resolution. That was new for 2019.

12                   Is that correct?

13                   Right?

14                   I think so.

15                   Yeah.

16                   MR. MINSTERMAN:

17                   The DEP changed the  
18 process a little. It used to be self-  
19 approved, and now they're asking that  
20 even one on-lot change go through the  
21 process. They tried to expedite it  
22 for individual residents, but it's  
23 still a requirement. It's called a  
24 planning module process that is not  
25 new to the system, but for one home it

1 is. So the process that a developer  
2 with many units will have to go  
3 through is the same.

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 Thank you.

6 MR. BLACKWELL:

7 Thank you.

8 MR. CATLIN:

9 Felix Catlin. 223 ---.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Please give your name  
12 and address.

13 MR. CATLIN:

14 Felix Catlin. 223  
15 Datura Drive.

16 Now, that we're over  
17 some of the unpleasantness, I do have  
18 a question for the engineer. What  
19 percentage of homes in Penn Hills are  
20 still using septic tanks  
21 approximately?

22 MR. MINSTERMAN:

23 It's a very minor  
24 percentage. I don't know the exact  
25 number.

1                   MR. CATLIN:

2                   Under ten percent?

3                   MR. MINSTERMAN:

4                   I'd say yes.

5                   MR. CATLIN:

6                   In the more rural areas?

7                   MR. MINSTERMAN:

8                   Yes. And some areas  
9                   that are sort of --- they were tough  
10                  to sewage, so they would be on on-lot  
11                  systems just because it wasn't  
12                  economical at the time. And then as  
13                  things change in the system ---.

14                  MR. CATLIN:

15                  Will anybody be forced  
16                  to change their disposal system?

17                  MR. MINSTERMAN:

18                  There's nothing in any  
19                  ordinances or resolutions currently  
20                  that would require anyone to ---

21                  MR. CATLIN:

22                  Thank you.

23                  MR. MINSTERMAN:

24                  --- make that change.

25                  MAYOR KUHN:

1 Any other comments from  
2 the audience?

3 Comments from council?

4 Roll call.

5 MS. SORCE:

6 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Yes.

9 MS. SORCE:

10 Mr. Underwood?

11 MR. UNDERWOOD:

12 Yes.

13 MS. SORCE:

14 Mr. Petrucci?

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Yes.

17 MS. SORCE:

18 Mayor Kuhn?

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Yes.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Mr. Brodnicki?

23 MR. BRODNICKI:

24 Yes.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1                   Next on the agenda is  
2                   appointments to board and commissions.  
3                   I'm assuming that mayor and council  
4                   have received the resumés for library  
5                   and economical development? And I  
6                   don't know if you received the one for  
7                   planning. If you want to hold up on  
8                   that, that's fine. I am presenting  
9                   Mark Lance who was very instrumental  
10                  in questioning and researching the new  
11                  building versus the old municipal  
12                  building being re-done.

13                  So we'll take this one  
14                  at a time. Do I have motion for Linda  
15                  Blumie, B-L-U-M-I-E? I apologize if  
16                  I'm mispronouncing it. That is for  
17                  library.

18                                 MR. BRODNICKI:

19                                 Mayor Kuhn, I'd like to  
20                                 make a motion that we approve this  
21                                 appointment.

22                                 MAYOR KUHN:

23                                 Do I have a second?

24                                 MR. PETRUCCI:

25                                 Second.



1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   Motion made and second.

3                   Any comments from the

4 audience?

5                   MR. CATLIN:

6                   Felix Catlin.    223

7 Datura Drive.

8                   I've known Linda for a  
9 very long time and I'm a former member  
10 of the library board. She'd be an  
11 excellent appointee to this board.

12                   MAYOR KUHN:

13                   Thank you very much.

14 I'm sure she will appreciate that  
15 recommendation.

16                   Any other comments from  
17 council?

18                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19                   Mayor Kuhn?

20                   MAYOR KUHN:

21                   Deputy Mayor Sapp?

22                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23                   Is Linda here in the  
24 audience this evening?

25                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

1 I think she's sick.  
2 She's been sick for about ---.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 Did the manager have an  
5 opportunity to contact her?

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 I have not.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 You haven't?

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 I have not.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Okay.

14 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15 I don't even know that I  
16 have her ---.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 It's difficult to ---.

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 I don't know that we  
21 have her information or resumé. I  
22 don't believe that I have any  
23 information on her at all.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 I have it, so I will ---

1 I'll withdraw the appointment until  
2 further information is presented to  
3 the board.

4 Do I have a motion for  
5 economic development committee, Don M.  
6 Williams?

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 I'll make a motion for  
9 Don Williams.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Pardon?

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 I will make a motion for  
14 Don Williams on the economic  
15 development.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Do I have ---

18 MR. BRODNICKI:

19 Second.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 --- a second?

22 I do have a copy of the  
23 resumé. I'm assuming all of council  
24 received it.

25 Am I correct?

1                   You received it, Gary,  
2           the resumé?

3                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

4                   I don't believe I have.

5                   MAYOR KUHN:

6                   Okay.

7                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8                   It was sent on Friday.

9                   MAYOR KUHN:

10                  Mark, you received it?

11                  MR. BRODNICKI:

12                  Yes.

13                  MAYOR KUHN:

14                  Councilman Petrucci, you  
15           received it?

16                  MR. PETRUCCI:

17                  Yes.

18                  MAYOR KUHN:

19                  Deputy Mayor Sapp, you  
20           received it?

21                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22                  Yes.

23                  MAYOR KUHN:

24                  Okay.

25                  Motion's been made and

1 seconded.

2 Any comments from the  
3 audience?

4 Comments from council?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Deputy Mayor --- I'm  
7 sorry, Mayor. I'm the Deputy Mayor,  
8 sorry. Mayor Kuhn?

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Is that person in the  
13 audience this evening?

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Did you contact them?

16 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

17 No, I did not.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 You didn't contact any  
20 of them?

21 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

22 No.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 All right.

25 Being that the manager

1 did not contact any of them, it is not  
2 their fault that they are not in  
3 attendance.

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 Didn't know that I was  
6 supposed to.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Excuse me?

9 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10 I didn't know that they  
11 were --- I mean, I didn't have  
12 their ---.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 So I will withdraw the  
15 appointments and we will do them at  
16 the December meeting. I would  
17 appreciate everyone going over the  
18 resumé's that are sent to you so that  
19 the appointments can be made. I know  
20 that the one board it seemed to take  
21 forever to be able to get the  
22 appointments made and voted on.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Mayor Kuhn?

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Deputy Mayor?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Yes. Since we are at  
4 this point of the agenda with  
5 appointments to the board and you're  
6 going to withdraw them, I'd like to  
7 ask for a couple minutes with regards  
8 to the economic development board.  
9 May I speak?

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 I don't see any reason  
12 why not, even though we are not  
13 addressing them. It's your  
14 prerogative.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Thank you, Mayor.

17 Mayor, I would like to  
18 ask for a motion to remove Tyler  
19 Tomasino from the Penn Hills economic  
20 development board due to Tyler  
21 creating and publicly shaming,  
22 degrading, bashing, and defacing the  
23 Penn Hills Deputy Mayor, myself,  
24 Catherine Sapp, our state  
25 representative Tony DeLuca, elected

1 councilman Frank Pecora, planning  
2 commissioner, Jerry Chiapinelli, and  
3 newly elected mayor, Pauline  
4 Calabrese.

5 This behavior is  
6 shameful, unethical, non-professional  
7 and 100 percent unacceptable according  
8 to your definition of ethics.

9 For one who is seated  
10 and representing the municipality of  
11 Penn Hills, this is totally shameful  
12 and unacceptable. I'd like to make a  
13 motion, Mayor.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Is a motion allowed?  
16 It's not on the agenda.

17 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

18 I think that's --- it  
19 wouldn't be under approval of number  
20 11. I think that it would be under  
21 items for consideration if it's going  
22 to be considered, Mayor. And then it  
23 would be your discretion whether items  
24 for consideration is already a line  
25 item on the agenda or whether you have



1 to amend the agenda to include the  
2 motion, and then a motion to amend the  
3 agenda would be in order.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 All right.

6 Since I'm not aware of  
7 this and have not received any  
8 information until this point in time,  
9 I will ask for it to be item of  
10 consideration, and it will be  
11 discussed at the December meeting.

12 Is that in accordance or  
13 do I need a motion for that?

14 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

15 You're the mayor. It  
16 could be done any way you want to. I  
17 think what Deputy Mayor Sapp was doing  
18 was to make a motion, but if you want  
19 to consider it at the December  
20 meeting, it's however the mayor  
21 chooses to do it.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Well, being that I ---.

24 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

25 And it wasn't seconded.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   What I'm asking is this,  
3                   it's a very simple question. Being  
4                   that it was not an agenda item ---

5                   ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

6                   Right.

7                   MAYOR KUHN:

8                   --- and being that I,  
9                   myself, had no knowledge that this  
10                  ordinance was --- this removal was  
11                  going to be a request, I didn't  
12                  receive anything from the manager or  
13                  from the deputy mayor to make that  
14                  serious of a removal. I believe that  
15                  I --- I don't know if the board is  
16                  aware of it or not.

17                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18                  Yes.

19                  MAYOR KUHN:

20                  But I believe that we  
21                  need to discuss this further. So what  
22                  do I do, Solicitor?

23                  ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

24                  So first, it hasn't been  
25                  seconded.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   Okay.

3                   ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

4                   But if it's --- often  
5 times there are motions that aren't on  
6 the agenda that are brought into the  
7 agenda.

8                   MAYOR KUHN:

9                   I understand that,  
10 Solicitor. But I gave you my reason  
11 as to why ---

12                   ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

13                   So I would ---.

14                   MAYOR KUHN:

15                   --- I feel that with not  
16 having any knowledge except ---

17                   ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

18                   Sure.

19                   MAYOR KUHN:

20                   --- a statement that has  
21 been given to me a minute ago, I am  
22 choosing to have it as an item of  
23 consideration to be discussed and  
24 brought up at the next meeting.

25                   My question to the

1 solicitor is, how do I go about doing  
2 that? I mean, you have explained  
3 several times that you can do it  
4 either or. I have given my opinion as  
5 to how I would like to have it done.

6 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

7 So let me just ---.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 What I am asking is a  
10 legal opinion on how to go about that.

11 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

12 So, Mayor, as we sit  
13 here right now, with a motion that  
14 hasn't been seconded, so it fails for  
15 lack of a second, and you can put it  
16 on the agenda for next month's  
17 meeting. Or if it does get seconded,  
18 it can be tabled to next month's  
19 meeting.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Okay.

22 Do I have a second to  
23 the motion?

24 MR. BRODNICKI:

25 Second.

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MAYOR KUHN:

Motion made and  
seconded.

MR. PETRUCCI:

Mayor Kuhn, I'll motion  
that we table this. And if we're  
going to entertain this motion, then I  
request we remove Jerry Chiapinelli  
for the flyer that he was --- that he  
put out on me over --- for over 6,000  
residents that got it. So, I mean, if  
we're going to do the political thing  
here, I believe politics stops at the  
front door, but if we're going to pull  
the politic card on this one, Jerry  
sent out a pretty damning flyer  
against me also that I thought was  
pretty bad and he sits on a board. So  
if we're going to entertain that  
motion, I think we should entertain  
that --- my motion also.

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Mayor Kuhn?

MAYOR KUHN:

I've heard from the

1 Deputy Mayor. I've heard from  
2 Councilman Petrucci. Up until  
3 December 31st, the charter gives me  
4 the right to make this decision. I've  
5 explained to the board and to the  
6 public what my decision is. I will  
7 say this, if anything I believe should  
8 be changed, it's the rule that because  
9 you're a public official anyone can  
10 say anything about you whether it's  
11 true, whether it's factual and there's  
12 nothing that as a public official you  
13 can do about it.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Mayor Kuhn, may I say  
16 something?

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 No, I'm not done, Deputy  
19 Mayor. When I am, you can say  
20 whatever you choose. I don't silence  
21 my board.

22 Like I said, it's sinful  
23 that that happens. It's shameful that  
24 it happens, but during elections it  
25 seems people drop to the lowest

1 position that they can. If only we  
2 would put politics aside and behave in  
3 the manner that we expect our children  
4 to behave.

5 This meeting just  
6 represents a sad current events.  
7 Really and truthfully, I don't know  
8 who my board is and I'd like to know  
9 what they did with who my board  
10 members were. This type of situation  
11 is so uncalled for. As I said, when  
12 you're a public official, anyone can  
13 say anything they want about you.

14 Now, what anyone's  
15 opinion is, as I stated, I was not  
16 made aware of it. Being that I'm made  
17 aware of it, I will look into it, it  
18 will be discussed in the December  
19 meeting and everyone as I stated has  
20 one vote and they can decide whatever  
21 it is they chose to vote on this  
22 subject.

23 This is --- the board's  
24 going to accomplish very little if  
25 these personal attacks continue. I

1 know that this is upsetting to Deputy  
2 Mayor Sapp.

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Me, too.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 I apologize. I wish I  
7 can do something about it. But as I  
8 said ---

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 We can.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 --- when you are a  
13 political person, anyone can say and  
14 do anything they want.

15 I'm not getting into  
16 this situation where I'm going to say,  
17 well, this was done to this person,  
18 this was done to that person. There  
19 were things that were done by board  
20 members that shouldn't have been done.  
21 And I had contacted the solicitor as  
22 to removal.

23 And I don't know if the  
24 solicitor would like to present to the  
25 public what his comment was when there



1 was a planning commissioner who sent  
2 out terrible, derogatory remarks  
3 against one of nine school board  
4 members; one of nine. It takes five  
5 people on the school board to make a  
6 decision. But one person, a woman,  
7 African American, was targeted.  
8 Targeted to the position that her  
9 livelihood was affected. The negative  
10 comments that she did not --- whether  
11 she voted or not, she did not have any  
12 control on whether it could be passed  
13 or not because she was one vote.  
14 There were others who voted, but they  
15 weren't targeted. They weren't --- it  
16 was unfair.

17 Ethics. Fairness and  
18 not to target an individual. I felt  
19 that she, this planning commissioner,  
20 did not have the right to remain as a  
21 commissioner and the behavior that she  
22 --- that was presented by this  
23 commissioner.

24 It wasn't something that  
25 was political, which is allowed, not

1       accepted, should not be, but it is  
2       permitted. But it was targeting a  
3       school board member, one of nine,  
4       livelihood, that of her children's  
5       livelihood.

6                       I didn't receive votes  
7       for her, the planning commissioner's,  
8       removal, and when I asked for a legal  
9       opinion from the solicitor, if you  
10      don't mind, do you recall and do you  
11      recall what your remarks were?

12                      ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

13                      I'm not sure I recall  
14      what my remarks were, but I'm certain  
15      that my legal opinion was that a  
16      planning commission member can only be  
17      removed for malfeasance, nonfeasance  
18      or misfeasance in office.

19                      MAYOR KUHN:

20                      Okay.

21                      Now, I have made --- I  
22      did not say I do not want this to  
23      happen. All I ask, which has been  
24      done numerous times, is for it to be  
25      tabled so that further investigation

1 can be looked into by the five-member  
2 board who will vote on that.

3 Now, we have it --- a  
4 motion made, a motion seconded, so how  
5 do we proceed for this to be done at a  
6 later date?

7 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

8 I was going to ask the  
9 Deputy Mayor whether she'd be willing  
10 to withdraw her motion at this time  
11 and bring it up at next month's  
12 meeting under matters of  
13 consideration. Well, it'll be on the  
14 agenda. The Mayor said she's going to  
15 treat it as a matter for consideration  
16 tonight in anticipation of next  
17 month's meeting.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Yes, after I make a  
20 statement.

21 So with all due respect,  
22 Deputy Mayor, we did on the planning  
23 commission when this behavior ---.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Am I the deputy mayor

1       again?

2                               DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3                               I'm sorry, I keep  
4       apologizing.

5                               MAYOR KUHN:

6                               Geez, oh, man.

7                               DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                               No, no, no.    You are  
9       Mayor Sara Kuhn.

10                              MAYOR KUHN:

11                              Apparently I'm targeted.

12                              DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13                              And you know I apologize  
14       for that.    I'm so sorry.

15                              MAYOR KUHN:

16                              But my friend and Deputy  
17       Mayor ---

18                              DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19                              No, no.    No, no, no.

20                              MAYOR KUHN:

21                              --- has brought me down  
22       twice now.

23                              DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24                              I don't even want your  
25       job.    And that's --- obviously I don't

1 want your job and that brings me to my  
2 point. It's not a political thing  
3 that I'm bringing up because I didn't  
4 run for anything, I'm already seated,  
5 and I will retain my seat for two more  
6 years. But defacing your mayor, your  
7 deputy mayor, publicly in a cartoon  
8 character and calling me a dipshit is  
9 not acceptable when it went public.  
10 And, yes, we --- I will withdraw my  
11 motion to put it on the agenda for  
12 next month.

13 However, we did vote as  
14 a board when Ms. Liza King put that  
15 information out. She did the exact  
16 same thing as this Tyler Tomasino. I  
17 don't even know the gentleman. We did  
18 the exact same thing and we voted her  
19 off the board.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 No.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Because of this  
24 behavior, we took a vote to have her  
25 removed.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   No.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   We did, we did.

5                   MAYOR KUHN:

6                   No.

7                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                   Wait, I'm going to speak  
9                   and then I'll give you back the floor.  
10                  It was a unanimous vote that she would  
11                  be removed from the planning  
12                  commission board because of what she  
13                  did to a school board member and your  
14                  family as well. It was one of the  
15                  hardest things I had to do because she  
16                  is a friend of mine, a very dear  
17                  friend of mine and so is the person  
18                  that she defaced.

19                  However, it was  
20                  ethically correct for us as a board to  
21                  remove her because that behavior was  
22                  unacceptable and she was a great asset  
23                  to the planning commission. She was a  
24                  great asset. So if we did it for one,  
25                  it needs to be done for all and that

1 goes for everybody sitting up here.  
2 I'm not asking for a special condition  
3 or favor. I'm saying that anyone who  
4 sits on the board should not put Mayor  
5 Sara Kuhn on a billboard and call you  
6 a dipshit bitch or any of those other  
7 names, excuse me, public, because that  
8 is unethical. It's not professional  
9 and no one on the board should be  
10 permitted to do that. Thank you.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 First of all, not to  
13 correct my Deputy Mayor, Liza King,  
14 since you brought the name up, was not  
15 voted off the planning commission.  
16 There was never a vote by mayor and  
17 council, there was never a motion by  
18 mayor and council, seconded, presented  
19 to the public, presented for public  
20 information from the council.

21 Mayor --- Liza King  
22 finished, finished her term on the  
23 planning commission. What Mayor Kuhn  
24 did was not reappoint her. So it had  
25 nothing to do with what council did or

1 didn't do. Because until the mayor  
2 makes an appointment, there is no  
3 conversation or comment from the  
4 public or council. You can check the  
5 record. You will see that she ended  
6 her term and that the mayor chose not  
7 to reappoint her.

8                   The last thing in the  
9 world I want to finish my  
10 administration with is having this  
11 public unnecessary comments with a  
12 deputy mayor that I appointed to the  
13 board, a deputy mayor that I appointed  
14 as my deputy mayor, and a deputy mayor  
15 who I believed was not just a  
16 political associate, but a friend that  
17 I was proud of and that I had wanted  
18 desperately to take over the position  
19 of mayor.

20                   If this was felt, I  
21 would have appreciated these  
22 unnecessary public comments to have  
23 been directed to me by a phone call or  
24 an ask of a meeting. To be no longer  
25 the mayor of Penn Hills is of no



1 genuine importance to me, but a loss  
2 of someone who I felt was a mini-me is  
3 heartbreaking.

4 I did not say that I did  
5 --- would not consider the removal. I  
6 simply asked that I would have  
7 received this information, which I was  
8 not made aware of, so I could have  
9 investigated it and not been  
10 blindsided and given to me at a spur  
11 of a moment. That's all I asked for.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Thank you, Mayor. And  
14 it's not personal at all, it was for  
15 public record and it is recorded. But  
16 it's not personal at all. I respect  
17 you as Mayor and I thank you for your  
18 comment.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Is there any other  
21 comments from council?

22 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

23 Real quick. Mr.  
24 Brodnicki, do you also withdraw your  
25 second until the next month?

1                   MR. BRODNICKI:

2                   Yes, I withdraw.

3                   ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

4                   Thank you.

5                   MAYOR KUHN:

6                   Okay.

7                   So the motion has been  
8 withdrawn and the --- do you have  
9 something to contribute?

10                  MS. WALDREN:

11                  I do. I actually do.

12                  Melissa Waldren. 342

13                  Irish Drive.

14                  I'm concerned about the  
15 seconding of that motion because I'm  
16 sitting across from Mr. Sapp and I ---  
17 I'm going to put this on record. I  
18 visually saw him trying to get to Mr.  
19 Brodnicki and forcing him --- he's  
20 saying, second that, second that,  
21 second that. And I just don't think  
22 that that is fair. And that is all I  
23 would need to say.

24                  MR. SAPP:

25                  Mayor and council, I

1 think it's --- I think this is getting  
2 out-of-hand, I really do. I think  
3 it's become --- it's really making  
4 opinions look foolish. I'm going to  
5 tell you something, we just went  
6 through an election, you know. I know  
7 what my wife went through this  
8 election.

9 My wife has been working  
10 real hard for this municipality. And  
11 I'm going to tell you something, and I  
12 know you may not understand this, but  
13 I see what my wife went through and I  
14 know what Mr. Petrucci and his guys  
15 did, put it on Facebook. It was  
16 nasty, it was dirty, it was rotten.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 You've already talked,  
19 Melissa.

20 MR. SAPP:

21 Yes, you have. Yeah.  
22 It was dirty, and it was rotten.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Excuse me.

25 MS. WALDREN:

1 I just want to say ---.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Do you see this gavel?

4 MS. WALDREN:

5 Yes. I just want ---.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Do you know the ---

8 MR. SAPP:

9 It's my turn.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 --- Home Rule Charter?

12 MS. WALDREN:

13 I do. I just want to  
14 say ---

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 The Home Rule  
17 Charter ---

18 MS. WALDREN:

19 --- that this is not  
20 disrespectful.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 --- gives the mayor to  
23 make a decision that you are out of  
24 order. This is not a circus ---

25 MS. WALDREN:

1 I don't want it to be a  
2 circus.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 --- of personal  
5 comments. You were given the  
6 opportunity to speak and now you sit  
7 down or be removed.

8 MS. WALDREN:

9 He turned and addressed  
10 me.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Period. End ---

13 MS. WALDREN:

14 I just want to say that  
15 I respect him.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 --- of comment, Melissa.

18 MS. WALDREN:

19 He turned and talked to  
20 me. I just want to say that I respect  
21 him.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Oh, I can't even.

24 MS. WALDREN:

25 I respect where he is

1 standing.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Is the chief still here?

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Is the chief still in  
6 attendance?

7 This is the most  
8 pitiful. And, Ron, I have the most  
9 --- you know my relationship with your  
10 wife.

11 MR. SAPP:

12 I sure do.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 You know my relationship  
15 with you.

16 MR. SAPP:

17 Exactly.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 I appointed both of you.

20 MR. SAPP:

21 Exactly.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Exactly.

24 MR. SAPP:

25 And that's why ---.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   What did I ask, Ron?

3                   MR. SAPP:

4                   Listen.

5                   MAYOR KUHN:

6                   All I asked was I was  
7 not made aware of this.

8                   MR. SAPP:

9                   Right. And this isn't  
10 even about you, Mayor.

11                   MAYOR KUHN:

12                   So I'm just asking ---.

13                   MR. SAPP:

14                   And, you know, that's  
15 one of the things --- that's one of  
16 the things I was about to say. You  
17 were not here when all this was going  
18 on. You were not here, we were. I  
19 seen what my wife went through. She  
20 did a fantastic job taking your place  
21 while you were gone. I'm trying to  
22 tell you. But under some really,  
23 really harsh things that was done and  
24 I happened to see that, and I am her  
25 husband and I didn't appreciate it.

1 You know, I mean, she handled this a  
2 lot better than I would have. I'm  
3 going to tell you the truth. And I'm  
4 just saying that something needs to be  
5 done.

6 Now, one of the things I  
7 did want to ask the Solicitor is, you  
8 know, I mean, as mayor I know --- and  
9 I think it's unfair for you to have to  
10 handle this too, Mayor. And we have a  
11 new mayor coming in, you know, and I  
12 don't know if this could be handled in  
13 January. I don't know if Mayor Elect  
14 Pauline would be able to do this. I  
15 don't know how that would work. But I  
16 think that's something that needs to  
17 be looked into, but I think it's also  
18 something that needs to be handled  
19 because it was wrong what they did.

20 I understand what you  
21 were saying, but it was totally out-  
22 of-line. She was not running for a  
23 position. And what they said on there  
24 about my wife was not right. I'm  
25 sorry if you don't like the way that I



1 was talking to Mr. --- Mark up there,  
2 but I am passionate about this. And  
3 if you was in my place, you would be  
4 passionate too.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Would I be --- would you  
7 say, Ron, that perhaps you and I are  
8 in the exact same train of thought?  
9 That you want to defend something that  
10 was said offensively to your spouse?

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 It wasn't said, it was  
13 posted.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 So would you say that  
16 you and I are in complete agreement?  
17 Because I've had to sit here meeting  
18 after meeting --- Ron, please, I want  
19 to ---.

20 MR. SAPP:

21 You're right. I'm just  
22 saying but it wasn't what they said,  
23 it was what they posted.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Publicly.

1                   MR. SAPP:

2                   Publicly. It's what  
3 they posted.

4                   MAYOR KUHN:

5                   This was --- my  
6 husband's name and reputation, Ron,  
7 was presented to the public, the  
8 television, the media to the point  
9 where the media contacted him, and  
10 because of his health, he couldn't ---  
11 I wouldn't have him on the phone. So  
12 the media wanted to know if Don Kuhn  
13 Auto Body's mental and physical health  
14 was still good enough that he would be  
15 running his business on a day-to-day  
16 basis. On a day-to-day basis he  
17 questions, the media questions, Don  
18 Kuhn's mental and health position. So  
19 you want to talk about being upset?  
20 And, Ron, I didn't say I wasn't going  
21 to bring this up for discussion.

22                   I asked my Deputy Mayor,  
23 did you bring this to my attention? I  
24 had no idea on this. And you're  
25 right, I haven't been around because

1 of my husband's health and because of  
2 mine. And you can ask my Deputy Mayor  
3 how many times I told her that I  
4 needed to step down, and how many  
5 times she convinced me, and talked to  
6 me and told me not to step down. That  
7 she was my Deputy Mayor and she would  
8 have my back.

9 So you're right, I  
10 wasn't around and I offered to step  
11 down since early summer, not once but  
12 numerous times and was asked not to.  
13 I don't know what the problem is, I  
14 really don't.

15 Again, where are we?  
16 Are we going to vote on this being  
17 that it was tabled and the motion was  
18 withdrawn and second was withdrawn?  
19 Are we moving on?

20 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

21 Yes.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Thank you very much.

24 Next we have approval of  
25 calendar meetings for 2020. To be

1 perfectly honest with you, myself,  
2 Councilman Underwood and Councilman  
3 Brodnicki will not be attending those  
4 meetings. So I didn't know if there  
5 was a way, I mean, for us to vote for  
6 the dates when we're not going to be  
7 in attendance and for the Mayor Elect  
8 and the council elect we don't know  
9 what their schedule will be. So I  
10 didn't know if we could advertise for  
11 the ---

12 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

13 Reorganization.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 --- reorganization and  
16 then have Mayor Elect, and council  
17 elect and the two remaining members of  
18 council make a decision on the  
19 calendar because I don't believe that  
20 it's three council members that are  
21 not even going to be at the meetings  
22 to make that decision.

23 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

24 Sure. And I believe  
25 that's proper. I mean, this board

1       could make that decision and then the  
2       incoming board could undo that if they  
3       wanted to. But it's better to just  
4       leave it to them at the reorganization  
5       meeting.

6                       And just so the public's  
7       aware with regard to the  
8       reorganization meeting, you're  
9       required to do it every two years  
10      after a municipal election. And it's  
11      always required to be on the first  
12      Monday in January unless it's a  
13      holiday, then it moves to the second  
14      Monday.

15                      But the unique thing  
16      about Penn Hills is that the Home Rule  
17      Charter says it has to be at 8:00 p.m.  
18      So if people wonder why is  
19      reorganization at 8:00 p.m. because  
20      the Home Rule Charter says it has to  
21      be.

22                      MAYOR KUHN:

23                      Okay.

24                      So do I have agreement  
25      or do I have to ask for comment from

1 the audience?

2 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

3 I think you just did.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Pardon?

6 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

7 No. I think --- I think  
8 that as long as everybody's in  
9 agreement you ---.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 All right.

12 Can my board agree that  
13 the calendar for the meetings will be  
14 presented when the newly elected  
15 officials come onboard? All in  
16 agreement say yes?

17 ---

18 AYES VOTE

19 ---

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 No?

22 MR. UNDERWOOD:

23 I said yes.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Gary, I was about to

1       come down.

2                               MR. UNDERWOOD:

3                               I think I spoke  
4 properly.

5                               MAYOR KUHN:

6                               Now, moving on to items  
7 for consideration. I have an item for  
8 consideration and it is regarding our  
9 volunteer fire association.

10                              I had made it very clear  
11 that I felt that our volunteer fire  
12 departments should receive an increase  
13 in the 2020 budget. Some comments  
14 were made that I will not go into, but  
15 it was said that the fire companies,  
16 which are volunteers, should not  
17 expect to automatically receive  
18 additional funding.

19                              I absolutely and  
20 completely disagree with that comment.  
21 When there are contracts and  
22 negotiations made, employees respect  
23 --- expect an increase on a yearly or  
24 two yearly basis. The volunteer  
25 firemen do not get paid. The uniform

1 that the volunteer firemen wear is  
2 well over, what, \$3,000. They depend  
3 on what they receive from the  
4 municipality. They depend on the  
5 donations that they receive.

6 To say that it's ---  
7 they shouldn't expect an increase,  
8 everyone has their own opinion and  
9 it's definitely not mine. There's not  
10 money in the budget. Well, how much  
11 --- how could we ever have a balanced  
12 budget if we can't increase the  
13 allotment to six fire companies and we  
14 had to go to paid fire companies. If  
15 we can't afford to increase what our  
16 volunteers receive, how on Earth are  
17 we ever going to be able to balance a  
18 budget for paid firemen?

19 I was upset when I saw  
20 the budget because of the fact that  
21 there was no increase. So I did call  
22 the manager and asked exactly why.  
23 And I was told that it was an  
24 oversight, and that when the budget  
25 came up, mayor and council could put



1 it in. And then I received a comment  
2 saying what the firemen were asking  
3 for was not going to be able to be  
4 increased.

5 I know I've used the  
6 word shameful a lot tonight. But to  
7 not increase your volunteer fire  
8 company's budget so that they have  
9 equipment that gives them protection  
10 and safety is absolutely shameful.

11 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

12 Is this directed to me?  
13 Because I feel like it's directed to  
14 me.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Excuse me, does anybody  
17 follow the procedures of the mayor  
18 running the meeting? I don't run the  
19 day-to-day business of the  
20 municipality. I don't micromanage or  
21 come up to the manager's office on a  
22 regular basis.

23 I would appreciate for  
24 the limited time that I have remaining  
25 --- you can dislike me, believe me, I

1 have a family and friends. But don't  
2 disrespect the position of mayor.

3 This information was  
4 given to me. Now, if anyone wants to  
5 dispute that, that's fine. But that  
6 was the information that was given to  
7 me. So I am hoping that my  
8 administration will not just have word  
9 service to the volunteer fire  
10 companies, but will back them and  
11 support them in the way that they  
12 should be supported.

13 So I am asking the  
14 manager to put in a flyer or  
15 attachment for our first budget  
16 hearing with funding for my volunteer  
17 fire department and your volunteer  
18 fire department. I ask that he meets  
19 with the fire chiefs to see what it is  
20 exactly that they need.

21 Under ordinances and  
22 resolutions, I am also going to  
23 request that the fire training  
24 facility that was built under the  
25 umbrella of council chambers should be

1 leased to the six companies for 100-  
2 year lease at the cost of a dollar.

3 Anyone who has a  
4 legitimate reason why the budget  
5 should not include this, please  
6 present it at the budget hearing  
7 meetings.

8 Are there any other  
9 items for consideration?

10 Then we'll move on to  
11 introductions of ordinances and  
12 resolutions.

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Mayor Kuhn?

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Councilman Petrucci?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 I was told that this  
19 should be a resolution, so I'll read  
20 it you.

21 As per our charter  
22 Section 16A states that a person shall  
23 not serve as a political party  
24 committee person once that person's  
25 elected to a council member. It

1 should be imposed the same for  
2 committee members, commission members,  
3 boards or any group that serves at the  
4 will of the municipality. This was  
5 something that was addressed by the  
6 founding fathers of the Home Rule  
7 Charter of Penn Hills and when it was  
8 established for a reason.

9 Now that this must be  
10 --- now this must be instituted with  
11 those who serve the municipality in  
12 other capacities. Political  
13 affiliation must have no bearing on  
14 the influence of daily business of the  
15 municipality. Neutral and detached is  
16 the guidelines that all who serve the  
17 municipality shall follow in the  
18 governing of the community and doing  
19 what is in the best interest of the  
20 tax payers without outside influence.  
21 I believe that is what our founding  
22 fathers had in mind when they  
23 established this Section 16A.

24 And on Attachment A of  
25 our Home Rule Charter, you'll find the

1       founding fathers of our Home Rule  
2       Charter. And I'll pass this off to  
3       the manager.

4                       And I agree with 110  
5       percent on what you just said about  
6       the firemen, Mayor. They deserve  
7       every penny they get and more. And  
8       I'm done.

9                       MAYOR KUHN:

10                      Does anyone else have an  
11       introduction of an ordinance or a  
12       resolution?

13                      Reports from mayor,  
14       council and manager.

15                      DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16                      Mayor Kuhn?

17                      MAYOR KUHN:

18                      Deputy Mayor Sapp?

19                      DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20                      I'd like to report that  
21       we had an officer who was --- he was  
22       recognized for putting his own life in  
23       danger, and that is Officer Jared  
24       Rothert. Councilman Petrucci, myself  
25       and the chief, along with the

1       municipal manager, who went to the  
2       recognition ceremony at the Amen  
3       Corner down in Station Square and it  
4       was an honor to be there as we  
5       recognized our very officer, Jared  
6       Rothert.

7                       I just wanted to say I  
8       know the chief is gone already, but if  
9       our mayor and council, if the  
10      municipal manager, could send a letter  
11      to Officer Rothert just letting him  
12      know that Mayor, Deputy Mayor and  
13      council recognize and commend him for  
14      a job well done.

15                      The other thing is I  
16      attended an air quality control in  
17      Green Tree and it was a very  
18      informative meeting. And I wanted to  
19      let the municipality know that I am  
20      going to have the Allegheny County  
21      Health Department come and do a  
22      presentation for Penn Hills on air  
23      quality control.

24                      And the last thing is  
25      Light-up Night I want everybody to

1 remember December 5th at 7:00, it's  
2 Light-up Night. It's a great event.  
3 Please bring your family, come, bring  
4 your neighbors, it's a great night.  
5 Love to have the fire department all  
6 there. It's a great night, kids love  
7 firemen. So if you come, put on your  
8 hat and sing some Christmas carols  
9 with us. That would be amazing. So,  
10 again, please mark calendars for  
11 Light-up Night December 5th at 7:00.  
12 It's an amazing, an amazing event that  
13 public works put on. Thank you.

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Mayor Kuhn?

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Is that it?

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 One thing I want to say  
20 is on October 19th I had the Pitt  
21 students help come pick up litter in  
22 Penn Hills. We did Verona Road to  
23 Robinson --- Verona to Rosedale Fire  
24 Department, Saltsburg to Rosedale  
25 Street, intersection of Sandy Creek

1 and Coal Hollow. Verona Road to Mount  
2 Carmel, Abor at the intersection of  
3 Blackadore and Mount Carmel to Verona  
4 Boulevard, Chadwick, Beechford and  
5 Ross Park.

6 I'd also like to thank  
7 the team leaders Jim Getsy, Don  
8 Williams, Faith Milazzo, Judy Conroy,  
9 Scott Andrejchak, our manager, for all  
10 the help with the guiding of the  
11 students.

12 Also, I'd like to thank  
13 Thad Stevens Fire Department for  
14 letting us use the station to feed the  
15 students. The municipality bought  
16 pizza for the students and Crescent  
17 Hills donated the water.

18 We had approximately 52  
19 students, and that's a first, we had  
20 two busloads. Two busloads came for  
21 us. Fifty-two (52) students that we  
22 broke into groups and went out and  
23 picked up litter. That made a big  
24 dent in the litter in Penn Hills. And  
25 also Frank Allison was working on



1 cleaning up the intersection at the  
2 old Hippo's Toot and Scoot gas station  
3 and the students walked over and gave  
4 him a hand while he was out there  
5 cleaning up.

6 So it was a very  
7 productive day --- that day for all of  
8 us. And I want to thank the Pitt  
9 students and I'll see them in the  
10 spring.

11 One other thing I think  
12 we should mention is retail  
13 strategies. And I know it was brought  
14 up to the economic development team,  
15 but I believe Scott knows a little bit  
16 more about it than I do and maybe he  
17 could say a few words. Just tell them  
18 what it's basically about.

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 There was a meeting of  
21 the economic development  
22 committee ---.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 October 16th.

25 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

1                   It was in October. And  
2                   there was a presentation given at that  
3                   meeting by an agency that's based in  
4                   Birmingham. And what they really do  
5                   is they seek a contract with  
6                   municipalities. And once they have a  
7                   contract with the municipality, they  
8                   basically go out and beat the  
9                   pavement, so to speak, to try to link  
10                  up property, especially retail  
11                  commercial space owners with new  
12                  tenants.

13                   So what they would do  
14                   is, you know, they would look at all  
15                   the demographics of Penn Hills, they  
16                   would gather a lot of data, they go to  
17                   a lot of symposiums, a lot of national  
18                   networking events. And what they  
19                   attempt to do is they try to bring new  
20                   retail establishments into a  
21                   community.

22                   Obviously, we know  
23                   firsthand that sometimes new retail  
24                   establishments generate a lot of  
25                   excitement in the community, we've

1       seen that.   However, that's not in the  
2       budget.

3                       But I would like to make  
4       a point now that it's being discussed  
5       that, you know, the budget that's  
6       given to mayor and council is a draft  
7       budget.   You know, once it's given to  
8       mayor and council it's their budget.  
9       And then we have public hearings to  
10      talk about it and find money for  
11      things like retail strategies which is  
12      not in the budget.

13                      So when the budget's  
14      given to mayor and council, it's a  
15      draft, and then that's why we have  
16      three hearings to talk about funding  
17      priorities and how to fund all these  
18      different things that we need to do.  
19      So I think people should keep that in  
20      mind that it's a draft budget.

21                      MR. PETRUCCI:

22                      Thank you.

23                      And just for everybody  
24      to know, Scott reached out to these  
25      retail strategy people and brought

1       them to the meeting, and it was a very  
2       enlightening presentation that they  
3       gave us. It may cost us some money,  
4       but they do reach out to a multitude  
5       of different companies to try to get  
6       them into Penn Hills and that's what  
7       we need. We need more businesses.

8                       At this minute I want to  
9       take time to apologize to Mary Ruth  
10      Aull. Are you here, Mary Ruth? She's  
11      not here?

12                      UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

13                      She's not here.

14                      MAYOR KUHN:

15                      Shawn, I want to  
16      apologize to you. I have to leave,  
17      I've got some family in from out-of-  
18      town and I won't be able to see your  
19      present.

20                      MR. KERESTUS:

21                      I'm going to ask to  
22      move ---.

23                      MR. PETRUCCI:

24                      Okay.

25                      But I've got some family

1 in and they're waiting for me now, so  
2 I'm going to skip out. And I thank  
3 you all for coming tonight. That's  
4 all. I'm done.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Any other reports?

7 I'm not going to go  
8 through my complete list of reports,  
9 but I do want to say that it was said  
10 that the Halloween party at the  
11 library was a 100 percent success.  
12 There were over 400 participants, and  
13 it was inside, and from the  
14 information I received, they were  
15 absolutely a successful function. So  
16 I would like to thank all those who  
17 participated in such, especially our  
18 Parks and Recreation Director John  
19 Scaglione.

20 I have one more  
21 upsetting comment. And as I stated,  
22 we do receive a report every Friday  
23 from the manager who gives us a great  
24 deal of information on what transpired  
25 in the week. The one report issue

1       said the new finance director has done  
2       a great job. For the most part,  
3       completely on her own of getting the  
4       budget to a place where it could  
5       realistically balanced. There are  
6       some things that we wanted to see in  
7       2020 that had to be taken out. I came  
8       up with some creative solutions to  
9       balance --- to balance the budget  
10      without resorting to additional taxes.

11                        I haven't had the  
12      opportunity to speak to the manager,  
13      so I don't want to blindside him  
14      tonight. But I don't understand this  
15      verbiage and the verbiage that was  
16      presented in the media that the  
17      manager said, quoting from the  
18      article, that the balance --- the  
19      budget really isn't a balanced budget  
20      and that it hasn't been balanced for  
21      years.

22                        Well, this came to a  
23      complete surprise to me. Because as I  
24      said, mayor and council legislate.  
25      The budget is a proposed budget that

1       mayor and council vote on. But we do  
2       not meet with the directors in order  
3       to balance the budget. I apologize  
4       because I don't have the article with  
5       me, but it eluded to the fact that  
6       they're --- okay, let's use the new  
7       and improved word --- it provides by  
8       mayor and council adopting these  
9       budgets that were not really balanced.  
10      As I said, I am asking the manager to  
11      have --- I don't know if it has to be  
12      an executive session to inform mayor  
13      and council exactly why mayor and  
14      council had been given budgets that  
15      are now stated they aren't really  
16      balanced budgets.

17                                It gives --- and again,  
18      using the terminology and verbiage  
19      that has been used tonight, it gives  
20      the public the possible thought that  
21      mayor and council have not been  
22      working in passing budgets that  
23      weren't balanced. So I need to  
24      understand why we were stated that it  
25      could be realistically balanced, and

1 yet, this is sent to mayor and  
2 council, five people. I don't know  
3 the circulation to the Tribune or the  
4 media, but it contradicts the comment  
5 that our budgets have been balanced.  
6 That's not just my administration.  
7 It's every board member here and  
8 previously they said it hasn't been  
9 for numerous years. Why weren't we  
10 presented a balanced budget to vote on  
11 and informed it was a balanced budget  
12 if, in fact, it wasn't.

13 This is a very serious  
14 comment that leads the public who  
15 reads that quote to believe mayor and  
16 council voted on something that they  
17 said to the public was balanced when  
18 in reality supposedly it wasn't.

19 So I am going to ask for  
20 a meeting, either executive or if it  
21 doesn't fall under executive, a  
22 meeting with the manager, my Deputy  
23 Mayor and myself.

24 My other comment is the  
25 budget was out in the time that it was



1       supposed to be to the newly elected  
2       officials. I hope you've received it.  
3       If you haven't, please just come up to  
4       the municipality so that you can.

5                        Again, it somewhat is  
6       unfair that three members on the board  
7       will vote for approval of the  
8       expenditures for the 2020 budget, but  
9       they won't be the ones who have to  
10      abide by it. The two remaining  
11      members and the newly elected  
12      officials are the ones that will have  
13      to abide by decisions that they did  
14      not make.

15                      So I am hopeful and  
16      inviting council elect to be very  
17      strong in their comments on the budget  
18      because it will, in effect, be a  
19      budget they have to follow and not  
20      three members who are going to vote on  
21      it.

22                      Please give your name  
23      and address.

24                      MR. CATLIN:

25                      Yes. Felix Catlin. 223

1 Datura Drive.

2 In interest of time, and  
3 I think I speak for many people in the  
4 audience, we just want to understand  
5 whether you're saying that --- are you  
6 talking about the draft of the budget?  
7 Because budget meetings are coming up  
8 and we want to encourage people to  
9 attend these budget meetings.

10 Is that not true?

11 Just to clarify what  
12 you're addressing. Thank you.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 Okay.

15 What I'm addressing is,  
16 yes. This is a draft that is  
17 presented by the manager and the  
18 directors to mayor and council. The  
19 first meeting for the budget is for  
20 mayor and council to receive input  
21 from the residents as to what they are  
22 in agreement with in the budget and  
23 what they are in disagreement with the  
24 budget. But the budget, the final  
25 budget, after mayor and council has

1 the manager's draft, the information  
2 from the residents and taxpayers and  
3 the research that they do, that the  
4 seated board members are the ones who  
5 will vote on the passage of that  
6 budget. But in reality, will not have  
7 to abide by what they have voted the  
8 budget to be. It will be the  
9 responsibility of the incoming elected  
10 officials. Does that suffice?

11 And with that, I'm  
12 turning --- and I apologize, Mr.  
13 Getsy. I apologize to the residents  
14 for leaving early, but I'm just not  
15 feeling very well.

16 Mr. Getsy, Deputy Mayor  
17 Sapp will handle ---

18 MR. GETSY:

19 I wish you would stay to  
20 hear my comments. It will be brief.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 --- the end of the  
23 meeting for you.

24 MR. GETSY:

25 Mayor.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   And as I --- and my  
3 congratulations to Mr. Getsy.

4                   MR. GETSY:

5                   Thank you.

6                   MAYOR KUHN:

7                   Stated --- Mr. Getsy and  
8 I seldom agree ---

9                   MR. GETSY:

10                   And it's going to end  
11 that way.

12                   MAYOR KUHN:

13                   --- on policies of the  
14 municipality. But I have the most ---  
15 utmost respect for him and for Andrea  
16 because they came to the majority of  
17 the council meetings ---

18                   MR. GETSY:

19                   Well, Mayor, since  
20 you're going to miss my comments ---

21                   MAYOR KUHN:

22                   --- and expressed ---

23                   MR. GETSY:

24                   --- you'll be able to  
25 read them in the minutes.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   --- their concerns for  
3 the community that we both care so  
4 much for. You're an honorable man,  
5 Mr. Getsy, as is your wife.

6                   MR. GETSY:

7                   Thank you.

8                   MAYOR KUHN:

9                   Thank you to everyone.  
10 Again, my apologies and I will see you  
11 at the budget meeting hopefully.

12                   MR. GETSY:

13                   My name is Jim Getsy.  
14 151 Crescent Hills Road.

15                   And as you know, I will  
16 be on council this coming January.  
17 Thank you.

18                   I didn't come --- I  
19 didn't come to speak this evening, but  
20 the Mayor's last comments prompted me  
21 to get up here and say something. And  
22 I wish I had known I was going to  
23 speak, I would have brought something  
24 more specific with the actual numbers  
25 and language.

1                   But when I decided to  
2 run for council, I decided to prepare  
3 myself. One of things I was very  
4 interested in was the budget and the  
5 audits. So going back to 2014, I've  
6 reviewed every budget, I reviewed  
7 every audit. Now, in the budget ---  
8 in the audits, the audits to me were  
9 disappointing.

10                   But there was one item  
11 in the audits for every year from '15  
12 to '18 that called into question the  
13 financial system that was being used  
14 by the municipality. They said it was  
15 outdated, it was inadequate and it  
16 should be --- a new budget system  
17 should be adopted, which was the most  
18 common budget system to be used by  
19 local governments.

20                   And in those audits, the  
21 audits made mostly comments, but in at  
22 least three or four of those audits,  
23 it specifically said not as a comment,  
24 but as a finding that the municipality  
25 should change its budget system, which

1 it did not. And in the final audit  
2 when Moe was the manager, he said ---  
3 in all the audits, you will find this  
4 language. We are incapable of making  
5 this change at this time with no  
6 further explanation.

7 Now, in the last audit  
8 that I looked at, he said we aren't  
9 capable of making this finding and an  
10 explanation will follow. And I never  
11 could find the explanation that was to  
12 follow. So when the Mayor says she is  
13 upset with the way the manager  
14 addressed it in his cover letter of  
15 the existing budget, I thought the  
16 manager's letter was an excellent  
17 presentation of the status of the  
18 budget in this community.

19 And I'm coming to the  
20 budget meetings and I'm going to look  
21 and see why the system they're using  
22 --- I'm not going to look and see, I  
23 would like to know why they haven't  
24 changed the system for the one that  
25 was recommended in the audits.

1                   Now, those comments in  
2 the audits were not just comments.  
3 They were findings and they were the  
4 only findings ever made in any of the  
5 audits from 1915 --- 2015 to 2018.  
6 Thank you.

7                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                   Thank you, Mr. Getsy.

9                   And just this very  
10 evening, the municipal manager and I  
11 we sat down and we discussed that  
12 software and we are looking to update  
13 that software and change some of the  
14 verbiage in the future. So thank you  
15 so much for those comments and your  
16 concerns.

17                   Next on the agenda we  
18 have citizens to address council. Is  
19 Mary Ruth Aull here?

20                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

21                   She is not present.

22                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23                   She is not present.

24                   And Shawn Kerestus, you  
25 are going to come up to present?



1                   MR. KERESTUS:

2                   Yeah.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Okay.

5                   Great.

6                   MR. KERESTUS:

7                   Just briefly.

8                   Very quickly, Deputy  
9 Mayor, given the hour and the fact  
10 that we're slowly losing the  
11 government officials up here. With  
12 your permission, I'd like to move to  
13 the next month's agenda.

14                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15                   Yes.

16                   MR. KERESTUS:

17                   Possibly near the top.  
18 I bring a very positive opportunity  
19 for our community. I mean, I have to  
20 start something positive. Thank you.

21                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22                   Are there any other  
23 concerns from the audience?

24                   Any further concerns  
25 from council?

1 I want to say thank you  
2 so much for coming out this evening.  
3 Thank you so much for bearing with us.  
4 Have a great rest of your week. And  
5 don't forget December 5th, Light-up  
6 Night. God bless you and have a good  
7 night.

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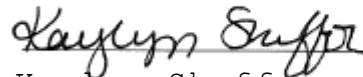
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