

BEFORE THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
PENN HILLS

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IN RE: REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE: SARA JAYNE KUHN, Mayor
Catherine Sapp, Deputy Mayor
Gary Underwood, Member
John Petrucci, Member

HEARING: Monday, April 15, 2019
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Solicitor for Penn Hills

ALSO PRESENT:

Sheree Strayer
Scott Andrejchak
Christopher Blackwell
Maureen Sorce

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MAYOR KUHN:

Good evening, everyone.
Sorry for the delay. It's nice to see
so many in attendance. Mayor and
Council hope that this will continue
and you will continue to come to the
meetings, because it's where you get
your actual information on what is
taking place in the municipality.

It being 7:05, I will
call the April 15, 2019 Council
Meeting to order. The agenda will
stand as approved.

The first thing that we
have before the pledge, Deputy Mayor
Cathy Sapp has an announcement to
make, information regarding the
procedures here at the Council
Chambers.

Cathy?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Good evening, everyone.
I'm going to be reading to you Mayor

1 Council's Chamber Policy.

2 The Municipality of Penn
3 Hills provides two opportunities for
4 citizens wanting to comment on
5 resolutions, ordinance, minutes,
6 expenditures and any other item listed
7 on the agenda.

8 Once the item has
9 received a motion, second and
10 presented for public comment.
11 Citizens wishing to address Council,
12 who sent in a request to speak a week
13 in advance, will have the opportunity
14 at the end of the meeting to address
15 Mayor and Council on subjects
16 referenced in their request letter.

17 All speakers will have
18 five minutes, with no interruptions,
19 to present their comments and/or
20 questions. Mayor and Council reminds
21 speakers, any comment toward municipal
22 officials, municipal employees, or
23 those appointed by Mayor and Council
24 for the sole purpose to embarrass,
25 present character assassination or

1 personal attacks to one's reputation
2 will not be tolerated or acceptable.

3 Speakers will be advised
4 and receive an explanation on Council
5 Chamber Policy. Speakers' comments
6 are to be solely regarded to municipal
7 government, not personal attacks on
8 anyone.

9 If a speaker continues
10 to go against Council Chamber Policy,
11 the speaker will be dismissed from the
12 podium.

13 All speakers are to
14 approach the podium, state their name
15 and address, speak clearly into the
16 microphone in order for the comments
17 to be picked up and recorded.

18 Thank you.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Thank you.

21 For the public's
22 information, who have just been here
23 tonight, the next item on the agenda
24 is Mayor's FYI.

25 What that is, is I

1 present for your information things
2 that are taking place in the
3 municipality.

4 My first report is
5 regarding the sewage report. Penn
6 Hills is responsible for operation,
7 maintenance of collector and
8 interceptor sewers and the entire
9 interceptor sewer system, tributary to
10 ALCOSAN.

11 Penn Hills employs a
12 line for inspecting complaints,
13 flushing and cleaning sewers.

14 Water Pollution has
15 recently purchased a 2018 sewer jet
16 vacuum truck, hydraulic sewer jet
17 truck, rodding machines, CCTV camera
18 system, to list a few.

19 Approximately 40,000
20 linear feet of sewers flow into PWSA.
21 Penn Hills has constant ongoing
22 discussions with Pittsburgh Water
23 Sewage Authority.

24 We maintain ongoing
25 programs of televising, dye testing

1 and rehabilitation of all sewage
2 lines.

3 Mayor and Council would
4 welcome to hear from anyone who states
5 they have a solution for sewage
6 reduction. It would be very helpful
7 if those solutions and a so-called
8 plan for sewer reduction would
9 publicly state it and share.

10 The administration, as
11 I've had the privilege to serve with,
12 have the criminal consent removed for
13 Penn Hills; Consent Order removed.
14 And Penn Hills is now basically
15 policing ourselves --- these represent
16 major accomplishments and successes.

17 When Mayor and Council
18 had to increase sewer rates, they held
19 several town meetings throughout the
20 municipality, explaining to the public
21 why. That's what we call
22 transparency.

23 At those meetings, Mayor
24 and Council guarantee the public that
25 the rates would not increase for five

1 years. They did not increase for
2 eight.

3 Penn Hills is required
4 to carry a sewer balance of
5 approximately \$3 million. When that
6 rate increased, sewer charge had to be
7 increased.

8 Once again, Mayor and
9 Council had three public meetings,
10 giving the public charts and reports
11 detailing why.

12 The raise in surcharge
13 had to be implemented due to sewer
14 balance dropping to \$690,000. The
15 reason for the drop, there had been no
16 rate increase in eight years.

17 With cost increases at
18 every level in the Sewer Department,
19 the budget surplus was used to pay for
20 those increases. Those figures are
21 included in yearly budgets.

22 In the two-year period,
23 the sewer budget went from \$690,000 to
24 \$4,600,000.

25 Our finance director

1 informed Council that once figures
2 were verified by auditors, Mayor and
3 Council are now able to initiate a \$5
4 sewer charge reduction.

5 To all naysayers who
6 will comment, \$5 reduction, big deal,
7 they are the same naysayers that would
8 be enraged if it was increased \$5.

9 No one can predict what
10 costs may occur in the future. Mayor
11 and Council are being cautious. The
12 funding will be monitored in order to
13 evaluate any changes, up or down, that
14 might occur.

15 Mayor and Council has
16 not borrowed funding to cover sewer
17 costs. To do so would place the
18 municipality in debt.

19 In the two years of the
20 sewer budget increase, Mayor and
21 Council have made millions of dollars
22 in sewer repairs and replacements.

23 Penn Hills residents are
24 very fortunate having an
25 administration, directors, staff,

1 appointed professionals --- and yes,
2 that includes this Mayor and Council
3 --- that are able to work together as
4 a team for the good and welfare of
5 your hometown and ours.

6 In conclusion, I would
7 like to acknowledge those who work
8 directly with the Penn Hills sewage.
9 Tom O'Brady, our Water Pollution
10 director. Ed Schrecengost, our
11 finance director and wizard. Scott
12 Andrejchak, our manager.

13 Gateway Engineers, Rick
14 Minsterman. Deputy Mayor Cathy Sapp.
15 Councilman Gary Underwood. Councilman
16 John Petrucci, Councilman Mark
17 Brodnicki, Mayor Sara Kuhn.

18 As the Mayor, I applaud
19 each and every one of you who have
20 worked so hard and so long on Penn
21 Hills' sewer system.

22 To serve on Council is a
23 serious position not to be taken
24 lightly. All and any successes and
25 accomplishments come from hard work,

1 commitment and dedication to what one
2 can do. Political or personal agendas
3 are not part of those successes.

4 Mayor and Council are
5 hopeful this reduction trend will
6 continue. We are extremely pleased
7 with the success.

8 Again, I'd like to
9 applaud everyone who has worked for so
10 many years on the sewer water
11 situation that was placed upon Penn
12 Hills' municipality. It wasn't easy,
13 it was often not popular, but it was
14 mandated, so that we had to do it, and
15 we worked very hard to do it.

16 My next statement will
17 be on two Council meetings a month.
18 At the December budget hearing
19 meetings, there were residents who
20 were upset about overtime.

21 So it was the decision
22 of Mayor and Council to only have one
23 meeting a month, so that there wasn't
24 going to be taxpayers' funding for the
25 staff who are present at the meetings.

1 We thought that was a
2 good solution, and there was no
3 opposition from the members in the
4 audience regarding that.

5 After a short period of
6 time, some Council members received
7 comments that one meeting a month is
8 not enough to serve the community. So
9 Council took it into discussion, and
10 thanks to Councilman John Petrucci, he
11 came up with a wonderful solution that
12 all Council and Mayor agree upon.

13 There will be one
14 meeting a month, where it will be a
15 business meeting and all staff will be
16 in attendance.

17 The second meeting will
18 be a workshop where Mayor and Council
19 will have discussion with the audience
20 on things relating to the
21 municipality.

22 But the staff will not
23 be present at the workshop, so the
24 savings in overtime will be still in
25 place. So I hope that is helpful and

1 I hope that everyone is satisfied with
2 that decision.

3 Lastly, I will read a
4 prepared statement regarding Mayor and
5 Council's decision not to permit
6 comments to be read by a speaker
7 regarding a grand juror report of our
8 school district.

9 Upon receiving speakers'
10 request to speak on the topic, the
11 manager contacted the speaker,
12 commented on the topic, and offered
13 the speaker to meet with him to
14 discuss the sensitivity topic. The
15 speaker declined.

16 Quoting minutes of said
17 meeting, page 57, line 24 and 25,
18 Mayor to speaker, your letter states
19 you wanted to discuss Bruce Dice &
20 Associates regarding the grand jury
21 comments, page 58, line 13 and 14.

22 Grand jury met on a ---
23 met on the school district's
24 mismanagement of spending. Grand
25 jury's report is not an issue before

1 Council.

2 Page 58, line 20 and 21.
3 Don't feel that this is the proper
4 forum for that. That pertaining to
5 the grand jury's report.

6 Page 58, line 22 and 23,
7 grand jury did not have anything that
8 was related to municipal government.

9 Page 58, line 25, did
10 not come up with any type of
11 indictments or wrongdoing.

12 Page 59, line 14 through
13 21, the Mayor invited speaker, if you
14 want to speak on something a Solicitor
15 has done in his role as a Solicitor,
16 if you want to ask questions on cases
17 you presented and worked on, that's
18 fine.

19 This wasn't in the
20 minutes. But this would have been the
21 proper time for speaker to ask the
22 question, has the Solicitor ever done
23 free legal work for any Council
24 member, Mayor or public official?

25 That would represent a

1 comment regarding municipal governing
2 and would have been permitted and
3 answered.

4 Page 60, line 6 through
5 11. The Mayor asked the speaker
6 again, if you have specific
7 information regarding the Solicitor's
8 workmanship for taxpayers and
9 municipality, you're more than welcome
10 to come here and state that.

11 This was the second time
12 Mayor gave the speaker opportunity to
13 speak.

14 Page 61, line 23, Mayor
15 to speaker, do you have a specific
16 charge against the Solicitor? Once
17 again, if speaker was concerned,
18 regarding free services by the
19 Solicitor, that would represent
20 governing business.

21 Grand jury comments
22 regarding school district financing
23 does not.

24 Page 70, lines 4 and 5,
25 Mayor to speaker, once again, do you

1 have a comment regarding what the
2 Solicitor does in his professional
3 position, if so, what is it?

4 Page 70, line 14, 15 and
5 16. Speaker, as everyone in this room
6 probably knows, the Solicitor, Craig
7 Alexander, was the subject of a
8 separate report referencing the grand
9 jury.

10 Page 70, line 19 and 20,
11 Mayor, that is not discussing his
12 professional services to this
13 municipality.

14 Page 71, line 6 and 7,
15 municipality was not involved in grand
16 jury investigation. Line 8 and 9,
17 grand jury did not find any
18 wrongdoing.

19 The Mayor gave the
20 speaker five different opportunities
21 to speak and ask questions.

22 The only restrictions
23 were comments regarding grand jury
24 school district investigation. That
25 did not represent municipal governing.

1 As previously stated, to
2 do free work for municipal officials
3 is government business. That question
4 would have been heard and answered.

5 However, the speaker
6 chose to present comments bringing
7 forth each time, grand jury report.

8 Mayor and Council and
9 manager held an executive meeting
10 regarding personnel, which was
11 announced to the public, to review the
12 speaker's test and what procedure
13 should be taken.

14 All agree, any comments
15 regarding the Solicitor would be
16 permitted. However, speaker's remarks
17 could not and should not contain grand
18 jury report on school district's
19 investigation.

20 It had no relevance to
21 the municipality. Every attempt was
22 made to explain Council's position to
23 speaker, to no avail.

24 As Mayor of Penn Hills,
25 I am truly sorry the speaker was so

1 upset with the decision of Council.
2 However, I do not think it was the
3 wrong decision to make.

4 Council chambers are to
5 be run in a professional, respectful
6 manner. As Mayor, it is my job to
7 keep order, not to allow inappropriate
8 behavior or remarks against one's
9 character or reputation.

10 Obviously the media, in
11 their reporting, failed to mention
12 that the speaker was provided five
13 opportunities to speak with one
14 exception, which was comments from
15 grand jury's investigation in the
16 school district. That would not be
17 permitted.

18 Also media coverage does
19 not include that in that same meeting,
20 when public discussion had ended and
21 the agenda had gone into Board
22 discussion, a resident, Pauleen
23 Calabrese, raised her hand and
24 requested to speak.

25 Even though public

1 comment had ended, Mayor replied, we
2 are now in Board discussion, but I'll
3 make an exception this one time.

4 And the resident was
5 permitted to respeak. That was not
6 reported.

7 It is sad when media
8 does not provide full and exact
9 information. There are some who rely
10 on media coverage for their
11 information on what is happening in
12 their government.

13 The media should take
14 their position of power and make
15 certain what they report to the public
16 is complete factual reporting, not
17 edited, taken out of text or personal
18 views, in order to create headlines.

19 As to social media's
20 comments --- for anyone who knows me,
21 I don't deal with social media. This
22 Council, as I have stated, is a
23 dedicated team that work together for
24 the best interest to all and everyone
25 we represent.

1 Public officials
2 understand they will part of
3 controversies. One can choose to be a
4 politician or a public servant. My
5 choice, public servant. And my record
6 will stand and support that.

7 As for the Sunshine Act
8 being violated. Those who gave their
9 statements needed to do research prior
10 to giving public opinion and comments.

11 The Act states Council
12 shall provide opportunity at
13 advertised meetings for residents or
14 taxpayers to comment on matters of
15 concern, official actions or
16 deliberation which are or may be
17 before the Board prior to taking
18 official actions.

19 Speaker was provided
20 five opportunities to do that. Only
21 the restricted comments were in
22 regards to grand jury, pertaining to
23 school district's investigation.

24 No official action or
25 deliberation were before the Board

1 regarding grand jury report.
2 Therefore, no official action would be
3 taken by the Board. Therefore, no
4 violation took place.

5 The speaker's comments
6 went straight to and directly to grand
7 jury reports. Anyone who filed a
8 legal charge, all and any legal
9 charges filed against Mayor and
10 Council, are covered by the
11 municipality. The municipality's
12 funding comes from taxpayers.

13 The manager was present
14 when Mayor and Council discussed their
15 position, as was the Solicitor. Both
16 were professionals and in their
17 positions, both know and understand
18 the Sunshine Act.

19 If Mayor and Council
20 would be in violation, it would be
21 their job to inform the Board. Which
22 I'm certain they would have done.

23 I hope this statement
24 provides information to the public. I
25 have no further comments on the issue.

1 I am not feeling well
2 tonight and my voice is really weak.
3 So I would ask the Deputy Mayor to
4 handle the remaining of the meeting.

5 I will remain as long as
6 possible. Otherwise I'm quite certain
7 the headlines in social media would
8 report Mayor gave long statement and
9 then rushes out of meeting.

10 Deputy Mayor, if you
11 would continue.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Thank you.

14 At this time, we are
15 going to the approval of the agenda
16 items.

17 And I'm --- we kind of
18 like rearranged this agenda today. So
19 Mayor, number three?

20 ---

21 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

22 The agenda is to stand
23 as is.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 It's already been stated

1 that the agenda is going to stand as
2 is. So at this time if we all could
3 stand for the Pledge of Allegiance,
4 please.

5 ---

6 WHEREUPON, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
7 WAS RECITED

8 ---

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Roll call, please?

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Mr. Brodnicki? Deputy

13 Mayor Sapp?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Present.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mr. Underwood?

18 MR. UNDERWOOD:

19 Present.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Mr. Petrucci?

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Here.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mayor Kuhn?

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Here .

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Councilman Petrucci?

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Before you get started,
9 I believe that we all have a copy of
10 the nepotism policy. It was supposed
11 to be on the agenda for tonight.

12 I know it's not listed.
13 It was supposed to be amended.

14 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

15 It's been distributed
16 and the Solicitor reviewed it.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Okay.

19 It's not on the agenda,
20 and the Mayor has already said that
21 the agenda items will just stand as
22 approved.

23 Can we please table that
24 until the May meeting?

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Not a problem.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Thank you, Councilman.

4 At this time we have
5 some appointments to be made this
6 evening.

7 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8 Thank you, Deputy Mayor.
9 The last meeting it was requested some
10 of the candidates that are perspective
11 nominees come to this meeting. So
12 there's two in attendance.

13 Karen Murray, who's
14 being considered for the Library
15 Board, the Library Advisory Board, if
16 you'll just stand up and make yourself
17 known?

18 ---

19 (WHEREUPON, MS. MURRAY COMPLIES.)

20 ---

21 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

22 And also, Ms. Tamburri
23 is here as well as a perspective
24 candidate for the Arts Commission.

25 In addition, I'd like to

1 announce that after a lengthy search
2 with the help of staff and the Library
3 Advisory Board, Penn Hills identified
4 a superb candidate for executive
5 director of the Penn Hills Public
6 Library. She's in attendance tonight.
7 Her name is Tina Zins.

8 She'll be starting with
9 us in May. I think May 30th is
10 actually her official date of
11 starting. She plans on establishing
12 residency in Penn Hills within a year,
13 as per our policy guidelines. So the
14 next few weeks you will probably be
15 hopefully meeting her.

16 I know in the interviews
17 that she attended, she has a lot of
18 big plans for the library. And I
19 really think she's going to do a good
20 job taking the library in the
21 direction that it needs to go.
22 So ---.

23 If Council could
24 entertain the appointment of Karen
25 Murray to the Library Advisory Board

1 and Elizabeth Tamburri as the
2 appointment to the Arts Commission at
3 this time.

4 May I have a motion?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 All right.

7 At this time, I'd like
8 to make --- ask for a motion to
9 receive the appointments of Ms. Karen
10 Murray, Elizabeth --- and what was
11 Elizabeth's last name?

12 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

13 Tamburri.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Elizabeth Tamburri, did
16 we pronounce that correctly?

17 MS. TAMBURRI:

18 No.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 No?

21 MS. TAMBURRI:

22 Tamburri (corrects
23 pronunciation).

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Tamburri (changes

1 pronunciation). Thank you.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Deputy Mayor, I'll make
4 the motion.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Do I have a second?

7 MR. UNDERWOOD:

8 Second.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 It's been motioned and
11 seconded that we receive the
12 appointments. Ms. Karen McMurray
13 (sic) and Elizabeth Tamburri.

14 Thank you and
15 congratulations. Welcome.

16 At this time, can we
17 take a vote?

18 MS. SORCE:

19 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Yes.

22 MS. SORCE:

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 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 And also, I'd like to
11 say welcome Tina Zins to Penn Hills.
12 I'm so excited to see what things you
13 are going to be bringing to our Penn
14 Hills Library, especially in our
15 Children's Department.

16 So again, welcome and
17 look forward to this new adventure.

18 At this time, next on
19 the agenda we have presentations. And
20 I'm going to ask if Diane Fitzhenry
21 will come up to the podium.

22 If you want to have
23 comments?

24 MS. FITZHENRY:

25 Thank you.

1 Good evening, ladies and
2 gentlemen, Mayor and Council. It's a
3 pleasure to be here this evening to
4 give recognition to all parties
5 involved in a positive outcome of an
6 August 1st, 2018 sudden cardiac
7 arrest.

8 From early recognition
9 of an emergency to prompt access to
10 911, activation of the EMS system,
11 early CPR, early defibrillation, early
12 advanced prehospital care, and finally
13 specialized hospitalization and
14 follow-up care, these are all links in
15 the chain of survival for a cardiac
16 arrest victim.

17 All of these links were
18 present and strong in the case --- in
19 this case. And a wonderful positive
20 outcome is the result.

21 We are very fortunate in
22 Penn Hills to have the support of the
23 elected officials and the community,
24 and to have highly-trained staff and
25 new technologies available to assist

1 us in caring for our patients.

2 We all know well that
3 public safety personnel are often
4 taken for granted, not truly
5 appreciated until an emergency
6 strikes.

7 I can tell you that
8 emergency personnel all spend
9 countless hours of training and
10 practicing their skills. They often
11 miss their family events, holidays,
12 et cetera, to answer the calls of the
13 community.

14 This includes both the
15 paid personnel of 911, EMS, police.
16 And it includes our volunteer fire
17 departments.

18 Tonight we are going to
19 be presenting Certificates of
20 Recognition signed by Mayor Kuhn as an
21 offer --- a small token of
22 appreciation on behalf of Penn Hills,
23 EMS and the grateful community to all
24 the people that were involved in this
25 incident.

1 They will --- everybody
2 also will be getting a small pin, the
3 Star of Excellence Award from Penn
4 Hills EMS.

5 In addition, we have
6 representatives from the Cardiac
7 Arrest Association who also will give
8 a brief statement.

9 But I'd like to thank
10 all these folks for a job well done,
11 and for them to continue to do great
12 things in our community and in their
13 careers of EMS and in the police
14 department and the fire field.

15 I would urge everybody
16 here this evening to take those couple
17 of hours that you need to take to
18 learn basic First Aid and CPR.

19 Tonight's --- tonight's
20 presentation --- it was actually
21 brought to my attention about a month
22 ago, when I received a call from a
23 20-year-old young lady, who told me
24 that on the evening on July 31st and
25 into the morning of August 1st, she

1 required EMS care.

2 The original call was
3 placed on July 31st at around this
4 time in the evening. She was
5 transported to the hospital by our EMS
6 agency. And due to her technical
7 medical history, she was taken to the
8 hospital that had provided all of her
9 specialized care to that --- to that
10 point.

11 A few hours later she
12 was discharged from that medical
13 facility and was found home here in
14 Penn Hills.

15 During the night she
16 awakened to use the restroom and
17 suddenly collapsed between the
18 bathroom of her home and the hallway.
19 Again, family members, understanding
20 that it was true emergency, summoned
21 911; and an emergency response by Penn
22 Hills EMS.

23 At that point, her
24 grandmother was unable to remove her
25 from the bathroom and start CPR. But

1 continued her care and received world-
2 class post cardiac arrest care.

3 And this young lady
4 contacted me on March the 4th, which
5 is how we know about the story. And
6 she has now celebrated her 21st
7 birthday.

8 So I would like to
9 introduce Taylor Allen, our patient,
10 and I'd also like to introduce Cheryl
11 Rickens, from the Sudden Cardiac
12 Arrest Association, for a few words,
13 and then we'll call everybody up for
14 their awards.

15 But it's not often that
16 we get such a great outcome, and it's
17 certainly one that we're thrilled to
18 discuss. And again, if you can take
19 the time, certainly learn CPR and
20 basic First Aid. It does save lives.

21 MS. RICKENS:

22 Thank you for having us.
23 It's a beautiful facility, by the way.

24 All right.

25 Well, Diane had pretty

1 much outlined everything. What I'll
2 be presenting tonight is certificates
3 that have the chain of survival on it,
4 which Diane just went through.

5 And I just want to
6 emphasize the training and the
7 teamwork that comes out of this is
8 what brings positive outcome. And
9 then furthermore, the police, the
10 fire, the EMS don't always know what
11 the outcomes are.

12 So doing an event like
13 this and publicly recognizing it is
14 --- it's a huge reward to those folks.
15 And it makes all that training
16 worthwhile.

17 Having said that, I'd
18 like to start calling the folks up.

19 Our first person
20 actually is not here, and that is
21 Taylor's grandmother, Billie Watkins.
22 She is the one who called 911 and
23 started that process of the chain of
24 survival, that awareness of an event
25 and taking action.

1 MS. RICKENS:

2 Next is Jarrett Phillips
3 with Penn Hills Volunteer Fire
4 Department.

5 William Kreider, he's an
6 EMT and firefighter. Next up would be
7 Devin Cummings, who is the fire chief,
8 as well as a paramedic.

9 I'd like to next call up
10 William Bierman, who is a paramedic
11 with Penn Hills EMS.

12 And I'd like to call
13 Lorenzo Garino. Now, he is receiving
14 a pin that has a Roman numeral two on
15 it, because he was recognized a couple
16 years ago at your old building for
17 another event. So he received a
18 higher Roman numeral.

19 And then it seems kind
20 of funny to recognize a sudden cardiac
21 arrest survivor, but she is in an
22 elite club, because an out-of-hospital
23 cardiac arrest, the survival is ---
24 it's really low. It's like eight
25 percent, maximally.

1 And in our area, it's
2 around 12 --- around 12 to 20 percent.
3 And because she went to a facility
4 that provides specialized post cardiac
5 arrest care, their survival rate is up
6 to about 40 percent.

7 So she was provided a
8 chain of survival rate care, starting
9 with her grandmother, best grandmother
10 ever, I would think, police, fire,
11 EMS.

12 They transported her to
13 UPMC Presbyterian, and Dr. Clifton
14 Callaway sent a very brief note, where
15 he said super that Taylor is out and
16 about. This is the type of case that
17 we train for.

18 So Taylor --- Taylor
19 receives a pin that says survivor on
20 it. And she receives candy, because
21 life is sweet.

22 She was 20 years old
23 when she suffered an out-of-hospital
24 cardiac arrest. It's very rare. And
25 she just celebrated her 21st birthday

1 in March. So Happy Birthday.

2 As Diane Fitzhenry comes
3 back up, I'd ask Mayor and Council ---
4 Mayor if you feel like coming down ---
5 to come down and join us, do the next
6 part of the presentation.

7 I would like to just
8 say, Penn Hills EMS, I am so extremely
9 proud of you. I was just at UPMC East
10 a couple weeks ago. And I'm telling
11 you, you did like magic tricks. You
12 were in --- you brought the patient
13 in, the patient was good.

14 You came back before we
15 were discharged, we were there already
16 there again, with an even more serious
17 case.

18 And you know the nurses
19 and the physicians were saying, we
20 love Penn Hills EMS. And you know
21 what I said? Those are my guys, you
22 know.

23 So I was really excited
24 and I just commend you on the
25 wonderful job that you do and the

1 lives --- the many lives that you
2 save. Not just this one that we see
3 here this evening, but you guys have
4 saved many lives.

5 And I'd like to say
6 thank you. And if I ever needed you,
7 you're the team I want.

8 So again, thank you.
9 And a job well done. I'm going to ask
10 everybody please give a standing
11 ovation.

12 ---
13 (WHEREUPON, THERE WAS A STANDING
14 OVATION.)

15 ---
16 MS. RICKENS:
17 Mayor, if you feel up to
18 it, the rest of Council and Scott, if
19 you would come down ---?

20 MAYOR KUHN:
21 If all Council could go
22 down for the presentations, but I do
23 want to make a statement.

24 Penn Hills has many
25 things to be proud of, but all our

1 first responders are the pride of Penn
2 Hills.

3 As Mayor, I never have
4 received a negative comment regarding
5 our first responders. All we on
6 Council receive are tremendous thank
7 yous for all that they do.

8 Our police, our EMTs and
9 our volunteer firemen need everyone's
10 respect and gratitude for the services
11 that they provide to all of the
12 residents of Penn Hills.

13 We couldn't be prouder,
14 and we are so thankful to have all of
15 you represented. And congratulations
16 on your success this evening and to
17 all your families. We know the
18 sacrifices that you make also.

19 Thank you.

20 MS. FITZHENRY:

21 I would be remiss if I
22 didn't mention two other people in the
23 audience. We have Myron Rickens, the
24 director of pre-hospital services for
25 the UPMC Hospital system.

1 And we have our para
2 coordinator at the time, Dale
3 Mitchell, from UPMC, that support us
4 in all that we do. And we're grateful
5 for the wonderful care that they
6 provide to our patients.

7 So we'll get on with
8 this. The first certificate from
9 Mayor and Council is for Billie
10 Watkins. And that's grandma, who's
11 not able to be here tonight. And she
12 gets a pin as well, which is the Star
13 of Excellence from Penn Hills.

14 The next person up is
15 Bill Bierman. Fire chief and medic,
16 Devin Cummings. We got the
17 firefighter, the EMT Bill Kreider.
18 We've got firefighter, Jarrett
19 Phillips. Firefighter Cody
20 Brownfield. And we have police
21 officer, Alyssa Finnigan.

22 Thank you all for a job
23 well done.

24 Again, thank you to
25 Mayor and Council for offering us this

1 opportunity to share some of our good
2 fortunes with you. Not all of our
3 work ends with a save, and this one
4 certainly did.

5 And we're grateful for
6 the opportunity to be here. So thank
7 you again for allowing us to speak and
8 to be here. And we're proud to serve
9 the community and thank you for your
10 support.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Just one personal
13 comment. It's in regards to Diane
14 Fitzhenry.

15 I've known Diane since
16 she was 18, and I watched her progress
17 through the municipality. And I can
18 acknowledge her devotion that she has
19 to this community and she has served
20 us well.

21 And I was so happy to
22 see her back up and running, because
23 Diane has some serious health problems
24 and it's good to have her back.

25 I can't give you a hug

1 or kiss, because I don't want to give
2 you what I have.

3 MS. FITZHENRY:

4 I'll take a hug and kiss
5 when you get better.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Again, thank you, Penn
8 Hills.

9 MS. FITZHENRY:

10 Taylor would like to say
11 just a couple words, and then we'll
12 conclude.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Okay. Certainly.

15 MS. ALLEN:

16 Hello, everyone. I
17 would just like to say thank you to
18 everyone who came here today. And I
19 would especially like to thank you all
20 standing up right now, because you
21 hear a lot of stories about people who
22 were in my position, and not many
23 people have the opportunity that I
24 got.

25 And thanks to you and

1 with the help of God, you all gave me
2 the chance to live another day. You
3 gave me a chance to see 21 and enjoy
4 another birthday and enjoy another day
5 in life.

6 I just want to tell you
7 all that you are amazing and I
8 appreciate you. And there are no
9 words on this earth that can explain
10 the gratitude and the appreciation
11 that I have for what you did for me.
12 And I just want you all to know that
13 you are very special and that your
14 work will continue to save many lives.

15 And I'm very
16 appreciative of you all. So thank you
17 for saving my life and just being the
18 great people that you are.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 I just want to say Happy
21 Belated Birthday, Taylor. Make every
22 day count.

23 ---

24 (WHEREUPON, HAPPY BIRTHDAY WAS SUNG.)

25 ---

1 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

2 Deputy Mayor, before we
3 move on to the approval of the minutes
4 on number eight, I was remiss in the
5 audience also for appointment ---
6 pending appointment is Al Waldron, and
7 his --- he's a nominee for the
8 Economic Development Committee, he's
9 actually here in attendance.

10 I did notice him in the
11 audience.

12 If Council could
13 entertain a motion?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Okay.

16 We're sorry we missed
17 you.

18 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

19 Sorry, Al.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 So right now then, let's
22 just add Alan Waldron in.

23 Can we take a motion to
24 accept Alan Waldron?

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 I'll make a motion to
2 accept Alan Waldron to the Economic
3 Development team.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Do I have a second?

6 MR. UNDERWOOD:

7 Second.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Welcome, Allen.

10 Can we take a vote?

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Mr. Underwood?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Yes.

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Mr. Petrucci?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Yes.

19 MS. SORCE:

20 Mayor Kuhn?

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Yes.

23 MS. SORCE:

24 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Yes.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Okay.

4 Now, I'll just say,
5 welcome, Allen.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 All right.

8 Next on the agenda, do I
9 have a motion to accept the minutes
10 from our March 18, 2019 Council
11 meeting?

12 MR. UNDERWOOD:

13 Deputy Mayor?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Yes, Councilman
16 Underwood.

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 I'd like to make a
19 motion to approve the minutes on
20 March 18, 2019. That is the Council
21 meeting minutes.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Do I have a second?

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Second.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2 Motion and second.

3 Maureen, roll call.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Yes.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mr. Underwood?

10 MR. UNDERWOOD:

11 Yes.

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Mr. Petrucci

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Yes.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mayor Kuhn?

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Yes.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Do I have a motion to

22 accept the expenditures from

23 April 15, 2019?

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Deputy Mayor, I'll make

1 a motion to approve the expenditures
2 of April 15, 2019. Approval of
3 Warrants Journal --- Journal Vouchers,
4 C.D. requests \$32,674.18, Master
5 43173-43397 to \$1,550,291.47, a grand
6 total of \$1,582,965.65.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Do I have a second?

9 MR. UNDERWOOD:

10 Second.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 It's been motioned and
13 second that we accept the
14 expenditures, April 15, 2019.

15 Maureen?

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Yes.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Mr. Underwood?

22 MR. UNDERWOOD:

23 Yes.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mr. Petrucci?

1 MR. PETRUCCI:

2 Yes.

3 MS. SORCE:

4 Mayor Kuhn?

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Yes.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Next on the agenda ---
9 before we move on, I want to ask any
10 comments from the audience on our
11 expenditures?

12 ATTORNEY CALABRESE:

13 Good evening. I'm
14 Pauline Calabrese, 142 Crescent Hills
15 Road.

16 You know, we had
17 expenditures here. We have --- when
18 we look at the numbers here, and I
19 think one of the biggest things that
20 we do is the budget. One of the most
21 important is the budget.

22 Anywhere from a contract
23 here, the plumbing and drain contract,
24 for close to a quarter million dollars
25 to a regular paying contract for

1 \$5,000.

2 I think that earlier
3 tonight when the suggestion was made
4 to move to one meeting and then one
5 workshop, I really think that would be
6 financially disastrous for us to do
7 that.

8 We have vendors that
9 need to be paid. I think if we ---
10 that part of the value of having the
11 meetings per month, as we've always
12 had, is that these expenditures can be
13 reviewed and then properly approved.

14 If we go to the
15 continuing one meeting and move to the
16 workshop model, then we really risk
17 having vendors say, I don't want to
18 work with Penn Hills if it's going to
19 be late payment.

20 So I really think that
21 we think about expenditures and you
22 juxtapose that to the proposal of
23 going to a workshop and continuing
24 with one meeting. I would ask you to
25 consider if that's really, with all

1 due respect, a disastrous proposal.

2 Thank you.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Thank you.

5 Any other comments? Mr.
6 Getsy.

7 MR. GETSY:

8 Jim Getsy, 151 Crescent
9 Hills Road. I'm not quite sure I
10 understood what Ms. Calabrese said,
11 but I am in favor of having one
12 council meeting a month, provided that
13 the rest of the time is devoted to the
14 kinds of committee meetings that
15 Councilman Petrucci has recommended.
16 Where we can explore details of the
17 budget and have municipal activities
18 in detail and not just have to guess
19 what is going on or not have things
20 explained to us satisfactorily during
21 council meetings.

22 We need the time to
23 explore things like the budget. We
24 need time to explore things like the
25 home rule charter.

1 And I suggest that that
2 we have one council meeting, regular
3 council meeting a month, but the rest
4 of the time be used to develop issues,
5 which we have questions about and
6 which are not fully discussed or
7 explained at regular council meetings.

8 Thank you.

9 ATTORNEY CALABRESE:

10 Since Mr. Getsy did not
11 understand, may I explain it?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Would you please come to
14 the podium and restate your name?

15 ATTORNEY CALABRESE:

16 Thank you, Deputy Mayor.
17 My name is Pauline Calabrese. What I
18 was saying, sir, is that ---. I
19 understand, Mr. Getsy what you mean.

20 And I think that is a
21 good idea to have workshops, so that
22 maybe we move to three meetings, I
23 don't know.

24 But the bottom line is,
25 if we wait, part of the value of

1 having two meetings is that there is
2 not a delay.

3 When you go to one
4 meeting, what happens is, I think
5 Council may or Council need that time
6 to have the expenditures submitted,
7 reviewed and then approved.

8 And there's value in
9 having the two meetings. Not just
10 transparency, but we do not want our
11 vendors to have a delay.

12 But I fear if we have a
13 delay that people --- our vendors
14 won't get paid within the 30-day
15 period. And anybody who's doing
16 business, even, you know, a \$5,000
17 contract, they need to be paid. And
18 we need to show that Penn Hills pays
19 our bills and we pay them in a timely
20 fashion.

21 So I think that the two
22 meetings per month, as we've always
23 done, is valuable for the purposes of
24 transparency and for good business
25 practice. So that our vendors can be

1 paid timely. And so that Mayor and
2 Council can have proper period of
3 times to review these expenditures and
4 approve them.

5 Thank you.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Thank you, Ms.

8 Calabrese.

9 MR. GETSY:

10 I'm sorry if I
11 misunderstood what Ms. Calabrese said
12 in her opening comments. So I may
13 ask, Ms. Calabrese, are you saying
14 that we should have two full council
15 meetings every month?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 And while she's coming
18 to the podium, I'd just like to
19 interject.

20 So can you make your
21 statement clear, but this is comment,
22 basically to Mayor and Council. So
23 you can explain, make yourself clear,
24 and if you have one more question, and
25 then maybe afterwards she can clarify

1 to you ---.

2 ATTORNEY CALABRESE:

3 Thank you, Deputy Mayor.
4 For the record, again, my name is
5 Pauline Calabrese.

6 Yes, Mr. Getsy, I am
7 suggesting that we resume the two
8 Council meetings per month. I think
9 that was brought up, again, by
10 Councilman Brodnicki last time, and I
11 think that's a very good idea.

12 As I said, we had those
13 two meetings. The value of having the
14 two meetings is, first of all,
15 transparency for the residents, and it
16 gives folks access to Mayor and
17 Council.

18 And there's value to
19 Mayor and Council because it gives
20 them time to review expenditures. And
21 really --- a real prime reason is, I
22 think our vendors need to be paid and
23 they need to be paid on time.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Mr. Getsy?

1 MR. GETSY:

2 Do I need to repeat my
3 name and address?

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Yes.

6 MR. GETSY:

7 Jim Getsy, 151 Crescent
8 Hills Road.

9 I'm not quite sure I
10 agree with your business about the
11 vendors and their payment. I think
12 when vendors come in, there's also
13 time.

14 If they understand we're
15 having one council meeting, I don't
16 think that's a very serious concern,
17 but I will let it go at that.

18 What I would like to say
19 is if we have two council meetings a
20 month, that's fine, but what I would
21 like to see is, the council meetings
22 have time for people like myself, the
23 citizens, to come up and ask questions
24 and have their questions adequately
25 answered. And sometimes there's not

1 enough time to do that.

2 If that could be
3 achieved, I would not object to
4 council meetings, provide citizens
5 have the right to speak, the citizens
6 can explain what they want to know and
7 could get good answers at council
8 meetings.

9 So I hope that clarifies
10 my position. And I think I understand
11 yours better now. Thank you.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Thank you both.

14 ATTORNEY CALABRESE:

15 Again, for the record,
16 my name is Pauline Calabrese. I agree
17 with you 100 percent, Mr. Getsy. I
18 would love if we had ample
19 opportunity, and I do think that
20 vendors like to be paid within 30
21 days.

22 Thank you.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Thank you.

25 Do I have any other

1 comments on the expenditures?

2 Maureen? Oh, Council?

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Yeah, I have a question
5 for Manager Andrejchak.

6 Are we having any
7 problems now with paying our vendors
8 within 30 days since we've gone to one
9 meeting a month?

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 Not that I'm aware. And
12 I would also just add that it's my
13 understanding that if there were a
14 second meeting, a workshop, it would
15 be advertised. It would be advertised
16 maybe so Council, if it chose, at that
17 meeting could approve expenses, if
18 there was an issue with a vendor that
19 had to be paid. If there was any kind
20 of issue with the timeline.

21 That would be a duly
22 advertised meeting, so there could be
23 official action taken there even if
24 their council so desired.

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 So we're not having any
2 problems paying vendors right now at
3 one meeting a month?

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 Not because of one
6 meeting a month, to my knowledge, no.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Just so we're clear,
9 it's advertised in the ---.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Deputy Mayor, if I could
12 state ---?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Yes, Mayor. Certainly.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Just for the audience
17 information, Mayor and Council have
18 never made the vendors wait for a
19 month to be paid. The policy of
20 summer meetings only being once a
21 month was not initiated by this Mayor
22 and Council.

23 But being that we did
24 follow it, we had always paid ---
25 voted on the expenditures that are

1 sent to us by Maureen. We examine
2 them, and then she calls each of Mayor
3 and Council for their decision and
4 vote. So the vendors have never had
5 to wait a month to be paid. I just
6 wanted to clarify that.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 I would also like to
9 interject, that second meeting, Penn
10 Hills has the largest municipality
11 outside of the City of Pittsburgh. We
12 have 44,000-plus members.

13 One meeting --- I didn't
14 agree that one meeting would be enough
15 to hear the concerns of our residents.
16 So moving into a workshop, that
17 workshop would give us ample
18 opportunity to hear what your concerns
19 are, what your ideas are.

20 At that workshop
21 meeting, we will not be doing
22 business, we will do the business at
23 the Council meeting on that assigned
24 date. So the workshop is strictly for
25 our residents to come out and to voice

1 your concerns, kind of for us to get
2 together and work together.

3 This is our municipality
4 and to build it together. So that's
5 what that second meeting would be for,
6 because again, we have 44,000
7 residents, and we all can't all be
8 heard on the same night.

9 Thank you.

10 Any other comments on
11 expenditures before we move on?

12 Council? Maureen? We
13 already voted.

14 Next on the agenda are
15 resolutions. Do I have a motion for
16 Resolution Number 209-013?

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 Deputy Mayor, I'd like
19 to make a motion to approve Resolution
20 Number 2019-013, awarding the 2019
21 Plum Creek Sewer Treatment Facility
22 upgrade, Contract #1, digester heat
23 exchanger replacement to JP
24 Environmental in the amount of
25 \$148,000.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2 Do I have a second?

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Second.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Any comments from the
7 audience? Any comment from Council?

8 Maureen?

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 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Yes.

25 Next on the agenda, do I

1 have a motion for Resolution Number
2 2019-014?

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Deputy Mayor Sapp, I'll
5 make a motion to approve Resolution
6 Number 2019-014, awarding the 2019
7 Plum Creek Sewage Treatment Facility
8 Upgrades Contract #2, clarifier
9 scraper flight replacement to JP
10 Environmental for the base bid of
11 \$69,500 and add Alternate #1 bid of
12 \$10,000 in the amount of \$79,500.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Is there a second?

15 MR. UNDERWOOD:

16 Second.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Any comments from the
19 audience? Comments from Council?

20 I have a question. I'm
21 going to ask if our business manager,
22 can you just elaborate a little bit on
23 this for me, please, on what this ---
24 the last part of it ---.

25 So the Alternate #1 bid

1 of \$10,000 and the total amount of
2 \$79,500, so what is the and add?

3 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4 I'm going to defer to
5 the director of water pollution
6 controls here this evening, Mr.
7 O'Grady.

8 MR. O'GRADY:

9 Yeah, that add alternate
10 is to replace the rails at the bottom
11 of the tank.

12 At first we didn't think
13 we'd have to do it, but then looking
14 at the equipment to get closer, we
15 thought it would be a better idea to
16 replace the rails also.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Okay.

19 So the additional
20 \$10,000 is for the rail replacement?

21 MR. O'GRADY:

22 Right.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Okay. Thank you.

25 Any questions, Council?

1 Maureen?

2 MR. SORCE:

3 Mr. Petrucci?

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 Yes.

6 MR. SORCE:

7 Mayor Kuhn?

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Yes.

10 MR. SORCE:

11 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Yes.

14 MR. SORCE:

15 Mr. Underwood?

16 MR. UNDERWOOD:

17 Yes.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Next, can I have a
20 motion to accept Resolution Number
21 2019-015?

22 MR. UNDERWOOD:

23 Deputy Mayor, ---

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Councilman Underwood?

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MR. UNDERWOOD:

--- I'd like to make a motion to approve Resolution Number 2019-015, awarding the 2019 CCTV inspection contract A to AAA, Advanced Plumbing and Drain in the total amount of \$242,738.

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Is there a second?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Second.

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Any questions from the audience? Any questions from Council? Maureen?

MS. SORCE:

Mayor Kuhn?

MAYOR KUHN:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Deputy Mayor Sapp?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Underwood?

1 MR. UNDERWOOD:

2 Yes.

3 MS. SORCE:

4 Mr. Petrucci?

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Yes.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Next on the agenda, do I
9 have a motion to receive resolution
10 number 2019-016?

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Deputy Mayor, I'll make
13 a motion to approve Resolution Number
14 2019-016 amending the five year
15 consolidated plan and community
16 development block grant budget year
17 44.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Second?

20 MR. UNDERWOOD:

21 Second.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Any questions from the
24 audience? Any questions from Council?

25 Maureen?

1 MR. BLACKWELL:

2 Deputy Mayor, I ask ---
3 there's a sign-up sheet in the back of
4 the room, if there are people here
5 that are here that are interested in
6 this or came to see this, this is such
7 a substantial budget amendment. And
8 it needs to be --- we want to know who
9 came and to review it.

10 So just if people would
11 sign it on the way in or way out, I'd
12 appreciate it. Thank you.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Okay.

15 Why don't you just tell
16 the audience that announcement and so
17 that they could hear you?

18 MR. BLACKWELL:

19 Just if anybody's here
20 on behalf of this budget amendment,
21 it's a substantial amendment, not
22 because of the money amount, but
23 because if you recall, this is from
24 the closing of the YMCA.

25 And Mayor and Council

1 funded the YMCA for many, many years.
2 And unfortunately --- it was a loss to
3 the community, but they did --- we had
4 a budget item to fund the YMCA and
5 move this money.

6 So I have a sign-in
7 sheet just for people that are
8 interested, that HUD would like to
9 know that we had a meeting, that
10 people were here and that they signed
11 and they heard it.

12 Thank you very much.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Yes.

15 MS. ARENTH:

16 Thank you. Betty
17 Arenth, 172 Highland Road.

18 Would you tell us what
19 you changed it to? Where is the
20 money? Is that what this is? Are you
21 approving relocating it?

22 MR. BLACKWELL:

23 Yes. This money would
24 be allocated to the William McKinley
25 Drainage Improvement Project.

1 MS. ARENTH:

2 Wonderful. Okay.

3 MR. BLACKWELL:

4 If that project doesn't
5 need the funding, then we would
6 distribute it to other activities and
7 other ---.

8 MS. ARENTH:

9 Thank you.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Thank you. Any other
12 questions from the audience? Any
13 other questions from Council?

14 Maureen?

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Yes.

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 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Next on the agenda, do I
8 have a motion for Resolution Number
9 2019-018?

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 17 .

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 17 .

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Deputy Mayor, I'll make
16 a motion for Resolution Number
17 2019-017 authoring the manager to be
18 the designated official to sign and
19 complete all documents and agreements
20 for the Commonwealth Financial
21 Authority for the Pennsylvania
22 Department of Community and Economic
23 Development Greenways, Trails and
24 Recreation Program.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Second?

2 MR. UNDERWOOD:

3 Second.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Any questions from the
6 audience?

7 MR. MOUTZ:

8 I have one.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Come to the podium,
11 please. Please state your name and
12 your address for the record.

13 MR. MOUTZ:

14 My name is Bill Moutz. I
15 live at 1335 Maple Avenue in Verona.

16 I'm kind of concerned
17 that this makes one person to be the
18 sole person, the sole entity to make
19 an agreement to the economic
20 development Green Ways.

21 Does that take power
22 away from Council to make an
23 agreement?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 No. I'm going to ask

1 our business manager if he would
2 comment.

3 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4 This is for a grant
5 application. The municipality is
6 intending to apply for funds at the
7 CCTV for parks and recreation into
8 this program.

9 So what Council is doing
10 in the opening meeting is authorizing
11 the manager to send that application
12 on. And if we were funded there would
13 be contract that we would receive in
14 the state, that would have to be
15 approved, too.

16 So this is essentially a
17 grant application.

18 Am I right, Mr.
19 Blackwell?

20 MR. BLACKWELL:

21 Yes, that's correct.

22 MR. MOUTZ:

23 Okay. Thank you.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Thank you. Any other

1 questions from the audience? Any
2 questions from Council?

3 Maureen, roll call?

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Yes.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mr. Underwood?

10 MR. UNDERWOOD:

11 Yes.

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Mr. Petrucci?

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Yes.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mayor Kuhn?

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Yes.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Now, moving on to

22 Resolution Number 2019-018, do I have
23 a motion?

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Deputy Mayor Sapp, I'll

1 make a motion to approve Resolution
2 Number 2019-018, approving the
3 acquisition and subsequent disposition
4 of vacant property located at Morrow
5 Drive, 0450-G-00137-0000-00 in
6 accordance with the Allegheny County
7 Vacant Property Recovery Program and
8 providing assurance that the
9 acquisition is consistent with the
10 Penn Hills Comprehensive Plan.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Do I have a second?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Second.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Any comments from the
17 audience? Any comments from Council?

18 Maureen, 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 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Yes.

10 Next on the agenda, do I
11 have a motion for Resolution Number
12 2019-019?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Deputy Mayor, ---

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Councilman Underwood?

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 --- I'd like to make a
19 motion to approve Resolution Number
20 2019-019, awarding a contract to
21 Kaczynski Window Cleaning for a one
22 year window cleaning at various
23 municipal facilities for a total
24 amount of \$5,025.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Do I have a second?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Second.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Any questions from the
6 audience?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

8 101 Castle Drive. I
9 never had a package, so I'm just
10 wondering how many people submitted
11 for that bid and what the other bids
12 were?

13 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

14 There were about six
15 other --- six other vendors as I ---
16 as I recall.

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Do you have a copy of it
19 now?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Any other questions from
22 the audience? Any questions from
23 Council?

24 Maureen, roll call?

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mr. Petrucci?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Mayor Kuhn?

6 MAYOR KUHN:

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 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 Next on the agenda, move
18 into motions.

19 Do I have a motion to
20 reject the bid for the 2019 Penn Hills
21 CCTV inspection contract?

22 There were two bids that
23 were significantly higher than what
24 the project should cost. Gateway
25 Engineers also recommends the contract

1 to reject?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 I'll make a motion that
4 we accept.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Do I have a second?

7 MR. UNDERWOOD:

8 I'll second.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Any questions from the
11 audience?

12 MS. MORRIS:

13 Krista Morris, 109
14 Gernert Drive. This is the same
15 resolution up here.

16 You're rejecting the
17 same one?

18 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

19 This is an alternate.

20 MR. UNDERWOOD:

21 Actually it's a contract
22 B. The one that you approved was
23 contract A.

24 MS. MORRIS:

25 Okay.

1 And how long do these
2 inspections go? Every year?

3 MEMBER:

4 Yeah. We do the CCTV
5 contract work every year. And they
6 bid really high on this contract B,
7 because of access issues. That's why
8 we recommend rejecting it.

9 MS. MORRIS:

10 Okay.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Any other questions from
13 the audience? Any questions from
14 Council?

15 Maureen?

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mayor Kuhn?

18 MAYOR KUHN:

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 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Next on the agenda items
9 for consideration.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Deputy Mayor Sapp, ---

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Councilman Petrucci?

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 --- I have a few items
16 for consideration that I'd like to go
17 over with Council at this time.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 You have the floor.

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Thank you, ma'am.

22 The first one would be
23 our proposal to resolution to be
24 passed that would give our senior
25 citizens of Penn Hills a three-month

1 payment plan with senior discount on
2 all municipal taxes.

3 And this is already
4 being done with the Penn Hills School
5 District taxes, after speaking with
6 Keystone Collection Company, this can
7 be obtained by resolution passed by
8 Mayor and Council.

9 This was expressed by
10 the seniors as something that would
11 help them in payment of their taxes.
12 So we should investigate this in the
13 next time, our budget meetings and
14 order. And participate in this Act
15 77, which the county is already
16 participating giving them 30 cents, we
17 can get them up to --- 30 percent, I'm
18 sorry.

19 My next item would be
20 I'd like to propose the municipality
21 aid the CCTV and Penn Hills with their
22 annual flower purchase. It seems only
23 fitting that the municipalities
24 benefit from the beautification that
25 comes along with plants, these

1 beautiful flowers in the various
2 gardens through Penn Hills. And these
3 gardens are planted and maintained
4 solely by volunteers.

5 After speaking with the
6 CCTV president the cost of the flowers
7 is only \$500. And I believe this is a
8 small investment towards the
9 beautification of the community of
10 Penn Hills.

11 And then we're going to
12 go with the CCTV, we might as well go
13 with the Shade Tree Commission. I'd
14 like to propose that the municipality
15 aide the Penn Hills Shade Tree
16 Commission purchase of flowers. It
17 only seem fitting that the
18 municipality's benefit from the
19 planting of trees and the work being
20 performed by this organization.

21 All the work is
22 performed by volunteers or the
23 community and is stipend \$500 to help
24 this organization continue its work.

25 In light of the recent

1 litter pickup on April 13, 2019, I
2 noticed a significant amount of litter
3 around CVS at the top of Beulah and
4 the resident's property beyond the
5 width of the roadway. There needs to
6 be an ordinance specified that in a
7 timely fashion litter must be picked
8 up by business owners and residents.
9 The Penn Hills Anti Litter Group and
10 the DPW should not have go into
11 peoples' front yards of residents or
12 business owners --- business owners'
13 property to clean litter.

14 Litter is to be picked
15 up along the side of the roadway, by
16 the community, by these groups.

17 People must remember
18 that this is our community and we must
19 have pride in how it looks.

20 And one of the problems
21 that I looked with Zokaites ---
22 Zokaites Churchill Valley Country
23 Club, we were all down there the other
24 day picking up litter, and the country
25 club's litter. I mean, there was

1 litter all over the place. Mr.
2 Zokaites isn't doing anything with it
3 to help clean it up.

4 CVS at the top of Beulah
5 is full of litter. I mean, something
6 has to be done. And hopefully we can
7 get these people to cooperate.

8 I know what you're going
9 to say. I know what you're going to
10 say. I was waiting for it.

11 We got to do something.
12 It's just like this dumpster thing
13 that was going on with these
14 dumpsters. I get more calls from
15 people with these dumpster lids that
16 aren't closed and they're stuff
17 blowing all over the place.

18 These people are all
19 volunteering, okay? There was 28
20 people that volunteered the other day.
21 We got to do something, Chris.

22 MR. BLACKWELL:

23 I absolutely agree. The
24 ordinance is in place.

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 I know the ordinance is
2 in place, but we got to change it a
3 little bit or get a little bit
4 stricter on what we do.

5 We cannot have it
6 looking like this anymore.

7 MR. BLACKWELL:

8 I totally agree.

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 I believe the Mayor
11 wanted me to go over this one more
12 time with you. She said in the last
13 meeting she didn't hear it.

14 In the year to come, we
15 need those four term limitations of
16 the office of Mayor and Council.
17 Included in the term limits shall be
18 the appointees to boards established
19 within the municipality.

20 In doing this, we will
21 establish that no one person can spend
22 a lifetime in one position. As you
23 all know, as you spend many years in
24 any position, you get complacent.

25 Term limitation --- term

1 limits will curtail this problem, thus
2 ensuring enthusiastic ideas within the
3 elected officials and board members by
4 giving others a chance to run for
5 office and express their new ideas.

6 Also, as the climate of
7 municipality will change so should
8 your elected officials and board
9 members.

10 Monroeville has
11 implemented term limitations in their
12 elected officials and can be used as a
13 model for us to go by. Mayor and
14 Council of Monroeville can hold an
15 office for two four-year terms.
16 Monroeville board members also have
17 term limitations accordingly.
18 Implementation of this would be a
19 benefit to all of the community of
20 Penn Hills.

21 And being that we
22 already talked about the meeting, I'll
23 just run over what I proposed to
24 Council about this.

25 I spoke with Deputy

1 Mayor Sapp and Deputy Mayor --- Mayor
2 Kuhn about this and Mr. Brodnicki
3 about this awhile back.

4 The Council meetings
5 will reduce from two meetings a month
6 to one meeting a month to save
7 taxpayers money. Reducing the cost of
8 the solicitor, the secretary,
9 stenographer and other personnel did
10 reduce costs.

11 Article 4, Section 2 of
12 the Charter states that we only
13 require to have a meeting once a month
14 at such time and place fixed by
15 Council.

16 With all of the concerns
17 that the community has on different
18 matters and the need to disseminate
19 information in regards to municipal
20 business, I feel that a workshop,
21 slash, town hall meeting will be
22 adopted --- should be adopted once a
23 month.

24 This meeting would have
25 no cost to the taxpayers, due to the

1 fact that a solicitor, secretary, a
2 stenographer and other personnel would
3 not be needed. The only people that
4 would be attending would be the Mayor
5 and Council and we talk about items of
6 interest and concerns.

7 And with that, I'm done.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Oh, I expected more.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 We haven't got to the
12 reports yet.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 No, I'm joking around
15 with you, before you pull something
16 else out.

17 Thank you, Councilman
18 Petrucci.

19 Okay. All right.

20 And certainly, that
21 change will need to be voted on, so
22 that's something that is to be
23 considered.

24 It sounds good. I'm
25 excited because our residents need to

1 be heard. That's why we're here. So
2 with that being said, we will further
3 discuss that. Thank you.

4 Next on the agenda, we
5 have introductions of ordinances,
6 resolutions, et cetera. I'm going to
7 ask our solicitor, Mr. Alexander, if
8 he will please give me --- do this
9 part.

10 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

11 Deputy Mayor, it is an
12 ordinance of the Township of Penn
13 Hills --- the Municipality of Penn
14 Hills, the County of Allegheny,
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
16 regulating and limiting parking on
17 certain streets, providing for stop
18 signs at certain streets and highway
19 intersections, established speed
20 limits on certain streets or highways,
21 and otherwise providing, generally,
22 for traffic regulations in
23 municipalities, as well as enforcement
24 of same and provide for penalties in
25 connection with the violations

1 thereof.

2 And basically, it
3 strikes out certain provisions of the
4 old ordinance and reenacts new
5 provisions.

6 Do you want me to read
7 the whole thing? Just the heading?
8 That's it.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Thank you.

11 So with that being said,
12 do I have any comments from the
13 audience?

14 Yes? Please state your
15 name and address.

16 MR. MOUTZ:

17 My name is Bill Mass,
18 I'm at 1335 Maple Avenue.

19 Okay.

20 We have a problem down
21 on Maple Avenue with a lot of people
22 like to park on both sides of the
23 street, and there's no parking on the
24 side going down away from 3rd Street.

25 A fire truck wouldn't

1 get through. An ambulance may not get
2 through. Is this going to be
3 enforced?

4 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

5 This ordinance ---.

6 MR. MOUTZ:

7 It's been going on for
8 years.

9 And then we have these
10 trucks come replacing peoples' sewer
11 lines and so forth with their big
12 heavy trucks and dump trucks,
13 backhoes, whatever, and they park on
14 both sides of the street.

15 A fire truck would never
16 get through, an ambulance would never
17 get through.

18 I know it might be a
19 hassle for a dump truck to have to
20 park across the street from a job
21 they're doing, but if a fire truck has
22 to come down through that street, a
23 couple minutes would pass by to get to
24 that fire might have a life lost.

25 So I'd like you guys to

1 have the police officers look down
2 Rosedale every once in awhile for
3 people parked on both sides of the
4 street. Not just Maple Avenue,
5 Stanley as well.

6 Thank you.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 You're welcome. Thank
9 you.

10 Any questions from
11 Council? Maureen?

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Yeah, I would like to
14 add one thing?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Yes, Councilman?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 This survey was done by
19 Gateway Engineering. I just want to
20 add that. And they did a wonderful
21 job for doing it.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Yes. And we thank them
24 for doing so.

25 Thank you.

1 MR. UNDERWOOD:

2 Also --- excuse me.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Yes.

5 MR. UNDERWOOD:

6 Also some years ago, our
7 officers went out there and
8 investigated, because they couldn't
9 bring the garbage trucks up and down,
10 or the plows for the snow. That's
11 already been decided years ago.

12 How that --- now we want
13 to change it? Is that what this is?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 No. You want to be more
16 clear so I can understand what you're
17 saying?

18 MR. UNDERWOOD:

19 We already --- Council
20 has already discussed this years ago.
21 We came to a conclusion, we put that
22 ordinance in, and our officer was down
23 there, and he agreed with the safety
24 and everything, that we should ---.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 What street are you
2 talking about, Councilman?

3 MR. UNDERWOOD:

4 Golden Gate Drive.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Okay.

7 Well, what we were
8 looking at on Golden Gate Drive,
9 there's a family that --- a young
10 family that purchased the home. They
11 are husband and wife with four
12 children. There's no parking on
13 either side of that street.

14 So what --- so that is a
15 huge inconvenience for that family and
16 the other house that's next to it.
17 Because they have four young children,
18 that means there's no birthday
19 parties, they just had their child
20 christened. There was no place at all
21 in the street for them to park.

22 Also, the man of the
23 house had a stroke. When his visiting
24 nurse came and other family members
25 came to do a rotation, there was no

1 place to park. The police was calling
2 them.

3 So what we did was ask
4 Gateway Engineers to go out and give a
5 professional assessment if that street
6 was, indeed, wide enough to have
7 parking on one side of the street and
8 no parking on the other side, allowing
9 that family, the only family that's
10 affected by designs and for the safety
11 of all traveling that road.

12 Gateway Engineer
13 definitely went out, they did an
14 assessment, and it came back that the
15 road is definitely wide enough to have
16 that provision made.

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 We were only supposed to
19 put, what, a handicapped sign there,
20 too, by the police?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 I'm not sure about the
23 handicapped sign. I don't believe
24 that there's anyone who is handicapped
25 on either --- for those homes that are

1 there. I don't believe there's anyone
2 handicapped that affects those four
3 homes.

4 So with it being said
5 that Gateway Engineer went out and did
6 a professional assessment, I know
7 Councilman Petrucci has also went out
8 and did a measurement, as well as
9 myself. There's definitely enough
10 room for any of our emergency vehicles
11 to get down, snow plows and to get
12 back up without causing any hazards to
13 any of the residents.

14 And also allowing the
15 family who purchased that home to have
16 birthday parties or just grandma and
17 granddad come over and park in front
18 of their home without the police being
19 called on them every time.

20 MR. UNDERWOOD:

21 If it's marked
22 handicapped, yes, you can park there.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Well, no one's
25 handicapped, so they don't even

1 have ---.

2 MR. UNDERWOOD:

3 Maybe somebody sold
4 their house and she moved out.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 No, that's the house she
7 bought.

8 MR. UNDERWOOD:

9 I will do some
10 investigation to see where it was.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Yes, we did. And so we
13 --- Gateway Engineer went out and they
14 had their team of engineers go out and
15 do an assessment. And it deemed that
16 it was okay and it was safe.

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 I'll talk to Rick.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Okay. Okay.

21 With that being said, I
22 don't think that I have to take a
23 vote, I can move right along.

24 Next on the agenda are
25 reports.

1 MR. PETRUCCI:

2 Deputy Mayor?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Councilman Petrucci,
5 before you ask me, I'm going to go.

6 And I'll turn it over.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Thank you.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 You are so welcome.

11 I would like to give my
12 report first. And on my report, I'm
13 going to report on the ALOM conference
14 that Mayor and Council attended. And
15 ALOM stands for Allegheny League of
16 Municipalities. We attended this
17 conference on April 4th through 7th,
18 2019. What I can report is that we
19 had a wonderful training workshop on
20 census. And what I'd like to report
21 is what municipalities need to know
22 about census 2020.

23 A census is conducted
24 every ten years. One of the most
25 important reasons why you should

1 practice a census is to make sure that
2 all people in all communities are
3 funded and funded equally; to make
4 sure Penn Hills receives all of the
5 funding and assistance we are due.
6 For example, the CDBG benefit, know
7 that it is based and formulated on the
8 reported population of Penn Hills.
9 That's one of the major reasons why
10 every resident here in Penn Hills
11 should participate in that census,
12 upcoming census.

13 In order for Penn Hills
14 to receive the appropriate amount of
15 human service funding, we must all be
16 accounted for. There's \$600 billion
17 based on the census data and we want
18 to make sure that Penn Hills receives
19 our fair share. So please participate
20 and fill out your census form.

21 This time, census
22 participation is being made easier.
23 There are three ways to participate.
24 You can do it online. You can call in
25 and fill it out over the phone, and

1 you can fill it out and send it back
2 via regular mail. Remember,
3 businesses looking to open or relocate
4 to Penn Hills need the census 2020 to
5 help impact their decision. Let's do
6 our part to participate. Census
7 participation is also important for
8 access program, SNAP program, WIC
9 program, and school meal programs.

10 Finally, the census
11 bureau is hiring. You might be
12 looking for a part-time job. The
13 Census Bureau is definitely hiring.
14 By law, the census is not allowed to
15 sell or share your information. So
16 for those of you who don't like to
17 participate because you're afraid of
18 your information being sold, by law,
19 they are not allowed to share it or
20 allow to sell it.

21 I talked to a few
22 vendors at the conference looking into
23 getting the opinion of the Shade Tree
24 Commission and taking on --- and
25 talking with our business manager,

1 Mayor, and the rest of Council to hear
2 your thoughts on possibly having a
3 rain garden. For example, a drench
4 that turns into a pond when it rains,
5 when we have a very heavy rain, this
6 drench would collect water. And it
7 would keep it from overflowing and
8 keep it from running down Duff Road.
9 Not that we've ever had that problem.
10 Don't know that we have that problem
11 or not. But in the event of this
12 consistent or heavy rain, we would
13 have this drench that would collect
14 the rain and turn it into a beautiful
15 pond. It will also help to keep our
16 sewers clean and free from extra
17 debris, and even further beautify our
18 wonderful government center.

19 So just looking forward
20 to hearing what your opinions are,
21 especially from the Shade Tree
22 Commission on what you think about
23 having maybe a drench that would turn
24 into a pond during a heavy rain.

25 Also if you would like

1 --- if you don't want to Google and
2 look one up, Forest Hills, their new
3 building's beautiful. They have one.
4 So in the event of our next rain and
5 you have some extra time, just ride
6 over to the new government building in
7 Forest Hills on Bloomsburg Pike and
8 that will give you a very nice visual.
9 Mr. Getsey, you want this?

10 MEMBER:

11 He's on the Shade Tree
12 Commission.

13 MR. GETSEY:

14 Hi. I'm a volunteer
15 with the Shade Tree Commission and I
16 actually am a board member. I have
17 worked with them. My question is this
18 on this plan you have. Who is going
19 to be doing the work on that? Is that
20 going to be volunteers or is it going
21 to be Public Works to install that
22 whatever needs to be done?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Well, I have to look
25 further into it. I just wanted to

1 bring it to your attention that it was
2 something that was brought up in one
3 of the workshops. I thought it was a
4 wonderful idea. And I think it would
5 get with Kathy Raborn and the rest of
6 you on that Commission, and just talk
7 to you about it. I'd love to hear
8 your ideas, your feedback, you know.
9 Just so we can even think about it
10 before we go further. I just thought
11 it would be something that would
12 beautify our building, and also have a
13 catch 22 where if we have heavy rain,
14 which we've been having, that it would
15 just work to catch the extra rainfall
16 or overflow, plus keep our sewers
17 clean and debris off the roads.

18 MR. GETSEY:

19 I agree with it. I
20 agree with the concept. But I'm just
21 concerned about when they did the
22 other place, triangle on the top of
23 Rodi Road was done all by volunteers.
24 And I just was curious if you need an
25 answer now as to whether, as to who

1 designs it, and whether the
2 municipality is going to provide the
3 labor or volunteers. I'm not
4 expecting an answer right now.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Okay. Well, that's
7 exactly what I'm looking for feedback
8 on because I'm not an expert in that
9 area, but I definitely think it would
10 be something worth us all getting
11 together on and discussing. Thank you
12 so much, Mr. Getsey.

13 And I'm almost finished.
14 All right. I spoke with the mayor,
15 council and members of the Forest
16 Hills with regards to how they sold
17 their old municipal building and their
18 magistrate's office so quickly and
19 successfully.

20 So if you drive on the
21 Boulevard, you will see the beautiful
22 new busy Dunkin Donuts. That was the
23 old magistrate building. What they
24 share is they were able to pre-qualify
25 theirs. They only have serious

1 applicants to submit plan, to submit
2 applications. And they also were
3 required to submit plans. They wanted
4 to make sure that their building is on
5 the multi-list. And they suggested
6 that we make sure our building is on
7 the multi-list. I'm just giving the
8 report. They also said do a lot of
9 our own public advertisement, because
10 we all would like to see that building
11 sold and turned into something
12 beautiful since it is a part of the
13 entrance of Penn Hills and on a main
14 street.

15 So Forest Hills is very
16 successful in what they're doing or
17 what they have done. And I was very
18 interested and excited to talk to
19 them. They were very welcoming and
20 said if we needed any advice or
21 guidance, that they would be more than
22 willing to share what they did with
23 us.

24 We want to successfully
25 sell our building so we can increase

1 our tax base. However, I personally
2 don't want to sell to a buyer that
3 doesn't have any real plan or vested
4 interest in that prime space and it
5 becomes a whole menace to our
6 municipality or a private property.
7 So help spread the word about that
8 building that we have for sell in our
9 prime location of Penn Hills.

10 Lastly, we talked about
11 managing medical marijuana in the
12 workplace. That is a hot topic. The
13 world is ever-changing and our laws
14 are, too, and we have to abide by
15 them. With the rising push for
16 medical marijuana and legalizing
17 recreational marijuana, I just want to
18 suggest that we start looking at
19 amending, creating new policies for
20 our many municipal departments. The
21 use of medical marijuana does and will
22 have serious cause and effects on job
23 performance.

24 I have many concerns with
25 regards to this topic. Most

1 importantly, the safety of our
2 municipal workers, residents,
3 including our children and vendors.
4 So I would like our Penn Hills local
5 government to come together and
6 further discuss those concerns because
7 medical marijuana is, and recreational
8 marijuana is on the rise and it is
9 being legalized.

10 So with that, thank you
11 very much. I enjoyed myself at the
12 conference and I look forward to
13 hearing your input later. Councilman
14 Petrucci.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 All right. Thank you.
17 Thank you. Appreciate it.

18 Two things right off the top.
19 I need to thank manager Scott
20 Andrejchak, I owe him a big thanks.
21 As you may remember, back on January
22 21st, I requested in writing a public
23 meeting and analysis of the sewage.
24 And I was pretty persistent on that.
25 And with his deep dive into that sewer

1 system and --- excuse the pun, but
2 that deep dive into that sewer system,
3 he located us that \$5,000 relief that
4 we could ask --- give to the
5 customers. And I was probably like a
6 broken record with you every time I
7 seen you saying hey, when are you
8 going to look at the sewer? Like what
9 are you doing, but I know. I know
10 people have work over there, but yeah,
11 I was like a broken record about it,
12 but it was one of my passions and I
13 want to see that --- I want to see
14 some revenue for the people in the
15 community. So I thank you again. And
16 hopefully this will be something that
17 we can look forward to in the future
18 some more relief.

19 Mr. Lagnateria just
20 walked in. I want to thank him
21 personally also. What you see tonight
22 is the filming of the meeting tonight.
23 Mr. Lagnateria took it upon himself to
24 set all this up and create a charge.
25 He's kind of like, this is kind of

1 like a model of the filming of a
2 minute of the meetings. So we're
3 going to go off what Mr. Lagnateria
4 --- he does film for Plum Borough. He
5 films all their meetings. He does
6 little --- what would you call them?
7 You call those little introductory
8 things that you do, commercials or
9 something for the municipality?

10 MR. LAGNATERIA:

11 They're feature videos.

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Feature videos?

14 MR. LAGNATERIA:

15 Produced for all the
16 events that Plum does from their
17 community days Summerfest, to all the
18 fishing and Easter egg hunt. So we'll
19 have our crew go to the borough TV and
20 videotape and edit it down to like a
21 quick two or three minute video, and
22 we put them up on the YouTube channel.
23 Just kind of shows people what the
24 events are like and how much fun that
25 would be.

1 MR. PETRUCCI:

2 Yeah. I really
3 appreciate you doing this for us. And
4 thank you again. Like I said, it was
5 all free of charge to the
6 municipality.

7 We have to start looking
8 toward the future. A lot of the older
9 folks don't have computers and
10 hopefully someday we can get this up
11 on Comcast or get it up on Verizon,
12 one of those channels that they both
13 have, so they can sit comfortably in
14 their living room and watch any of our
15 meetings. But thank you again.

16 Moving on, a couple
17 things that happened this month. On
18 3/29/19 at approximately 1:00 p.m., I
19 delivered ten refurbished shopping
20 carts to Joyce Davis at the Lincoln
21 Park food bank. In the previous week,
22 someone had stolen the shopping carts
23 from the food bank. These carts used
24 for storing food, for patrons to
25 collect and transport food. I called

1 Zampogna carts, 715 Union Street,
2 Arnold. Told him what happened and he
3 immediately donated the carts. So I
4 want to thank Adolph Zampogna for his
5 help in that. That was a big help to
6 Joyce Davis.

7 Recently, we had an
8 audit of our automobile insurance. We
9 were asked if we had a cellphone
10 policy and the manager told him yeah,
11 we just passed it. We did that
12 cellphone policy back on January 21st
13 also when I called for a cellphone
14 policy. So it was passed. And the
15 manager told the insurance company
16 that we had just adopted one and that
17 gave us a little bit of a discount on
18 the insurance. So that was something
19 positive there.

20 On March 23rd I had the
21 pleasure of attending the Penn Hills
22 NJROTC Ball at Green Oaks Country
23 Club. The young men and women did an
24 excellent job. These wonderful men
25 and women of the NJROTC program, their

1 They're trying to cut \$3 million worth
2 of expenditures. This is, this is a
3 sad day at Penn Hills. It really is.
4 March 30th, I had the Pitt students
5 back for the litters cup. Thirty (30)
6 students arrived at the municipal
7 building at 10:00 a.m. We broke off
8 into two groups, 15 in each group, and
9 went to Brown Road from Sandy Creek to
10 Frankstown and Coal Hollow to
11 Frankstown. The young adults did a
12 wonderful job cleaning up liter. Big
13 thanks to Faith Malaza, Tyler
14 Tomassina for their help with the
15 students, and our manager again. He
16 outdid himself again. He paid for all
17 the lunch that was there for the kids
18 that day. He bought pizza, water,
19 potato chips, and salad. We also have
20 to thank the Chief for opening the
21 Thad Stevens Fire Department up to the
22 students to have lunch and we finished
23 up around 2:00 p.m.

24 Faith Malaza from Penn
25 Hills hand-delivered a pick-up on last

1 Saturday, right? Yeah.

2 MS. MALAZA:

3 Two days ago.

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 Last Saturday. And they
6 concentrated on Long and Beulah Road.
7 They had approximately 28 people and
8 they did a fabulous job. And
9 hopefully we're going to get to
10 Thompson Run next time.

11 Right?

12 MS. MALAZA:

13 We're going to try in
14 May.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Try. Okay. All right.

17 And that's how I finished up. That's
18 it. Thank you.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 That was good. I forgot
21 to add, too, Penn Hills will celebrate
22 our Arbor Day on May 4th from 2:00 to
23 4:00 p.m. And the rain date will be
24 on Saturday 5/5 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
25 So let's all participate. Come out

1 and celebrate Penn Hills Arbor Day.
2 Any other reports? Mayor, Council?
3 No? Okay.

4 Next on the agenda, we
5 have citizens to address council. So
6 first on the agenda will be Sara
7 Snatchko. I hope I pronounced your
8 name correctly.

9 MS. SNATCHKO:

10 That's correct. Hi. My
11 name's Sara Snatchko. I live at 165
12 Willow Drive. So we have a new public
13 comment policy. I hope it will be in
14 writing somewhere. And I'm interested
15 in Council's take on what is a
16 personal attack and what is criticism
17 of government. I think that's a fine
18 line.

19 Earlier, the Mayor
20 stated sort of a loop hole in the
21 Sunshine Act that allows you to
22 prevent me from speaking. So that
23 would be something that you found in
24 the letter of the law. I'd like to
25 talk about the spirit of the law.

1 The spirit of the
2 Pennsylvania Sunshine Act is to ensure
3 that the public plays a role in the
4 government process. When government
5 bodies deny residents the right to
6 speak during public meetings, it
7 violates the spirit of the law and
8 prevents us from playing a role in the
9 process.

10 Based on what happened
11 to me at the last meeting, it seems
12 there is a belief Mayor Council --- a
13 belief among Mayor and Council that
14 this isn't the place to criticize the
15 government. That belief is wrong. My
16 comment had to deal with the report
17 from which municipal records were
18 subpoenaed and for which our Mayor was
19 interviewed. That alone makes it
20 relevant to what is going on in this
21 town.

22 Furthermore, the Mayor
23 spoke at length about her opinions on
24 the Robert matter and Councilman
25 Petrucci reported on the subject later

1 in the meeting. If this grand jury
2 report is relevant enough for two of
3 you to talk about it during the
4 meeting, it is relevant enough for the
5 citizens to express their opinions
6 about it, too.

7 The Pennsylvania
8 Sunshine Act requires you to allow
9 public comment and the First Amendment
10 protects a citizen's right to
11 criticize. Social media is not the
12 only place. This program is
13 specifically the place and the public
14 forum. This place where Council and
15 citizens make decisions and deliberate
16 is fiercely protected under the First
17 Amendment because our founders
18 understood that freedom of speech and
19 the ability of Americans to question
20 their government is vitally important
21 to preventing the government from
22 overstepping their power, which is
23 what I think has happened here.

24 You can disagree with
25 what we have to say. You can refuse

1 to make any changes. You can refuse
2 to answer my questions. But you
3 cannot refuse to allow our voices to
4 be heard because you do not want to be
5 criticized. You do not have that
6 power. We are born with this right
7 and the First Amendment protects it.

8 For over 200 years,
9 Americans have disagreed about
10 everything. We argue. We deliberate.
11 We make our cases and sort it out and
12 come to a decision. But we respect
13 the rights of others to express
14 opinions you disagree with. We allow
15 people to say controversial things
16 because we want to preserve our right
17 to say things others might disagree
18 with down the line.

19 It is my hope that Mayor
20 and Council rethink this belief that
21 you are above criticism. It is my
22 hope that all residents will be given
23 the chance to let you know how they
24 feel about the job you are doing. It
25 will make you a better representative.

1 It will encourage more community
2 involvement and will bring more
3 entities to the table, all of which
4 are good things.

5 To continue this
6 practice of not allowing people to
7 speak because their speech is
8 criticism is an affront to our veterans
9 who fought for this right and ignores
10 the lessons of history. We should not
11 take this right for granted. Very bad
12 things happen in places where people
13 cannot criticize their government. We
14 cannot allow this to happen here.
15 Thank you.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 Thank you. I just would
18 like to make a comment to you, Ms.
19 Snatchko. I always have to look at
20 your name before I say it, so I
21 pronounce it correctly. I'd like to
22 say that first of all, no one wants to
23 not ever hear what the concerns of
24 residents are. That is why we are
25 here and that is why we exist. And

1 for me personally, that is why I am
2 sitting here voluntarily. Taking the
3 time away from my family and my
4 personal life to come and do my small
5 part and being a part of what makes
6 Penn Hills great, keeps Penn Hills
7 great, and moves Penn Hills forward.
8 So I don't want you to ever think
9 that, and I think I can speak on
10 behalf of Mayor and Council if I may.

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 You can.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 That we are here to hear
15 what you what to say. We are very
16 concerned on what you have to say and
17 what your concerns are. Not just you,
18 but the other 39,999 residents,
19 thousands of residents as well.
20 However, it has been read, stated, and
21 recorded in our policy on what our
22 policy is with regards to what any
23 resident can come to the podium and
24 address here in the Council's chamber.

25 I definitely thank you

1 for your comments. I do apologize for
2 you feeling the way that you feel from
3 last time. I'm not going to bring
4 that up. But I just wanted to
5 apologize for the stress that you
6 felt. And now that we have that read,
7 stated, and recorded, hopefully we
8 will move forward with that ever
9 happening again. So thank you so much
10 for your comments. I know that you're
11 new to Penn Hills. Please, you are
12 welcome here in this Council chambers
13 with your concerns at any given
14 meeting, in any given time. Welcome
15 to Penn Hills and thank you so much
16 for your concerns.

17 MS. SNATCHKO:

18 May I respond to what
19 you said?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. SNATCHKO:

23 I greatly appreciate
24 that ---.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 The issue regarding the
2 Sunshine Act ---

3 MS. SNATCHKO:

4 Can I respond to what
5 she said?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Hang on. We've going to
8 let the Mayor have her comment and
9 then we're going to hand it to you.
10 Mayor Kuhn?

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Okay. Start over again.
13 The information regarding the Sunshine
14 Act was not something that was just
15 pulled out of the air. Prior to Mayor
16 and Council's decision, we researched
17 the law. And the court previously
18 addressed whether a body, governing
19 body act may impose subject matter
20 limitations on public comments.

21 A Plaintiff alleged any
22 limitations whatsoever on the public's
23 right to comment amounted to a
24 violation of the Act. The court
25 deemed the argument --- I'm sorry.

1 The court deemed although the court
2 agrees that the reference in section
3 10.1A, the matters of concern that may
4 come before an agency is very broad,
5 and it's clearly intended to prescribe
6 some limitations.

7 Also, the court decided
8 that limiting public comment to the
9 subject of the proposed legislation
10 under consideration by the committee
11 is reasonable and in no way violates
12 the Act under section 71.1A of the
13 Sunshine Act. Council of a political
14 subdivision generally must provide a
15 reasonable opportunity at each
16 advertised regular meeting for comment
17 regarding matters under consideration.

18 I'm sorry, Deputy Mayor.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 That's okay, ma'am.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Council's policy of
23 limiting public comment to subject of
24 specific proposed legislation before a
25 committee does not violate the

1 Sunshine Act. Council's policy of
2 limiting public comment to the subject
3 of the specific proposed legislation
4 before a committee does not violate
5 any Sunshine Act requirements that the
6 public have the opportunity to comment
7 on issues of concern. Limiting public
8 comment to the subject of the proposed
9 legislation under consideration by the
10 Committee was reasonable and in no way
11 violated the Sunshine Act.

12 Now, anyone who has
13 attended any council meetings since I
14 have become the mayor is well aware
15 that I put no limitations and no time
16 limitations on comments from the
17 audience. Now, I get a lot of
18 complaints because of the fact I don't
19 put time limits on what the audience
20 has to say. The reason I do that is
21 because I feel if you take the time to
22 come to our council meetings, you
23 deserve the time to speak. And that
24 has been the policy of not only mine,
25 but this administration.

1 This one instance, this
2 one instance involved comments towards
3 one of our professional personnel that
4 had no business to be discussed
5 because it had nothing to do with the
6 municipality.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Municipal records were
9 subpoenaed for that report.

10 MS. SNATCHKO:

11 Yes.

12 MS. SNATCHKO:

13 And you were ---.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Excuse me.

16 MS. SNATCHKO:

17 How can you say that
18 it's ---?

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 I am quoting from the
21 court.

22 MS. SNATCHKO:

23 Read the report. If for
24 some reason ---.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Excuse me, Miss. We're
2 not going to go back and forth. We're
3 going to let the mayor say what she
4 needs to say and then you have to
5 refrain. And then we'll give you a
6 chance to speak.

7 MS. SNATCHKO:

8 Thank you.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 One instance Mayor and
11 Council decided that personal tax were
12 not to be given in the council
13 chambers, one incident. It was
14 explained in detail why we presented
15 that decision. It also, as was
16 stated, had nothing to do with any
17 legislation that was on the floor for
18 discussion. Everyone has a right to
19 their opinion. And everyone,
20 including Mayor and Council, has a
21 right to those. It was our opinion
22 that derogatory remarks from the grand
23 jury was not to be discussed in this
24 council chambers.

25 Now, those who are of

1 the opinion that they do not believe
2 that to be accurate, that's fine.
3 That's your opinion and that's your
4 right to give it. But to make a
5 comment that this Mayor and Council
6 does not permit public input from the
7 council, they need to all need to go
8 out to the municipality, get copies of
9 the council meetings, read over them,
10 even though they might be 60, 70 pages
11 long; read over them, check the time
12 the residents have spoken, and check
13 to see if they were ever told their
14 time was up.

15 This represents a
16 difference of opinion. Those who
17 believe that that type of conversation
18 is proper in the council chambers,
19 that's your right. Also mayor and
20 council have the right to their
21 opinion. And our opinion was to, for
22 lack of a word, do character
23 assassination is not what this council
24 chamber represents. As I said, the
25 question could have been asked has the

1 solicitor done any work free for mayor
2 and council. Simple question. But
3 every time the speaker spoke, which I
4 read from the minutes, she included
5 grand jury.

6 Now, as far as violating
7 someone's rights; if someone came up
8 here to the podium and wanted to start
9 swearing and calling names ---

10 MS. SNATCHKO:

11 I didn't swear. I
12 didn't call names.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 --- they would be ---

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Ms. Snatchko.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 --- told that they can't
19 do that. So that's our policy. Agree
20 with it, fine. Disagree with it,
21 fine. That was the policy that mayor
22 and council, manager and solicitor put
23 into place. And to be honest with
24 you, the Attorney General for the
25 United States of America presented the

1 same argument when he chose not to
2 release the Muller report regarding
3 any derogatory remarks about people in
4 it who were not invited.

5 Again, I apologized that
6 the speaker and those who were with
7 her and support her were unhappy with
8 the decision, but that was the
9 decision mayor and council made
10 regarding this council chamber. Thank
11 you, Deputy Mayor.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 You're welcome.

14 MS. SNATCHKO:

15 Deputy Mayor, I just
16 want to thank you for your comments.
17 I do believe you. I think it was
18 heartfelt that you do want to hear the
19 opinions of the residents. But what I
20 came to hear --- to say at the last
21 meeting, I am at a loss for how that
22 could be part of the record, how that
23 could be part of the minutes if I
24 never got to say it. So if you're
25 interested in what we have to say and

1 our opinions, would you be willing to
2 rescind the motion to accept the
3 minutes until my statement has been
4 made a part of the minutes?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 At this time, Ms.

7 Snatchko, no.

8 MS. SNATCHKO:

9 Okay. Thank you.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 You're welcome. Have a
12 good evening. Thank you.

13 MS. BUNDY:

14 Can I ask a question?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 You can go to the podium
17 and state your name and address for
18 the record, please.

19 MS. BUNDY:

20 My name is Jane Bundy
21 and I live at 1501 Randolph Lane.
22 From what I understand, when a
23 resident wants to speak at council,
24 they submit what they're going to
25 speak about. So I believe you folks

1 approved Ms. Snatchko last month to
2 speak at the meeting. So my question
3 would be if you approved what she
4 submitted, and I was here last month,
5 and I can recall I believe she may
6 have had two sentences out of her
7 mouth before Mayor stepped in and
8 began to berate her in front of the
9 whole residents in the audience that
10 was here, which I think was very
11 unfair.

12 So if you didn't want
13 her to speak, I think that should have
14 taken place before she came last
15 month, was standing here. I can
16 believe that she felt very threatened
17 and humiliated. And you all allowed
18 that. You allowed the mayor to do
19 this. That's my comment. Thank you
20 very much.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Thank you. Please state
23 your name and address for the record.

24 MS. BASHIR:

25 Hi. Joan Bashir, 934

1 7th Street. I'm just curious if this
2 new policy that you've just accepted
3 --- adopted is going to be presented
4 publically? Is it available? Because
5 I'm confused as to what's allowed in
6 public comment.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 I believe the mayor is
9 going to address you.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 The new policy was not
12 brought forth by the mayor. So
13 council wants to answer, then that's
14 fine. That was, that was --- that new
15 policy was not ---.

16 MS. BASHIR:

17 I'm not questioning the
18 policy. I'm asking ---.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 I'm not really ---.

21 MS. BASHIR:

22 I'm asking if the policy
23 will ---.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 So maybe your council

1 can say when it comes into play.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

3 I think her question is
4 simply is it going to meet public ---.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 And ---.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 I think it's all policy.
9 It'll be written up and it'll be made
10 public.

11 MS. BASHIR:

12 How?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Well, the manager is
15 going to have to write it up and it's
16 going to be a conglomerate of what our
17 thoughts are on this council.

18 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

19 And I don't want to take
20 up more time than is needed, but if I
21 can just say there's not much new in
22 it. What's been indicated at the
23 beginning of the meeting is that there
24 is a five minute limit on comments and
25 presentations. And there's comment

1 allowed during the meetings during the
2 agenda, as we saw tonight, and at the
3 end. So it's just a reiteration of
4 what we've already been doing, ---.

5 MS. BASHIR:

6 But it seems as ---.

7 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8 I'm sorry. Go ahead.

9 MS. BASHIR:

10 It's --- I thought I
11 heard there was a limitation on what
12 could be commented on. That's the
13 part I don't understand.

14 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15 Okay. That's --- as the
16 mayor indicated in her comments, the
17 Sunshine Law allows public bodies to
18 limit the subject matter that citizens
19 bring before council. So that was
20 just a reiteration of what the mayor
21 had said. But we're able to do that.
22 And I just wanted to say that the
23 policy was described here tonight I
24 think for all intents and purposes is
25 the five minute rule.

1 MS. BASHIR:

2 So there will be no
3 limitations on what types of comment?

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 I didn't say that.

6 MS. BASHIR:

7 Well, that's the part
8 that I guess I don't understand. What
9 are the limitations?

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 The Sunshine Law that
12 was, the solicitor will correct me if
13 I'm wrong. But the Sunshine Law
14 allows a public body to limit items of
15 discussion to those items that are
16 before or may be before the council
17 prior to making official action.
18 That's exactly what the Sunshine Law
19 says.

20 MS. BASHIR:

21 So there will be no
22 comment on new ideas or anything that
23 is not under consideration?

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 I don't think that's

1 what I said.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Scott, why don't you
4 just say it one more time and just say
5 it slow and we can be clear.

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 I had more than one
8 discussion and maybe that's the
9 problem.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Just state it from the
12 beginning what it is and then if she
13 has any --- any comment on it being
14 clear, then we can address it.

15 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

16 I would be happy to
17 provide a written iteration of that
18 tomorrow, if you'd like. But what
19 Deputy Mayor announced at the
20 beginning of the meeting was that
21 there's two periods in our meetings of
22 the comment on the agenda, which you
23 saw ---.

24 And then the prerogative
25 of Council is to have a five-minute

1 rule --- five-minute limit on that
2 comment period. And it was also
3 stated that ---. The Mayor explained
4 it that under the Sunshine Law and
5 under the case law, other bodies can
6 limit the comment to items that are or
7 may be before the Board prior to
8 taking official actions.

9 And that is to say that
10 the subject matter, if you would, is
11 on the agenda if they so desire.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 And as far as ---.

14 PUBLIC MEMBER:

15 That's what my question
16 was.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 As far as the minutes,
19 that's new just because the Mayor
20 always gave our residents opportunity
21 to speak with unlimited time.

22 PUBLIC MEMBER:

23 I know. I realize that.
24 I've been ---.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 And so --- so I guess
2 our Council has had issue with that.
3 And we did ask her to please set some
4 type of limitation.

5 And most of the
6 municipalities you only get three
7 minutes. We negotiated with our Mayor
8 to get give. And she's agreed.

9 So --- so yes, and I ---
10 and I think five is fair. I worked
11 hard to get everything out in three
12 minutes. So that's probably the only
13 remedy for the problem that we had.

14 PUBLIC MEMBER:

15 So again, all of my
16 concern is not with the time at all.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Okay. Thank you so
19 much.

20 PUBLIC MEMBER:

21 My concern or my
22 continuing confusion and perhaps
23 stating it in writing, is with what
24 the restrictions on Council are.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 You will have that made
2 available at the next Council meeting.
3 And they will be in the back for you.
4 Thank you.

5 PUBLIC MEMBER:

6 Thank you so much.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Deputy Mayor.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Yes. Council --- I
11 appreciate you coming.

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 I already spoke with
14 everybody. And I'm going to try to
15 clarify everything.

16 Okay?

17 Now, we know about home
18 rule charter.

19 Okay?

20 I know other people have
21 read it. It's available in our
22 municipality if anybody wants to refer
23 to it.

24 I'm going to read you
25 two parts of it.

1 Okay?

2 Article 4, it is the
3 intent of this Article that the
4 Council provides for procedures
5 guiding the conduct of its business
6 that will instill a high degree of
7 trust, confidence and pride on the
8 part of the public.

9 To this end, Council
10 shall provide a maximum openness and
11 conduct of its business. The Council
12 procedures shall provide for clear and
13 well-publicized means by which
14 citizens can make their views known to
15 Council, which will permit them the
16 opportunity to review and comment upon
17 policy matters on which the Council is
18 contemplating action.

19 Now, if you go over to
20 Section 9, Citizens' Rights to be
21 Heard. The Council shall provide
22 opportunity for all members of the
23 public --- of the public to address
24 the Council on matters of general or
25 specific --- special concerns.

1 This opportunity shall
2 be afforded to the public at the same
3 monthly Council meeting. Persons who
4 desire to speak shall deliver a
5 written notice of the subject matter
6 at least seven days prior to the
7 meeting.

8 Council shall provide
9 procedures to permit the public to
10 discuss agenda items without written
11 notice. Council may follow the
12 regulations guiding the conduct of the
13 meeting and manner in which the public
14 and municipality shall conduct
15 themselves. So that is in the
16 Commonwealth charter.

17 We live, breathe ---
18 once you get elected you have to ---
19 you have to read this.

20 Okay?

21 And I understand that
22 those Sunshine Laws, those are
23 important to us. But this is our
24 guideline and you have to go by them.

25 And I'm sorry it was an

1 unfortunate situation that arose at
2 that last meeting. I'm truly sorry
3 for that. But we're sensitive to your
4 beliefs and ideas.

5 I'm not saying that
6 they're wrong. None of us took this
7 job, I don't believe, who are not
8 sensitive to your beliefs and your
9 ideas.

10 This is America, so we
11 understand. Thank you.

12 ATTORNEY CALABRESE:

13 Pauline Calabrese, 142
14 Crescent Hills Road. I have a request
15 to make.

16 For the new policy I
17 would ask that you kindly make certain
18 that it passes Constitutional muster.
19 Because we certainly cannot afford a
20 lawsuit.

21 Although I'm a
22 practicing attorney, I, by no means,
23 am offering legal advice here today.
24 But I also have taught at the college
25 level for over a decade. I have

1 taught American Government and the
2 U.S. Constitution.

3 So to be clear, the
4 United States Constitution does not
5 state that the First Amendment is
6 absolute. You do not have the
7 absolute right to speak. It can be
8 regulated as to the time, place and
9 manner.

10 However, as you go
11 through this policy --- I respect the
12 Home Rule Charter. But the
13 Constitution's superior to the Home
14 Rule Charter. And it's superior to
15 the Sunshine Act.

16 So when you take a look
17 at it, although speech can be
18 regulated as to time, place and
19 manner, I want to be clear that we
20 take a look at the content.

21 Because what's
22 derogatory or offensive to one person,
23 person might be really valuable to
24 another person to hear. So in this
25 chamber, we need to have an open and

1 uninhibited debate. So I ask you,
2 again to please make sure that this
3 policy passes Constitutional muster.
4 Because it really benefits all of us.
5 Thank you.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Thank you, Ms.
8 Calabrese. Next on the agenda would
9 be --- oh, okay. Please state your
10 name and your address for the record.

11 MS. HOOLAHAN:

12 Heather Hoolahan, 6675
13 Poketa Road. What I heard this
14 evening, according to the Sunshine
15 Act, was that you may restrict, not
16 that you must, not that you shall.
17 And certainly not that you should.

18 And then Mr. Petrucci
19 went on to read from the Home Rule
20 Charter and seemed to indicate that
21 perhaps the Sunshine Act and the Home
22 Rule Charter were somehow
23 contradictory, because what he said
24 was that although the Sunshine Act
25 provides for certain measures that you

1 must abide by the Home Rule Charter
2 and that's to precede the Sunshine
3 Act. I've heard nothing when he read
4 that it was contraindicated to
5 anything that was done here.

6 The first three
7 paragraphs of what he read said,
8 shall, shall, shall, you shall provide
9 a spot for things to happen, you shall
10 provide a forum and you shall host a
11 public hearing on it. The fourth that
12 he seemed to indicate may be
13 contraindicated was that you may
14 limit, again, may is not must, may is
15 not shall and may is not should. You
16 really should take into consideration
17 that you do not want make enemies of
18 the public. And by simply shutting
19 them down without just giving them
20 their right to speak and you did not
21 need to give rebuttal, you did not
22 need to offer any commentary. Simply
23 allowing the public to speak on their
24 matter of concern is something that is
25 protected under shall, must and may.

1 Thank you, Ms. Mayor.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Next on the agenda we
4 have William Matthews to address the
5 Council. Please state your name and
6 address for the record.

7 MR. MATTHEWS:

8 William Matthews. I
9 live in Plum, 1085 McAllister Drive.
10 I'm here regarding Franco's Pizza.
11 I'd like to pass this letter out.
12 That's a letter I received from Penn
13 Hills Department of Planning and ---.

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Can you speak up, Mr.
16 Matthews?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Can you at least speak
19 into the microphone so we can hear you
20 and please keep in mind that you have
21 five minutes?

22 MR. MATTHEWS:

23 Okay.

24 Could you give me like a
25 two-minute warning then?

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DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Okay. I can do my best.

MR. MATTHEWS:

Thank you. Okay. I was --- I'm here because the letter states that I cannot put signs up and what is I --- even though I'm not a resident, our business is contiguous on the border of Penn Hills and Plum.

In 2016, me, my wife, and my daughter bought a house on 767 Clearview Drive, which her and my grandchild at that. So the municipality is important to me. The evening of March 12th or 13th I was putting signs up in front --- I bought Franco's Pizza in 1979. I was 19 years old, so I've owned it for a very long and I put those signs for a long time. What we do is we put them up for the period of Lent and we have done it every year. And we take it down when Lent is over.

I will admit last year we had a health issue and we didn't

1 take them down right away. Over all
2 the years we have.

3 On the evening of the
4 12th or the 13th, I was out putting
5 signs back up and I'll tell you that I
6 was even bolting to a road sign and I
7 found out that I'm wrong and should
8 not do that. But I was stopped by
9 Damion Butler (phonetic). He's the
10 one that wrote me the letter and it
11 was after hours. He was not on duty
12 and I can tell he was angry when I was
13 putting the signs up. He was like who
14 are you and I told him my name was
15 Bill, who are you? And he immediately
16 identified himself and he could have
17 not been any more professional.

18 I asked him, you know
19 --- he told me about the law. I asked
20 him questions. He gave me the answers
21 to all of it. And I would like to
22 point out that it was after hours. He
23 didn't have to be as patient as he was
24 with me. He was very nice and he
25 should be commended on that. You have

1 a good public servant there.

2 In the conversation, I
3 asked him --- you know, I told him
4 I've been doing this forever, how can
5 we do it. He said the only person
6 that could give approval was Chris
7 Blackwell. So he told me about the
8 letter. I explained to him I didn't
9 receive the letter because we get all
10 of our business mail at our home
11 address.

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 You're at your two-
14 minute warning, Mr. Matthews.

15 MR. MATTHEWS:

16 I'm going to run out of
17 time. So I explained to him that we
18 don't get no business mail there and
19 we don't check it that often. And I
20 wrote down the --- and I got it.

21 If it was sent certified
22 or something, we get a notice and we
23 knew right away. But I got the letter
24 and that's what I gave to you and I
25 highlighted the part that no

1 advertising shall be placed without
2 approval of the municipality or
3 similar authority. And he also told
4 me that Chris Blackwell would be the
5 only one that would be able to do it.
6 He indicated that it can be done.

7 The reason I'm here,
8 when I came up to speak with Mr.
9 Blackwell, it was just a totally
10 different experience. Because I'm
11 running out of time, I won't go
12 through the whole thing. But I can
13 tell you that it was not a good
14 experience whatsoever. I've been in
15 the pizza business forever, and I've
16 been a commercial builder for almost
17 30 years. I've worked with boroughs,
18 municipalities, Economic Development
19 people in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West
20 Virginia and I know how someone should
21 act and what they should do.

22 He said there is no
23 possible way to get it done. I felt
24 --- I felt belittled and demeaned the
25 way he spoke to me. He reached out at

1 first and he said I want to shake your
2 hand. And he's like --- I'm shaking
3 his hand and he says I'm so happy to
4 finally meet the person that's been
5 causing me grief for 12 years.
6 Wouldn't give me a second to like ---
7 I had to try to keep getting what I
8 wanted him to say. But in the time
9 that I spoke to him, he was able to
10 tell me that he wears a tie now and he
11 doesn't pick up the signs.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Excuse me, Mr. Matthews,
14 I don't mean to interrupt you, but for
15 one your five minutes is up. I just
16 would like to ask you if you --- you
17 stated a lot of what was said, but you
18 really didn't convey the problem.

19 MR. MATTHEWS:

20 The problem --- the
21 problem is your --- one person says
22 that he's the one that can do it. The
23 letter says he's the one that can do
24 it. When I went up there, he said
25 there was no possible way he could do

1 it and I have no way to do it. And I
2 have done this forever and I would
3 like to continue to do it for Lent.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Okay.

6 I'm going to ask if Mr.
7 Blackwell will please make a comment
8 on --- to your concern.

9 MR. BLACKWELL:

10 Certainly. As you know,
11 I'm the Planning Director and I have a
12 25-year career here in this part of
13 Penn Hills. And I have had countless
14 complaints and discussions about
15 signs, and with Mayor and Council,
16 with residents. Many of these
17 residents here are glad that they're
18 here. I'm glad they stayed at this
19 meeting because many of these
20 residents are the ones that bring
21 signs in to me.

22 And our ordinance allows
23 me, as a zoning officer, to pick up
24 signs. I can also assign people to
25 pick up signs like Code Enforcement

1 and they bring them in.

2 And the letter may be
3 misleading in that we don't know what
4 kind of sign your putting up, so there
5 are some signs that maybe there is
6 some possibility that maybe you have
7 some temporary use for them or
8 something like that and you're allowed
9 to put them up. But in this case,
10 there's no possible way ---.

11 Mr. Matthews is asking
12 me ---- I have to tell you too also
13 here - so in Section 9114 of the
14 Ordinance allows me to remove the
15 signs. It also describes a fee upon
16 --- that I could charge. However,
17 there isn't a fee structure. Maybe
18 that's a future ordinance amendment.
19 There's no fee to charge.

20 So I have five signs in
21 here right here. I have five signs,
22 so these are signs that my staff has
23 picked up. He comes and picks them
24 up. We have to keep them for ten days
25 the Ordinance says. He picks them up,

1 he puts them back out. My staff goes
2 out and picks them up. He puts them
3 back. These were put back 30 times.

4 How many times has this
5 happened? Do you know?

6 MR. MATTHEWS:

7 Let me correct a couple
8 of things. Once I was told about the
9 letter, I never put another sign up.
10 And I actually came up here three
11 times to pick up signs because I knew
12 they were up here. When I stopped on
13 Friday and I asked Mr. Blackwell --- I
14 highlighted this part because I knew
15 what was going to happen.

16 I know Chris Blackwell
17 has held back the signs and is
18 bringing them to the meeting to
19 embarrass me tonight. It's his
20 mission, you know. You don't want
21 people working for you ---.

22 MR. BLACKWELL:

23 I'm going to finish my
24 comment now. I'm going to tell you
25 that it is my mission to embarrass

1 him. That's correct. I do feel like
2 he's here --- he's asking you for
3 sympathy to put up signs and I --- you
4 know, I've been --- we've through this
5 with these signs so many times and
6 it's very frustrating. It's very
7 frustrating.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 So we do have an
10 ordinance with regards to the signs.

11 Is that correct, Mr.
12 Blackwell?

13 MR. BLACKWELL:

14 Yes, we do.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Okay.

17 Mr. Matthews, have you
18 received that ordinance?

19 MR. MATTHEWS:

20 Yes, I did. And I'm not
21 here to beg you to let me put the
22 signs up.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 I totally understand.

25 MR. MATTHEWS:

1 I'm here to tell you
2 just how --- I would love a chance to
3 get to tell you what transposed in
4 that. Just the idea of when I go to
5 pick them up, they say they don't have
6 them. So he can come bring them to
7 me.

8 MR. BLACKWELL:

9 I didn't say I didn't
10 have them. I said ---.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 It's okay, Mr.
13 Blackwell. We're not going to go back
14 and forth with who had the signs and
15 how long the signs were there.

16 First, I don't want ---
17 I would not want you to ever feel
18 embarrassed in this council chamber.
19 It is not our intent to ever embarrass
20 anybody in our business. We certainly
21 thank you for the work that you do but
22 I'm going to ask that if you could
23 just abide by the ordinance. And then
24 if you do run into any further
25 problems our business manager is

1 available or you can also feel free to
2 write us a letter if you feel that you
3 are suffering some other inconvenience
4 that is --- you're being treated
5 unfairly. But if you would just go by
6 the residence --- the ordinance, we
7 certainly appreciate you being law-
8 abiding and not putting them back up
9 again after you got them back. We
10 certainly appreciate that and we
11 defiantly appreciate your service.

12 MR. BLACKWELL:

13 And I also stated this
14 is not a Penn Hills business, he does
15 not live in Penn Hills and he places
16 them where it is --- right where it
17 was picked up by Mr. Matchullu
18 (phonetic) was in front of a Penn
19 Hills business.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Okay.

22 MR. MATTHEWS:

23 Yes, and I stated we're
24 on the border of Penn Hills. I grew
25 up in Penn Hills. My daughter and my

1 grandchild, we bought them a house in
2 Penn Hills.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Right. And we
5 appreciate that as well, but we don't
6 want you to put the signs in front of
7 other businesses.

8 MR. MATTHEWS:

9 He keeps wanting to make
10 the last point. The last point is he
11 does want to embarrass me. He does
12 want to make an issue about it. I'm
13 more concerned about that.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Okay.

16 Well, there --- please
17 don't --- again, please don't feel
18 embarrassed. And we do know ---
19 although your businesses is not in
20 Penn Hills, Penn Hills residents, we
21 do order pizza from other
22 municipalities, so again, thank you
23 for making the pizzas. And if you
24 would just abide by the ordinance, we
25 shouldn't have any more problems. And

1 if you do, the manager's office is
2 open Monday through Friday until 4:00
3 and you are more than welcome to write
4 us a letter and we will address any
5 further concerns after this in
6 writing.

7 MR. MATTHEWS:

8 Could you tell me is ---
9 was he correct in saying there is no
10 possible venue that I could get
11 permission to put up a sign? He said
12 there was no way to do it.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Well, I'll turn that
15 over to our solicitor to answer that
16 question.

17 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

18 Regardless of what ---
19 the fact is that the voice of what can
20 be done and can't be done. There's
21 parts in the ordinance that says you
22 can't do it. The way to change that
23 would be to amend the ordinance.
24 That's Council --- that ordinance has
25 been in place for a long, long time.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2 And right now we're not
3 going to amend the ordinance, but ---.

4 MR. MATTHEWS:

5 I'm not --- I'm not
6 asking ---.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Yeah, I know you
9 weren't, but I just want to comment on
10 what he was saying back to you.

11 MR. MATTHEWS:

12 If you start having
13 public workshops, if you reach out to
14 me, I would be glad to come up and
15 discuss everything that happened.
16 It's not right. It's not.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Well, again, thank you
19 so much.

20 Next on the agenda we
21 have Ms. Andrea Getsey.

22 MS. GETSEY:

23 My name is Andrea
24 Getsey. I live at 151 Crescent Hills
25 Road. And I'm here to bring you good,

1 happy and short news. I think we're
2 going to see up --- it's going to be
3 up on the screen pictures of anti-
4 litter posters. These posters were
5 created by our high school kids,
6 eleventh and twelfth graders. This is
7 three of them. I'm going to introduce
8 Faith Palozza (phonetic) who was up
9 here a little bit ago. I'm going to
10 ask her to hold up some of these other
11 posters.

12 Faith and I are with the
13 Crescent Hills Civic Association. We
14 have sponsored this anti-litter
15 campaign. And here are some pictures.
16 Show them now because I want to make
17 it easy so they can go home.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Then could you show us
20 also?

21 MS. GETSEY:

22 These are additional
23 posters. Altogether there were 17
24 posters created by the high school.
25 There were 43 posters created by the

1 middle school. And so we're not going
2 to show you all those posters, but
3 they are shown in businesses
4 throughout Penn Hills community. They
5 are being distributed by volunteers.
6 And I invite anybody in this audience
7 who'd be willing to help us by taking
8 a poster or two and deciding a
9 business that you are going to take it
10 to.

11 We have about 24 more
12 that we have to find homes for, so I
13 offer that. And I want to thank all
14 the groups that are supporting this.
15 The anti-litter group. These groups
16 that I'm mentioning are contributing
17 toward the award. There will be six
18 first place rewards granted to
19 Kindergarten, first and second grade,
20 third and fourth grade. And then also
21 fifth and seventh. And also one for
22 the high school. There will be ---
23 each gift is worth \$50. Thank you,
24 Faith.

25 And the groups that are

1 helping to support this are the Anti-
2 Litter Group, Penn Hills CVC, Fame
3 (phonetic), Penn Hills Education
4 Foundation and the Penn Hills Rotary
5 in addition to the Crescent Hill Civil
6 Association.

7 The people that I've worked
8 with so far, the art teachers, Jason
9 Korpa of the high school. He created
10 that --- some place in here and he
11 created a coloring page. That's the
12 interesting part of this campaign is
13 there is a contest at the elementary
14 level. A really big one.

15 In fact, we distributed
16 1,700 coloring pages. I know.
17 Imagine having to look through all of
18 this and judge it. So it's going to
19 be tough. I expect 50 percent of that
20 to come back. They have been
21 distributed to our elementary school,
22 to Saint Joseph's in Verona and to
23 Redeemer Lutheran.

24 I even offered the
25 charter school to participate, but

1 they said not this year. But it's a
2 big affair and I had the support of
3 the superintendent of the schools,
4 Nancy Hines, the principal of the
5 elementary school, Kristen Brown and
6 the two art teachers, Jason Korpa and
7 Amanda Power.

8 This year like the one
9 we did two years ago we will have an
10 award ceremony where all these
11 children and their families will come
12 and we might have, if we're lucky, an
13 official from Penn Hills to make the
14 presentation. And as we did before,
15 Mayor Kuhn did it two years ago and it
16 was a wonderful, wonderful event.
17 Maybe she'll consider to do it again.
18 I sent her a letter to that effect.

19 And so that's all I
20 wanted to let you know. And if you
21 are interested in passing out a few of
22 the slides to your favorite business,
23 they happily take them because it's
24 free. It's free and they put it up
25 and it helps them, you know, control

1 litter. And think about all of the
2 kids who are a part of this who put
3 their minds to the task of coloring
4 anti-litter posters and creating them.
5 We're putting in their brain it's bad
6 to litter. Okay. So that is all.
7 Thank you all.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Thank you, Ms. Getsey.
10 It's a wonderful vision that you had
11 and I love the whole vision. And I
12 definitely support that vision. And I
13 want to say it's so awesome when you
14 go to the different businesses and you
15 see that poster in the window. It
16 just makes you so proud of the
17 children who took the time to put
18 their heart into coloring it and
19 making sure that they did a good job
20 in representing Penn Hills and
21 discouraging people from littering.

22 And so the businesses,
23 some of them --- I can't hardly
24 believe that it was two years ago.
25 Some of those businesses still have

1 those posters hanging. And even a
2 return of 50 percent, it's amazing.

3 MS. GETSEY:

4 Faith would like to tell
5 you a little bit --- one more thing
6 about what she is doing too in
7 addition.

8 MS. PALOZZA:

9 I'll be fast. Faith
10 Palozza, 121 Castle Drive. We are
11 also having an essay contest. It's
12 from seventh to twelfth grade. Junior
13 high and high school. Our contest
14 ends the last Friday of this month.
15 Essays were from the high school and
16 middle school, so I hope we get a good
17 turn out like the same thing we had as
18 Andrea said. We're just hoping when
19 the youth do --- in their case, they
20 were coloring. In this case, they
21 have to do a little bit of research to
22 come up with how littering can impact
23 our community and they get an award.

24 So I hope we get a good
25 turnout, but we really --- we believe

1 strongly that the youth is really ---
2 that's a good place to start, I mean,
3 better home training will help. So
4 we're just hoping that by taking the
5 time to do a little research maybe
6 they'll realize that littering is not
7 really good. Thank you so much.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 I'm just going to ask
10 now, Mayor, if you would just have any
11 remarks this evening?

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 I just wanted to state
14 that I had the privilege as Mayor to
15 be a presenter of the winners of the
16 certificates that Ms. Getsey is such a
17 big part of for litter. And believe
18 me when I tell the public it is not
19 just a win, it's a win, win, for the
20 municipality to have these young
21 people who through this contest are
22 able to be informed of littering.
23 Plus, you have a way of displaying the
24 wonderful talent that our young people
25 in our school district have. It's a

1 remarkable ceremony to attend.

2 And again, at that
3 ceremony, and I say again, it's very
4 wonderful the time and effort that Ms.
5 Getsey puts into this. And the
6 children are so responsive. And so I
7 congratulate you on your success and I
8 hope that it continues year after
9 year. Thank you.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Any other comments from
12 Council? All right.

13 With that being said,
14 I'd like to say thank you so much for
15 coming out this evening. Thank you
16 for voicing your concerns. We'll see
17 you next Monday at the next Council
18 meeting. Have a great week.

19 May I have a motion to
20 adjourn the meeting?

21 MR. UNDERWOOD:

22 I'll make a motion to
23 adjourn.

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 I'll second.

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DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Meeting adjourned. Have
a good evening and a great week.

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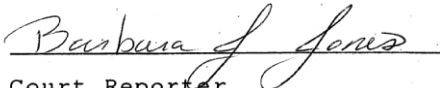
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