

BEFORE THE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF  
PENN HILLS

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IN RE: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

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BEFORE: SARA KUNN, Mayor  
CATHERINE R. SAPP,  
Deputy Mayor  
GARY UNDERWOOD, Member  
JOHN PETRUCCI, Member  
MARK A. BRODNICKI, Member  
SCOTT ANDREJCHAK,  
Municipal Manager  
NICHOLAS FUTULES,  
Controller  
RICK MINSTERMAN, Engineer  
CHRIS BLACKWELL,  
Planning Director  
SHEREE STRAYER,  
Finance Director

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WITNESSES: Joanne Alexander, Bill

Moutz, Elder Jim Balthrop, Dina Hurt

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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Good evening, Penn  
5 Hills. We are going to be calling the  
6 meeting to order in just a few  
7 moments. We have some changes to the  
8 agenda. So if you would be so kind  
9 just to give us a few moments to  
10 properly prepare for the meeting? It  
11 would be appreciated. Thank you.

12 ---

13 (WHEREUPON, THERE WAS A BRIEF  
14 INTERRUPTION IN THE PROCEEDINGS.)

15 ---

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 Okay.

18 Good evening, Penn  
19 Hills. Thank you so much for your  
20 patience. It being 7:05 we are going  
21 to start our June 17th, 2019 meeting.  
22 I am going to be amending the agenda  
23 this evening. We are going to be  
24 removing number ten and also removing  
25 Resolution Number 2019-030 and adding

1 an agreement between the municipality  
2 of Penn Hills and Hoffman Kennel.

3 I'd also like to let you  
4 know that our Mayor will be joining  
5 this meeting by way of telephone. So  
6 she is on the telephone this evening.

7 She asked me to chair the meeting,  
8 because she thought that it would be --- since  
9 she can't see your face, it would be  
10 better if I chaired the meeting. But  
11 she can hear you. And if we need her  
12 to respond we can do that also.

13 Okay.

14 At this time, Scott, our  
15 Business Manager has an announcement  
16 he'd like to make.

17 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18 Thank you. Thanks for  
19 being here, and welcome. A few months  
20 ago we initiated a search process to  
21 transition to a new finance  
22 administrative staff. As many of you  
23 may or may not know, Ed Strechengaus  
24 has been our long time Planning  
25 Instructor for probably many years ---



1 more years than he may want to admit.

2 And Sheree Strayer, the  
3 assistant, assumed the function of  
4 Finance Director. And that's going to  
5 be happening in August. So she's  
6 taking the reins. And in the meantime  
7 we initiated a search process for her  
8 replacement as an Assistant Director.

9 And we were fortunate to identify a  
10 superb candidate. Her name is April  
11 Loyal. She is in the audience here  
12 tonight.

13 I'd like to just  
14 recognize her. You'll be seeing more  
15 of her in the finance office starting  
16 on Monday. She comes to us for the  
17 City of Pittsburgh with a really  
18 outstanding resume. So we're really  
19 happy to have her onboard. So welcome  
20 to Penn Hills.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Welcome to Penn Hills.  
23 We look forward to working with you.  
24 You do have some big shoes to fill as  
25 you already know. Are you ready?

1                   MS. LOYAL:

2                   I'm ready.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Okay.

5                   Next on the agenda we  
6                   have a Mayor's FYI. The Mayor is not  
7                   going to have an FYI this evening.  
8                   But the Deputy Mayor does. One, Mayor  
9                   Sara Kuhn is still out sick, as you  
10                  know. Please continue to pray for her  
11                  and her family as she is recovering.  
12                  Keep her in your prayers. We  
13                  certainly do miss her.

14                  And again, she is joining us by  
15                  way of telephone this evening. So if  
16                  you'd like, say hello Mayor Kuhn.  
17                  Hello Mayor Kuhn.

18                  MS. STRAYER:

19                  Can you hear us, Mayor?

20                  MAYOR KUHN:

21                  I couldn't hear you very  
22                  well. I could hear you fine before  
23                  you said can you hear us now. I could  
24                  hear you fine.

25                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1                   Okay.

2                   Well, everyone's just  
3 saying hello to you, good evening.  
4 And they will be remembering you and  
5 your family in their prayers.

6                   All right.

7                   As some of you may know  
8 or may not be aware of. There was an  
9 incident that took place on Thursday,  
10 June 6th, that involved a drug  
11 taskforce team, Penn Hills police and  
12 a K9 dog. Many residents and  
13 concerned agencies contacted me with  
14 regard to what they feel was brutal,  
15 excessive and inappropriate policing  
16 during an arrest.

17                   The situation went under  
18 review. I have met with Chief Burton,  
19 Scott, our Business Manager. And in  
20 turn the chief has met with his  
21 department, Attorney Josh Shapiro's  
22 office, residents and an outside  
23 agency with regard to this matter.

24                   I want to clarify and reiterate  
25 what I said, because some parts of my

1 interview were cut by Channel Four  
2 News.

3 Number one, I do commend  
4 and support the Penn Hills Police  
5 Department. We have a great police  
6 force here in Penn Hills, ran by an  
7 outstanding Chief. The Chief is in  
8 the audience. Chief, stand up.

9 For the 27 years that  
10 I've lived in Penn Hills, I can say  
11 our force works hard to keep Penn  
12 Hills a safe place to live, work and  
13 play. With the drug taskforce and any  
14 other incident that involves the state  
15 police, FBI, they have jurisdiction  
16 and they supersede our local police  
17 department.

18 We definitely want and  
19 welcome the drug taskforce here in  
20 Penn Hills. We do not want drugs  
21 polluting our streets and  
22 neighborhoods. So we support the  
23 efforts of our local police and the  
24 drug taskforce.

25 However, I do not

1 condone police brutality or  
2 inappropriate behaviors. It hasn't  
3 been and it's not going to be in Penn  
4 Hills. We definitely do welcome the  
5 drug taskforce and we do thank our  
6 Chief for doing a wonderful job all of  
7 the years. Chief, I feel safe living  
8 here. Thank you.

9                   Next, I'd like to  
10 express condolence to the family of  
11 the person who lost their life on  
12 Saltsburg Road last week when crossing  
13 the street. Remember to pray for that  
14 family and the man who accidentally  
15 hit him. Once again, I commend Penn  
16 Hill's first responders on their  
17 ability to professionally handle the  
18 entire situation and crowd control.

19                   Scott and I watched as  
20 Diane Fritz Henry and her team worked  
21 in that unfortunate, tragic accident.

22                   With that being said, Scott and the  
23 public works are doing a great job  
24 with the street markers being put in  
25 high traffic intersections. As I came

1 here today I saw three of them. Good  
2 work.

3 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4 Thanks.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 They do look good. And  
7 I believe that they will make a  
8 difference.

9 On a much happier note,  
10 I'd like to say congratulations to the  
11 Penn Hills class of 2019. We salute  
12 them and wish them all the best on  
13 their future endeavors. Let's just  
14 give the class of 2019 a hand.

15 At this time could we  
16 all stand for the Pledge of  
17 Allegiance?

18 ---

19 (WHEREUPON, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
20 WAS HELD.)

21 ---

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Maureen. Roll call.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mr. Brodnicki?

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MR. BRODNICKI:

Here.

MS. SORCE:

Deputy Mayor Sapp?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Present.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Here.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Petrucci?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Here.

MS. SORCE:

Mayor Kuhn?

MAYOR KUHN:

Here. Can you hear me?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Yes, I can, Mayor Kuhn.

MAYOR KUHN:

All right. Thank you.

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

You're welcome.

Next, do I have an

1 approval to accept the May 20th, 2019,  
2 council meeting minutes?

3 MR. UNDERWOOD:

4 Deputy Mayor.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Councilman Underwood?

7 MR. UNDERWOOD:

8 I'd like to make a  
9 motion to approve the minutes of May  
10 20th, 2019. That is the council  
11 meeting minutes.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Do I have a second?

14 MR. BRODNICKI:

15 Second.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 It's been moved and  
18 Second. Do I have any questions from  
19 the audience? Any questions from  
20 council?

21 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

22 No.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Maureen?

25 MS. SORCE:



1 Deputy Mayor Sapp.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Mr. Underwood?

6 MR. UNDERWOOD:

7 Yes.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mr. Petrucci?

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Yes.

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Mayor Kuhn?

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 I abstain. I wasn't at  
16 that meeting.

17 MS. SORCE:

18 Okay.

19 Mr. Brodnicki?

20 MR. BRODNICKI:

21 Yes.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Next on the agenda. Do  
24 I have a motion to approve the  
25 expenditures dated Jun 17th, 2019?

1                   MR. BRODNICKI:

2                   Deputy Mayor Sapp.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Councilman Brodnicki?

5                   MR. BRODNICKI:

6                   I move to accept the  
7                   expenditures of June 17th, 2019.  
8                   Three journal vouchers for  
9                   \$708,138.20, nine C.D. requisitions  
10                  for \$83,775.65 and a master of 43698  
11                  to 43928 for \$1,842.185.28 for a total  
12                  of \$2,634,099.13.

13                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14                  And do I have a second?

15                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

16                  Second.

17                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18                  Any questions from the  
19                  audience?

20                  MS. MOLAZZO:

21                  Kate Molazzo. I am just  
22                  wondering and I'm directing this more  
23                  towards Scott. People have been  
24                  complaining about the public service  
25                  that they've been giving. And I'm

1 just wondering if people are in the  
2 municipal building when this happens,  
3 with regards to municipal workers or  
4 if they are just saying they are. So  
5 my question is, are people actually  
6 making these phone calls? And if they  
7 are, are you sharing this with the  
8 public and can anything be done? Or  
9 basically are our hands just tied?

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Ms. Molazzo, excuse me,  
12 Scott. We are actually on the part  
13 now where we are just approving the  
14 expenditures. Do you have questions  
15 with regards to expenditures?

16 MS. SORCE:

17 I mean it's just related  
18 to the \$200,000 that we're paying them  
19 every month and the \$75,000. It's  
20 just we pay them a lot of money. So  
21 it's in relation to that, that we're  
22 paying that money and we're not  
23 getting results.

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 We do have a contract

1 with them, obviously. And it's  
2 because of that we have to perform.  
3 So the contract spells our very  
4 clearly what their obligations are and  
5 what ours are. I would tell you that  
6 we frequently get complaints about the  
7 service.

8 I think that's going to  
9 be common just because of the size of  
10 Penn Hills. And we get those usually  
11 by phone or email. And we follow up  
12 on it on a regular basis. So any  
13 complaints that we get about the  
14 service, whether it's a missed pickup,  
15 whether it's a road kill that they  
16 didn't get.

17 And we get --- we get a  
18 handful of those on a weekly basis.  
19 We do follow-up with their route  
20 manager to correct it. So our hands  
21 aren't tied. They have a contract  
22 that they have to perform with Penn  
23 Hills. And when they don't, we hold  
24 them to it.

25

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Any other questions with  
2 regards to the expenditures from the  
3 audience? Any questions from council?  
4 Maureen?

5 MS. SORCE:

6 Mr. Petrucci.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Yes.

9 MS. SORCE:

10 Mayor Kuhn? Mayor Kuhn?

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Yes. I'm sorry. Some  
13 of it really is faint. Am I moving  
14 now on the expenditures?

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Yes.

17 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18 Yes.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Okay.

21 I vote yes on all  
22 expenditures unless there is something  
23 for Delancu Autoblade and I abstain on  
24 such.

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Okay.

2 Mr. Brodnicki?

3 MR. BRODNICKI:

4 Yes.

5 MS. SORCE:

6 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Yes.

9 MS. SORCE:

10 And Mr. Underwood?

11 MR. UNDERWOOD:

12 Yes.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Next on the agenda. Do

15 I have an approval for Ordinance

16 Number 2648 of 2019?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Mayor Sapp --- Deputy

19 Mayor Sapp.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Councilman Petrucci?

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 2648 of 2019, amending

24 chapter 88 of the real estate tax of

25 the code of the municipality of Penn

1 Hills to establishment installment  
2 procedures for collection of the real  
3 estate tax.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Do I have a second?

6 MR. BRODNICKI:

7 Second.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Do I have any questions  
10 from the audience? Any questions from  
11 council? Maureen?

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Mr. Underwood?

14 MR. UNDERWOOD:

15 Yes.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mr. Petrucci?

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Yes.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Mayor Kuhn?

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Yes.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mr. Brodnicki?

1                   MR. BRODNICKI:

2                   Yes.

3                   MS. SORCE:

4                   Deputy Mayor Sapp?

5                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6                   Yes.

7                   Next on the agenda. Do

8 I have a motion to approve the

9 Ordinance Number 2649 of 2019?

10                  MR. BRODNICKI:

11                  Deputy Mayor Sapp.

12                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13                  Councilman Brodnicki?

14                  MR. BRODNICKI:

15                  I'd like to make a  
16 motion to approve Ordinance Number  
17 2649 of 2019, authorizing the  
18 incurring of non-electoral debt and  
19 the purpose of providing funds for a  
20 refunding project and financing  
21 certain capital improvements by the  
22 issuance of general obligation bonds,  
23 on one or more series, in the  
24 aggregate principal amount not to  
25 exceed \$8,500,000.



1                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2                   Do I have a second?

3                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

4                   I'll --- Deputy Mayor,  
5 I'll make a second.

6                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7                   Thank you, Councilman.  
8 Any questions from the audience? Any  
9 questions from council?

10                  MR. PETRUCCI:

11                  Deputy Mayor Sapp?

12                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13                  Yes?

14                  MR. PETRUCCI:

15                  Can we have Scott go  
16 over this a little bit and tell us a  
17 little more about it?

18                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19                  Absolutely. Scott?

20                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21                  I'd be happy to. Our  
22 counsel is actually here in the  
23 audience. If it's all with Council,  
24 I'd like to defer to him on the  
25 questions. He could give us a little

1 summary.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Yes. That's fine.

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 Mr. Healy?

6 ATTORNEY HEALY:

7 Is this fine?

8 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9 You just have to speak  
10 close to it.

11 ATTORNEY HEALY:

12 Okay. Okay?

13 There we go. Good

14 evening. My name is Patrick Healy. I  
15 am your Bond counsel. This is an  
16 issuance of two different series of  
17 bonds that are refunding certain of  
18 your currently outstanding bonds. So  
19 your 2010 --- your 2010-A bonds are  
20 being refunded in their entirety. And  
21 your 2011 series B bonds that are  
22 outstanding currently are being  
23 refunded in their entirety. Basically  
24 the new bonds would be the same terms  
25 as the bonds they're taking out.

1                   But they will have ---  
2           but they're going directly into  
3           savings through lower interest rates  
4           of then versus now and the current  
5           bonds. The savings would be at least  
6           two percent, which is a generally  
7           separate threshold nationally from  
8           other fundings, the net of all costs.  
9           Which puts you in the area of  
10          probably anywhere of \$230,000 in  
11          savings. It will probably close  
12          somewhere in the beginning --- the end  
13          of July and the beginning of August.

14                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15                   And that \$200,000, some  
16           of that is for general funds? And  
17           some of that sewer fund, as I  
18           understand it.

19                   ATTORNEY HEALY:

20                   I don't have a specific  
21           breakdown of it. One is a taxable  
22           bond, which can be spent or used for  
23           city interests. And the other is non-  
24           taxable, which would be used for  
25           capital projects only.

1                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2                   I have a question for  
3 you. Do you know what the current  
4 interest is on that?

5                   ATTORNEY HEALY:

6                   On the ---?

7                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                   On the existing,  
9 outstanding, yes.

10                  ATTORNEY HEALY:

11                  I don't have those. I  
12 don't have those.

13                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14                  Okay.

15                  And so then I guess you  
16 wouldn't be able to tell me what the  
17 rate will then be after refunding?

18                  ATTORNEY HEALY:

19                  For the refunding ---  
20 the refunding rates haven't been set  
21 yet. They will be set by your  
22 underwriters, Frank and Jeffrey, when  
23 they price the bonds. And you'll have  
24 to market and sell the bonds to  
25 investors to purchase. The way we set

1 the prices, we use the current market  
2 rates today s an example of an  
3 indication of what those rates would  
4 be when they price the bonds, which  
5 I'm thinking that they'll do within  
6 the next week or so. They'll lock in  
7 those rates. But as of today the  
8 savings are about \$250,000.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Okay.

11 So is it \$230,000 or  
12 \$250,000 or somewhere in the middle?

13 ATTORNEY HEALY:

14 In the middle, you know,  
15 between \$230,000 and \$250,000. Based  
16 off averages.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Okay.

19 Councilman Petrucci?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 No. I just wanted him  
22 to talk about it. I've gone through  
23 it before in another county.

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 I think they do it in

1 the City of Pittsburgh too, don't  
2 they?

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 As far as our pensions  
5 and stuff. And they're doing a  
6 wonderful job. So I'm satisfied with  
7 that.

8 ATTORNEY HEALY:

9 I will pass that on.  
10 Thank you.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Any --- yes? If you can  
13 come up to the mic and state your name  
14 and address please, for the record?

15 MS. HALABREEZE:

16 Good evening and thank  
17 you. My name is Colleen Halabreeze,  
18 142 Crescent Hill Road. So do you  
19 know the cost of the attorney's fees  
20 and the cost for the --- for the bond  
21 would be?

22 MS. HALABREEZE:

23 The costs of issuance  
24 are being sized by Frank and Jeffrey.  
25 They haven't been set yet. But the

1 savings are the net of cost.

2 MS. HALABREEZE:

3 So when you say net of  
4 cost, you're saying \$230,000 overall?  
5 But we don't have ---?

6 ATTORNEY HEALY:

7 No, no, no. \$230,000 on  
8 today's rates after everything. That  
9 is what actually goes to the  
10 municipality.

11 MS. HALABREEZE:

12 So do we have an idea of  
13 what the counseling fees are to have,  
14 for example I guess, your firm's work?

15 ATTORNEY HEALY:

16 My firm's work is in the  
17 area of \$16,000 for the bondtasking  
18 fees.

19 MS. HALABREEZE:

20 And you said there were  
21 two issuances? Or is that the total?

22 ATTORNEY HEALY:

23 That's the total.

24 That's the total.

25 MS. HALABREEZE:

1 Thank you.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Thank you, Ms.

4 Halabreeze. And just for  
5 clarification on the verbiage. When  
6 you say refunding, you mean  
7 refinancing?

8 ATTORNEY HEALY:

9 Right.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Thank you.

12 Any other questions from  
13 council?

14 Okay. All clear.

15 Maureen?

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Thank you. Mr.

18 Petrucci.

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 Yes.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Mayor Kuhn? Mayor Kuhn?

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Yes.

25 I am sorry. But it is



1 very difficult to hear, especially  
2 when the audience speaks. So please  
3 forgive me for going out of order  
4 here. And if I am repeating what was  
5 already explained, my apologies. But  
6 on this ordinance the only thing that  
7 is my concern is to make sure the  
8 amount of money that we were are  
9 refunding will not extend the time of  
10 the loan and it will not cost us any  
11 extra funding the loan.

12 It's my understanding  
13 from the information that I got that  
14 this is just a different financing  
15 company that is coming in and can give  
16 the municipality a better rate there  
17 or saving the municipality money. Not  
18 extending any of the costs or the  
19 time. If that is correct, then I am  
20 fine with it.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Mayor Kuhn, it is the  
23 same company. But I am going to let  
24 Scott just give you that  
25 clarification.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   Okay.

3                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4                   Just to answer you,  
5                   Mayor, and I don't know whether the  
6                   bodies heard the question. But as  
7                   Bond counsel explained. The refunding  
8                   doesn't extend the terms. So  
9                   essentially we're just taking  
10                  advantage of the market condition to  
11                  get a little bit of a saving. So it  
12                  doesn't --- it doesn't extend the term  
13                  along longer.

14                  It doesn't mean our payments go  
15                  up. It doesn't mean that we're going  
16                  to be paying longer. It just means  
17                  that we're going to get a little bit  
18                  of a discount on what we do pay  
19                  because of the market conditions.  
20                  After the expenses are paid. After  
21                  the bond underwriter's fees and the  
22                  attorney's fees.

23                  MAYOR KUHN:

24                  That's fine, Scott. I  
25                  just wanted to make sure that the

1 audience and the media understood. I  
2 don't want it to be going out there  
3 that Mayor and Council is borrowing  
4 this amount of money and it's really  
5 we're just taking advantage of the  
6 market to be able to receive some  
7 funding. There's no additional time  
8 and there's no additional cost.

9 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

10 That's correct. It's  
11 not new money.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 All right. Thanks so  
14 much. Are we calling for vote now?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 We're getting ready to  
17 do that next. Maureen?

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 All right. Thanks.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Mayor Kuhn, it's your  
22 vote. Say it again please.

23 MS. SORCE:

24 Mayor Kuhn?

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1                   Are you asking me for my  
2                   vote on the ordinance?

3                   MS. SORCE:

4                   Yes, I am.

5                   MAYOR KUHN:

6                   That's a yes.

7                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                   Yes.

9                   MS. SORCE:

10                  Mr. Brodnicki?

11                  MR. BRODNICKI:

12                  Yes.

13                  MS. SORCE:

14                  Deputy Mayor Sapp?

15                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16                  Yes.

17                  MS. SORCE:

18                  Mr. Underwood?

19                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

20                  Yes.

21                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22                  Okay.

23                  Next on the agenda. Do  
24                  I have a motion to approve Resolution  
25                  Number 2019-026?

1                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

2                   Deputy Mayor.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Yes, Councilman

5                   Underwood?

6                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

7                   I'd like to make a  
8                   motion to approve Resolution Number  
9                   2019-026. Seeking grant funding under  
10                  the Allegheny County Sanitation ---  
11                  Sanitary Authority, ALCOSAN, Green  
12                  Revitalization of our Waterways, GROW,  
13                  program to fund the Lime Water ---  
14                  Lime Hollow Sanitation Sewer  
15                  Replacement Phase One Project.

16                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17                  And do I have a second?

18                  MR. PETRUCCI:

19                  Second.

20                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21                  I'm sorry. Any  
22                  questions from the audience? Any  
23                  questions from council?

24                  MR. PETRUCCI:

25                  Scott, could you go over

1 this and let them know what's going  
2 on?

3 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4 I'd like to defer to  
5 Rick Minsterman to explain a little  
6 bit more about the project.

7 MR. MINSTERMAN:

8 Thank you. Hollow Road  
9 is a location where the sewer line is  
10 undersized and causes overflows. This  
11 was probably three, four, maybe five  
12 years ago. Sometimes they would close  
13 the road in order to keep it safe.  
14 The manhole lids would come off of the  
15 manholes. And when the flooding  
16 stopped, the water pollution control  
17 department would have to go and find  
18 the lids and replacement them before  
19 they could open the road.

20 So this was a project  
21 that was back in 2015, conducted. And  
22 there was a \$115,000 grant that went  
23 with it. And Penn Hills paid \$50,000  
24 approximately for their share of the  
25 work. And what that did is it upsized

1 the pipe enough that it stopped the  
2 overflows and stopped the manhole lids  
3 from dislodging from their locations  
4 and keeping the road open. It didn't  
5 solve all the problems. The manhole  
6 lids still pop.

7 But not in dangerous  
8 locations. So this resolution is  
9 required as part of a grant request  
10 with ALCOSAN. And it's called the  
11 GROW program. And we're asking for a  
12 portion of the \$50,000 that Penn Hills  
13 paid out of pocket, because it reduced  
14 infiltration and in-flow, which is the  
15 crux of the grant.

16 So with that we were able to  
17 prepare an application. And this is  
18 the Resolution that council needs to  
19 include into the application, to see  
20 what percentage we can get of that  
21 \$50,000 back.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Thank you.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Thank you so much. That

1 sounds good to me. Do we have a  
2 motion? Did we do that already? Did  
3 we second it?

4 Okay.

5 So council had their  
6 questions. And so Maureen, roll call,  
7 please.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mayor Kuhn?

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 Mayor Kuhn?

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Yes.

14 MS. SORCE:

15 Mr. Brodnicki?

16 MR. BRODNICKI:

17 Yes.

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                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6                   Next on the agenda. Do  
7 I have a motion to receive and approve  
8 Resolution Number 2019-027?

9                   MR. BRODNICKI:

10                  Deputy Mayor Sapp?

11                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12                  Councilman Brodnicki?

13                  MR. BRODNICKI:

14                  I'd like to make a  
15 motion that we approve Resolution  
16 Number 2019-027. The resolution of  
17 the Municipality of Penn Hills and  
18 Allegheny County of Commonwealth of  
19 Pennsylvania, seeking grant funding  
20 under the Allegheny County Sanitary  
21 Authority, ALCOSAN, Green  
22 Revitalization of our Waters, GROW  
23 program, to fund the Orin Street Sewer  
24 Lining Project.

25                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Do I have a second?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Second.

4 MR. UNDERWOOD:

5 Second.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Any questions from the  
8 audience? Any questions from council?

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 Deputy Mayor Sapp.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Councilman Petrucci?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Mr. Rick, do you have an  
15 explanation that you want to give us  
16 or present to us? Can you tell us  
17 more than we have here? You're pretty  
18 much in tune with all this stuff.

19 MR. MINSTERMAN:

20 Yes.

21 This is a --- this is  
22 also a grant program, which is  
23 ALCOSAN, once again. And the GROW  
24 program, which seeks to remove iodide  
25 and improve capacity for both

1 transferring the sewage and also  
2 treating it at ALCOSAN? So that's why  
3 I have a vested interest in helping  
4 fund projects that do this. So there  
5 is a project called the Orin Street  
6 Project.

7 And that is a particular  
8 project that is estimated to be  
9 approximately \$335,000. And we're  
10 looking to --- in this case it's not a  
11 reimbursement. We're actually  
12 requesting a grant. We're committing  
13 the minimum amount that would be  
14 awarded. So what that means is the  
15 amount of the grant --- the maximum  
16 grant award in this case is 85  
17 percent.

18 So we're submitting a  
19 resolution that says Penn Hills would  
20 be willing to spend 15 percent of the  
21 project if we get the 85 percent  
22 grant. Now, that doesn't preclude you  
23 from accepting a lesser percentage  
24 grant. You're only saying that if you  
25 got the 85 percent, we'd contribute

1 the grant --- the 15 percent. So it's  
2 certainly worth the, you know, 85  
3 cents on the dollar.

4 And then at the time  
5 that the grant is awarded, if you  
6 decide that it's not 85 percent, it's  
7 some lesser percentage. You can still  
8 decide to accept the grant. You can  
9 pay additional. Or just not accept  
10 the grant and not do the project.

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Thank you.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Any further questions  
15 from council?

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Deputy Mayor Sapp.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Yes, Mayor Kuhn?

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 And I apologize. I'm  
22 sure John was already very thorough in  
23 going over this. But ---.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 John didn't go over it.

1 Rick did.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Okay.

4 I just want to make  
5 sure. Is this a state grant that  
6 we've already received 20 grand for  
7 \$285,000 for?

8 MR. MINSTERMAN:

9 No.

10 That's for the Lime  
11 Hollow project. This is a different  
12 project called the Orin Street  
13 Project.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 That's for the ---  
16 that's on the Orin Street? That was  
17 the line --- there was the one that  
18 the senator gave us for \$418,000.

19 Is that correct?

20 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21 It was last year.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Mayor Kuhn, yes, that  
24 was last year. Now we're discussing  
25 the Orin Street ---.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   Now we're discussing the  
3 one on Orin Street.

4                   Is that correct?

5                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6                   That is correct.

7                   MAYOR KUHN:

8                   Okay.

9                   Did we ever receive a  
10 grant already for Orin Street or no?

11                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12                   No, ma'am. We are  
13 requesting that.

14                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15                   I don't believe so.

16                   MAYOR KUHN:

17                   Okay.

18                   So this resolution is  
19 just for asking for a grant for the  
20 waterway program for Orin Street.

21                   Is that correct?

22                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23                   That's correct.

24                   MAYOR KUHN:

25                   Okay.

1 I vote yes then.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Okay.

4 Thank you, Mayor Kuhn.

5 Maureen?

6 MS. SORCE:

7 Okay.

8 Mr. Brodnicki?

9 MR. BRODNICKI:

10 Yes.

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Yes.

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Mr. Underwood?

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 Yes.

19 MS. SORCE:

20 Mr. Petrucci?

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Yes.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Next on the agenda. Do

25 I have a motion to approve Resolution

1 Number 2019-028?

2 MR. UNDERWOOD:

3 Deputy Mayor.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Councilman Underwood.

6 MR. UNDERWOOD:

7 I'd like to make a  
8 motion to approve Resolution Number  
9 2019-028 approving the Community  
10 Development Block Grant Program Action  
11 Plan, Home Program and Budget for  
12 2019.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Do I have a second?

15 MR. BRODNICKI:

16 Second.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Any questions from the  
19 audience? Any questions from council?

20 MR. BLACKWELL:

21 Deputy Sapp, may I speak  
22 please?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Yes, you may?

25 MR. BLACKWELL:



1                   The planning department  
2 needs to submit the 2019 annual action  
3 plan, which includes the community  
4 budget and the home program. And this  
5 year the community budget is \$749,721.

6       That will go towards street  
7 reconstruction, uniform accessibility  
8 standards into the community centers,  
9 demolition of vacant structures. We  
10 have three food pantries.

11                   And in addition we purchased  
12 cars for the senior service center for  
13 their home ordered meals program.  
14 Which delivers meals daily to 240  
15 senior citizen residents in their  
16 homes. The Home Program, we have  
17 \$100,000 this year and we've been  
18 receiving it.

19                   And I want to tell you a little  
20 bit about that. It's been a very  
21 successful and we're very proud of it.

22       So far to this date we have 19  
23 applicants, we've gone to 17 closings.

24       So we've assisted low income families  
25 in purchasing a single family home.

1 The program gave down payment and  
2 closing costs up to \$14,500 for a  
3 total of \$141,256 to purchase \$355,000  
4 in single family homes in Penn Hills.

5 That's a great accomplishment ---

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 That's amazing.

8 MR. BLACKWELL:

9 --- for two years in the  
10 program.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Yes.

13 MR. BLACKWELL:

14 And we're on our way to  
15 improving and we're getting better at  
16 that. And then the Community  
17 Development Block Program this year,  
18 it ends June 30th, at the end of the  
19 month, Jun 31st.

20 And we're on track. We spent  
21 approximately 120 percent of the  
22 available funds this year. So the  
23 planning department has really  
24 accomplished a lot with these  
25 programs. And we're happy about it.

1                   And that would not  
2                   happen without Meg Balsamico and Danny  
3                   Machilli in the Planning Department.  
4                   And also the Director of Public Works,  
5                   Scott Shepherd and John Cathy  
6                   (phonetic), co-enforcement. It was a  
7                   group effort. They all worked  
8                   together on all of these programs.

9                   And I want to give them some  
10                  credit for having really great  
11                  accomplishments and I want to give  
12                  them some credit for having really  
13                  accomplishments and a lot of good work  
14                  this year for the Community  
15                  Development Block Program. And we  
16                  hope to be able to do that again.  
17                  Thank you.

18   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19   That's incredible,  
20   Chris. And I think you deserve, and  
21   your team as well at Public Works  
22   deserve a hand. I really enjoy  
23   receiving reports like that. So thank  
24   you very much for what you've done and  
25   what you are continuing to do.

1                   MR. PETRUCCI:

2                   Deputy Mayor Sapp?

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Councilman Petrucci?

5                   MR. PETRUCCI:

6                   Chris, did we have  
7 public meetings yet?

8                   MR. BLACKWELL:

9                   Excuse me?

10                  MR. PETRUCCI:

11                  Did we have public  
12 meetings?

13                  MR. BLACKWELL:

14                  Yes.

15                  MR. PETRUCCI:

16                  There were two of them?

17                  MR. BLACKWELL:

18                  Right.

19                  There were two public  
20 meetings on --- the dates might escape  
21 me, March 28th and then in June. But  
22 the planning commission --- and  
23 there's always an opportunity also,  
24 Mayor and Council. You know we're in  
25 a time crunch to approve this. But

1       they are budgeting on our programs  
2       that residents wanted, and Mayor and  
3       Council decided to amend the budget.  
4       There's certainly an opportunity for  
5       that. But yes, we had public  
6       hearings.

7                               MR. PETRUCCI:

8                               Okay. Thank you.

9                               DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10                              Any further questions  
11       from council? Maureen.

12                              MS. SORCE:

13                              Deputy Mayor Sapp.

14                              DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15                              Yes.

16                              MS. SORCE:

17                              Mr. Underwood?

18                              MR. UNDERWOOD:

19                              Yes.

20                              MS. SORCE:

21                              Mr. Petrucci?

22                              MR. PETRUCCI:

23                              Yes.

24                              MS. SORCE:

25                              Mayor Kuhn?

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   Yes.

3                   MS. SORCE:

4                   Mr. Brodnicki?

5                   MR. BRODNICKI:

6                   Yes.

7                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                   Next on the agenda, do I  
9                   have a motion to accept Resolution  
10                  Number 2019-029?

11                  MR. BRODNICKI:

12                  Deputy Mayor Sapp.

13                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14                  Yes, Councilman

15                  Brodnicki?

16                  MR. BRODNICKI:

17                  I'd like to make a  
18                  motion to accept Resolution Number  
19                  2019-029, a resolution of the  
20                  Municipality of Penn Hills and  
21                  Allegheny County of Commonwealth of  
22                  Pennsylvania, approving the  
23                  acquisition and subsequent disposition  
24                  of vacant property located at 2324  
25                  Main Street, number 0635-G-00225-0000-

1 00 in accordance with the Allegheny  
2 County Vacant Property Recovery  
3 Program and providing assurance that  
4 acquisition is consistent with the  
5 Penn Hills Comprehensive plan.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Do I have second?

8 MR. UNDERWOOD:

9 Second.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Any questions from the  
12 audience? Any questions from council?

13 Maureen, roll call.

14 MS. SORCE:

15 Mr. Underwood?

16 MR. UNDERWOOD:

17 Yes.

18 MS. SORCE:

19 Mr. Petrucci?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Yes.

22 MS. SORCE:

23 Mayor Kuhn?

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Yes.

1                   MS. SORCE:

2                   Mr. Brodnicki?

3                   MR. BRODNICKI:

4                   Yes.

5                   MS. SORCE:

6                   Deputy Mayor Sapp?

7                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                   Yes. Okay. Excuse me.

9                   Okay.

10                   At this time we did add  
11                   to the agenda an agreement between the  
12                   municipality and Hoffman Kennel. So I  
13                   am going to ask our Business Manager,  
14                   Scott, if he would give other  
15                   information and clarity to the  
16                   audience, as well as council.

17                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18                   Sure. Thank you, Deputy  
19                   Mayor.

20                   Just for the purpose of  
21                   the minutes. The motion that I am  
22                   seeking approval for would be  
23                   approving an agreement with of Hoffman  
24                   Animal Control for a term of 29  
25                   months, starting July 1, 2019. The



1       municipality engaged in a pretty  
2       lengthy search process starting back  
3       in April to identify an animal control  
4       service that meets the needs of Penn  
5       Hills.

6                       And as part of that we  
7       developed and RFP with staff input.  
8       And that RFP was available publically  
9       and on line. And it included many of  
10      the services and things that we wanted  
11      in an animal control service. Many of  
12      the things that we would want to see  
13      in an animal control service in Penn  
14      Hills.

15                      At the end of that  
16      lengthy process we received one  
17      proposal, which we rejected. It did  
18      not meet our needs. So the  
19      municipality made some changes to the  
20      RFP and we went out again. And in the  
21      course of this process, we discovered  
22      that there is a limited number of  
23      services. And there's a limited  
24      number of companies who provide the  
25      service in western Pennsylvania. And

1 Hoffman Kennels is probably one of the  
2 biggest.

3 And he's been in Penn  
4 Hills for a long time. Earlier today  
5 we got a proposal from Hoffman Kennel.

6 It mimics almost entirely the  
7 existing agreement that the  
8 municipality has with Hoffman Kennels.

9 The price is a little lower. So  
10 we're going to realize a little  
11 savings through the contract if it's  
12 approved.

13 So I have recommended  
14 that the council entertain and approve  
15 a contract with Hoffman Kennels,  
16 starting July 1, for a 29 month term.

17 And I am recommending this in large  
18 part because of the fact that through  
19 this process we --- Chief Burton and I  
20 interviewed some vendors to provide  
21 these services. And quite frankly,  
22 there's just so few of them out there.

23 And so to have the same service that  
24 we have now at a slight discount, I  
25 think is to the advantage of the

1 community. And I'd be happy to answer  
2 any questions about it.

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 I don't have a problem  
5 with --- with what we're about to do.

6 I have a problem with this vendor and  
7 many other vendors do not provide the  
8 proper invoices and they do not  
9 provide those many, many times. And  
10 the invoices from Hoffman are  
11 horrible. They're handwritten chicken  
12 scratch. We can't understand what  
13 they're doing.

14 And I realize we're  
15 getting savings with this. And yes,  
16 it's the only agency out there that we  
17 could possibly get. And we tried  
18 many, many, many times to get somebody  
19 else and we can't. I went out on a  
20 limb and asked different animal  
21 activists to come help us. I put out  
22 on social media. We got one company  
23 that came out and it failed us.

24 So what we're at now is  
25 we're at a crossroad where we have to

1 make a decision. We have no animal  
2 control now. I understand that. But  
3 with the invoices that we're getting,  
4 they're not acceptable. And I think  
5 we should take 24 hours at least until  
6 you get a phone call to Hoffman and  
7 you find out if they will be in  
8 agreement to do something with those  
9 invoices so that we can read them.

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 That would be the  
12 property of the council, if they  
13 choose. I did have a discussion with  
14 Hoffman staff at an earlier meeting.  
15 Because before we went out and did the  
16 initial RFP, we met with Hoffman to  
17 talk about some things that we were  
18 looking for. And we did explain in a  
19 meeting that some of what we get from  
20 him comes on handwritten slips. This  
21 is sort of an antiquated system.

22 They told us at the meeting at  
23 that time that they wouldn't have a  
24 problem taking those slips and  
25 summarizing them in some kind of a

1 typewritten form so that we would get  
2 a detailed invoice from them. That's  
3 what they told us. We got the  
4 proposal today. I was not able to get  
5 in touch with Hoffman by the end of  
6 the day today to see if that's still  
7 the case. But it was --- it was  
8 iterated to us at least verbally.

9 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

10 Deputy Mayor? If I  
11 could make a suggestion? Instead of  
12 tabling it for 24 hours, which would  
13 require a special meeting. Why not  
14 approve it contingent on John's  
15 concerns that the invoicing is done  
16 properly?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 I'll go along with that.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Okay. That sounds good.

21 And then ---.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Thank you, Commissioner.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 And I would also like to

1 add that that is the --- that the  
2 contract doesn't state that he's  
3 mandated to do it that way. However,  
4 the price that we pay him on a monthly  
5 basis, regardless if Hoffman picks up  
6 0 or 100, the price is still going to  
7 be the same regardless.

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 Right.

10 And he made a lot of  
11 promises in the past and didn't stand  
12 on those promises. This was a verbal  
13 conversation between I believe the  
14 manager and Hoffman about these  
15 invoices. And that isn't a contract.

16 That is an RFP that we sent out.  
17 Okay.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 That is correct. But I  
20 am saying in our contract that is  
21 about to expire.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Oh, I know that. That  
24 was from 2018. But the new one  
25 starting 2019 doesn't have the

1 verbiage in it stating that this is  
2 what we want.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Well, the verbiage is  
5 exactly the same as it was. With the  
6 addition that he won't be doing  
7 roaming control ---

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 I understand that.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 --- as well as saving us  
12 \$500 a month. As well as whether he  
13 picks up 0 or 100. The cost is still  
14 going to be the same.

15 Am I correct, Scott?

16 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

17 Yeah. That's true. And  
18 just so the public understands, and  
19 council too. In addition to picking  
20 up the animals, there's other services  
21 that he provides. Going to court is  
22 one of them. I know the police  
23 department probably had a little more  
24 information than that.

25 He is giving us slips every

1 month. I think that the challenge has  
2 been sort of deciphering what they  
3 mean and what they say, because they  
4 were handwritten.

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Right.

7 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8 And I don't know if  
9 we've ever asked him up until this  
10 recent search process for something  
11 better. He sat in the room, the staff  
12 sat in the room. And they committed  
13 that they wouldn't have a problem, at  
14 least that's what he said, with taking  
15 those slips and sort of just  
16 reprinting them and retyping them in a  
17 way. But as Craig said, we could  
18 approve it contingent on him doing  
19 that. I don't see why we wouldn't do  
20 it, quite frankly.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Even if he would take  
23 those as you called it chicken scratch  
24 slips and put them --- just typed up  
25 something on a piece of paper that we



1       could clearly read.    Would that be  
2       acceptable for you?

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   Yeah.

5                   I mean I'm not going to  
6       ask them to do a monthly report.   Just  
7       something that we know how many dogs  
8       per month he picks up, what happened  
9       to the dogs, you know, that they  
10      didn't find the owner for.   It's just  
11      something of a general nature.   How  
12      many dogs --- we don't know what he's  
13      doing per month ---.

14                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15                   Because we can't read  
16      the invoices?

17                   MR. PETRUCCI:

18                   We can't read the  
19      invoices.

20                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21                   Okay.

22                   MR. PETRUCCI:

23                   How many times he went  
24      to court --- how many times had he  
25      went to court?   How many times did he

1 go to the police station to pick up  
2 dogs? What times.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Okay.

5 But I do --- I do want  
6 to clarify that regardless of if he  
7 does nothing or if he does a whole  
8 month's worth of work, the cost is  
9 still the same.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Right. I do agree with  
12 that.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Okay.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 And let me ask Craig a  
17 question. If he defaults in 30 days,  
18 we can terminate him?

19 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

20 If he agrees to that  
21 contingency, that would be a cause.  
22 Absolutely. Whatever the language in  
23 the contract requires, you can  
24 terminate them.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1                   So what we are asking,  
2                   Scott. Is if you would kindly call  
3                   Mr. Hoffman tomorrow and get a written  
4                   agreement stating that he agrees to  
5                   give us something that we can read and  
6                   understand. Not a handwritten  
7                   invoice, but something just typed up  
8                   on the computer with a signature.

9                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10                   Yeah. I can do that in  
11                   the morning. And as I said, I did try  
12                   to reach their office. They --- they  
13                   --- I got the answering service  
14                   because it was after five o'clock.  
15                   But I can call in the morning. And if  
16                   he's agreeable to it, I am sure we can  
17                   probably put that as an addendum with  
18                   this agreement in some fashion.

19                   MR. PETRUCCI:

20                   That's fine.

21                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22                   Okay.

23                   Maureen?

24                   MS. SORCE:

25                   Mayor Kuhn?

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MAYOR KUHN:

I'm sorry. I was listening to the conversation back and forth. And I did want to make a comment on a situation like this. First of all, this shows tremendously how government and our residents, the taxpayers work together. Now, Brittany Norse brought this up maybe ten months ago. And there is no one more passionate or has more concern for animals than Brittany.

But our manager has gone through jumping through hoops, having people screaming at him and yelling at him. One person saying they will do this or we'll get several of them and then they'll say we'll do that and then they don't. This is why it's so important that when we are looking for change --- change is good. But when you do change, you have to make sure that the change that you're bringing in will cover what you need.

There was no one, and

1 believe me, Mayor and Council and  
2 Brittany and the managers searched  
3 high and low. And there wasn't anyone  
4 who we could have come in to do dog  
5 control. We went out extensively. So  
6 everyone has to understand that  
7 everything is a good idea. And it  
8 would be wonderful if we lived in a  
9 perfect world where all these things  
10 could fall into place. But we are the  
11 council people.

12                   We have to make the  
13 decisions that the taxpayers pay for.  
14       So we cannot go by what our  
15 compassions are. We have to go with  
16 what reality is. And the reality is  
17 our manager tried numerous  
18 institutions to do this work. And if  
19 we want to have X, Y, Z, that would be  
20 wonderful if it was out in a field  
21 where you have ten people who are  
22 bidding on it. But that is not the  
23 case here.

24                   So we have to be careful and  
25 make sure before we make a change we

1 know that there is a possibility and  
2 that we are able to make that change.

3 Now, everybody might not  
4 be happy with it. But if it's the  
5 only choice that you have, then  
6 sometimes you have to take the bad.  
7 But I do want to commend our manager,  
8 because I have gone through the  
9 meetings and gone through the phone  
10 calls with him. And this has been a  
11 very difficult situation to try to  
12 resolve. And then it was resolved and  
13 then it ended up with the person said  
14 they were going to do this.

15 Two days later they said  
16 oh no, well, we don't do that. But we  
17 have to have a place for our animals.

18 And so we have to go with what we can  
19 get. But I commend Brittany and I  
20 commend the manager. This is a very,  
21 very difficult situation. And it's  
22 very hard to make a decision to say  
23 anything but the ones left are  
24 rubbish, when you don't have a lot to  
25 choose from. Thank you.

1                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2                   Thank you, Mayor Kuhn.

3                   Okay.

4                   So what we are asking  
5 now is do I have a motion on the table  
6 to approve Hoffman Animal Control, the  
7 agreement between Penn Hills  
8 Municipality and Hoffman Animal  
9 Control for a term of 29 months,  
10 starting July 1, contending that they  
11 will provide us with more legible  
12 invoices. Do I have a motion?

13                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

14                   I'd make a motion to  
15 approve Hoffman Kennel.

16                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17                   Thank you, Councilman  
18 Underwood. Do I have a second?

19                   MR. BRODNICKI:

20                   Second.

21                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22                   Thank you, Councilman  
23 Brodnicki. Any questions from the  
24 audience? Yes, Mr. Getzie. Please  
25 come up to the microphone and give

1 your name and address.

2 MR. GETZIE:

3 Jim Getzie, 151 Crescent  
4 Hill Road. My question is that, could  
5 we develop a form that we give to  
6 Hoffman that he would fill in the  
7 blanks? Like how many dogs he picked  
8 up, how many times he went to court,  
9 and any information regarding the  
10 animal control that he's doing? And  
11 he can just fill in that at the end of  
12 --- at the end of the month when he  
13 submits his invoice. And we could ask  
14 the questions and he gives us the  
15 answer. He doesn't have to chicken  
16 scratch. He can just check off the  
17 boxes.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Actually, Mr. Getzie, I  
20 was sitting here thinking the same  
21 exact thing. So we can definitely  
22 have Scott do that. I'll talk to him  
23 tomorrow. I think that makes his work  
24 a lot easier. And he doesn't have to  
25 do anything. He runs out and just



1 hands copies out. I was sitting here  
2 thinking the same exact thing as you.

3 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

4 That makes sense.

5 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

6 Yeah. I can have a  
7 discussion with him about it. I know  
8 that there's someone there obviously  
9 in his office that's doing those  
10 slips. And the person that's writing  
11 those slips knows those slips better  
12 than anyone, because they're the ones  
13 writing them. So whether it's that or  
14 somehow they take those slips and make  
15 a report, I don't think is asking  
16 much. I can certainly talk to them  
17 about it. That might be a good idea.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Uh-huh (yes).

20 Well, either he's going  
21 to write up an invoice, type up the  
22 invoice on a piece of paper on his  
23 own. Or he's going to fill out some  
24 type of a format. Thank you so much.

25 That was a great idea. Okay.

1 Maureen?

2 Oh. Yes, you may.

3 MS. LOZEN:

4 Kate Lozen, Castle

5 Drive. I just have an item. Do you  
6 know how much the contract was for? I  
7 didn't catch the amounts and how much  
8 the savings were? Did you say that?

9 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10 The existing --- the  
11 existing agreement we have with  
12 Hoffman Animal Control is for \$2,500 a  
13 month. What's --- what's being  
14 proposed starting July 1 will be  
15 \$2,000 a month for essentially the  
16 same service.

17 MS. LOZEN:

18 Minus that amount for  
19 ---?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 With a savings of \$500?

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Well, I have a question.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Okay.

1                   MR. PETRUCCI:

2                   What are we going to do  
3 between now and July? That contract  
4 doesn't start until July. So are you  
5 going to pick up the dogs?

6                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7                   Well, right now we don't  
8 have a contract.

9                   MR. PETRUCCI:

10                  I know that. So are you  
11 going to come out and pick them up?  
12 If he gets the contract will he pick  
13 them up?

14                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15                  He did not speak to  
16 that.

17                  MR. PETRUCCI:

18                  I understand that. But  
19 is he going to come out? If the  
20 police department calls and they say  
21 come on out. Is he going to come out  
22 or is he going to ---?

23                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24                  There's no contract yet.

25                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

1 Well, he did not come  
2 this weekend when he was --- when he  
3 was called. So we went to plan B,  
4 which was a gentleman out of  
5 Washington County.

6 MR. PETRUCCI:

7 I understand that. But  
8 ---.

9 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10 I can't speak to what  
11 he'll do. I know that if we do this  
12 he'll start doing it on July 1st.

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 So do we have somebody  
15 to pick up the dogs if they grab them?

16 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

17 When we have this  
18 discussion about the invoices, can we  
19 ask if he will extend --- perform the  
20 service, pro-rate it for a month?

21 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

22 I certainly can do that.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 So that will give us  
25 some pro-rated service for --- what,

1       there's two weeks left? Today is the  
2       17th? We have like two weeks?

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   Correct. Two weeks.

5                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6                   Okay. So about two  
7       weeks. Okay. Okay.

8                   Maureen?

9                   MS. SORCE:

10                  Mayor Kuhn?

11                  MAYOR KUHN:

12                  Deputy Mayor Sapp?

13                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14                  Yes, Mayor Kuhn?

15                  MAYOR KUHN:

16                  Can you just confirm  
17       what is taking place in this  
18       conversation for me? Are they --- are  
19       we changing something before we  
20       voting?

21                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22                  No, we're not changing  
23       anything. What we are doing is just  
24       giving Hoffman Kennel a contingency to  
25       give us a different format in the way

1 that he's been sending invoices. So  
2 we are requesting that he doesn't send  
3 us, quote unquote, chicken scratch  
4 invoices. That he will give us  
5 something more legible.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Okay.

8 So he, Hoffman is in  
9 agreement that they are --- if they  
10 sign this contingency that they will  
11 be taking care of the dogs or cats  
12 until this is straightened away.

13 Is that correct?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Partially.

16 He doesn't --- he's not  
17 aware of the contingency yet. That  
18 just came to the table this evening by  
19 Councilman Petrucci.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Okay.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 And it is for a 20 month  
24 term --- a 29 month term, starting  
25 July 1.

1                   MAYOR KUHN:

2                   Okay.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   They also are going to  
5 ask if he would give a pro-rated rate,  
6 so that he can pick up for the next  
7 two weeks.

8                   MAYOR KUHN:

9                   Okay.

10                  And the reason I ask,  
11 and I don't know if the manager --- as  
12 I said, I can go in and out of my  
13 connection. That I didn't know if the  
14 manager had explained the situation we  
15 had with a dog that was vicious and  
16 the one company who was going to  
17 handle on the contract called.

18                  He would not come out. And  
19 Hoffman wasn't coming out. So  
20 basically I say, you know, we have to  
21 be responsible because of the fact  
22 that if we have this dog and if it  
23 ends up biting a police officer or  
24 something and it comes out that we  
25 didn't have any dog control. One

1 thing could lead to another.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Absolutely.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 So sometime --- you  
6 know, this is what I'd say. It is not  
7 that we let this go during this to the  
8 11th hour. This has been doing on  
9 since 2018. So I just want to make  
10 sure that the municipality is covered.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Thank you so much, Mayor  
13 Kuhn. We are going to now ask Maureen  
14 for roll call.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Thank you.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 You're welcome.

19 MS. SORCE:

20 Mayor Kuhn?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Mayor Kuhn?

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Yes.

25 MS. SORCE:



1 Mr. Brodnicki.

2 MR. BRODNICKI:

3 Yes.

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 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 All right.

18 Next on the agenda we  
19 have items for consideration. At this  
20 time I am going to speak first. And I  
21 have an item for consideration. And I  
22 would like to --- for Scott to  
23 possibly address the Penn Hills  
24 progress and to find out why only half  
25 of Penn Hills is being served with the

1 paper when all of Penn Hill's  
2 residents should receive this  
3 newspaper. So Scott, would you please  
4 look into this and have an answer for  
5 me as soon as possible?

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 Absolutely.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Thank you so much.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Councilman Petrucci?

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 I'll start with my  
16 laundry list at this time.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Okay. You're on.

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 On September 3rd of 2018  
21 we performed criminal backgrounds on  
22 anyone taking or presently sitting on  
23 board within the municipality to  
24 ensure that we have upstanding  
25 citizens in or leadership roles. To

1 this day we have approximately 60/40  
2 compliance. At this time we must  
3 excise or remove those who refuse to  
4 cooperate and follow the policy  
5 established and agreed upon by Mayor  
6 and Council.

7 Please refer to the  
8 memorandum on April the 1st, 2019 from  
9 Solicitor Craig Alexander's opinion on  
10 removal of board members for non-  
11 compliance to the criminal  
12 backgrounds. We signed it and then  
13 Deputy Mayor Sapp signed it on 1/14 of  
14 '19. And it is resolution 2018-067.  
15 That everyone must comply with this  
16 criminal background.

17 And we also have a  
18 memorandum from Craig Alexander,  
19 Esquire. He gave us his opinion. It  
20 is my opinion that the Mayor and  
21 Council, should they choose to do so,  
22 may consider an order of refusal to  
23 submit to a background check as just  
24 cause for removal. I believe now we  
25 should have the Mayor --- or have the

1 manager start the process to remove  
2 the board members that are not  
3 complying. Why did we put a policy  
4 together if we don't enforce it?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Councilman Petrucci, in  
7 agreeance with that. However, there  
8 are many concerns who is going to be  
9 receiving this information. I mean  
10 this is not a legal requirement. And  
11 so who is going to --- whose hands is  
12 this informing going to fall into?  
13 And so I don't think that many people  
14 have a problem with actually filling  
15 it out.

16 But they want to know  
17 where is this information going to be  
18 kept, who receives this information.  
19 And I think that is one of the reasons  
20 why we were not given the cooperation  
21 that you were expecting, because  
22 people are certainly concerned. And  
23 if they don't fill it out or turn it  
24 in, I don't know, you know.

25 There would be steps

1 that we could take. But I am just  
2 going to ask if Craig would step in  
3 and actually give a little more  
4 information to what would happen if  
5 people who do not actually fill it out  
6 are terminated.

7 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

8 Okay.

9 As I indicated in my  
10 memorandum that Mr. Petrucci just  
11 spoke to, Council, as told, would need  
12 to make a determination that failure  
13 to respond constitute disregard to the  
14 directive and then take steps to  
15 remove whatever person doesn't  
16 respond.

17 If there's other  
18 considerations that you want to put in  
19 place, like where that information is  
20 going to be held, I wasn't prepared  
21 for that. I would think then because  
22 this is official action that that  
23 could be considered a public record,  
24 and then subject to the Right to Know  
25 Act and then have to look at that.

1                   And it does --- it does  
2                   --- it does involve criminal  
3                   investigations, which are exempt from  
4                   the Right to Know. So I'd need to  
5                   look at that issue, which I haven't  
6                   looked at prior to today. But should  
7                   council as a whole determine that  
8                   that's woeful neglect for failing to  
9                   perform a directive of council, then  
10                  council can decide that that's  
11                  something that would constitute  
12                  removal. But that would require Mayor  
13                  and Council to have --- have a vote on  
14                  that and a majority vote on that.

15                                 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16                                 Okay.

17                                 And so you will look  
18                  into that?

19                                 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

20                                 I will look into the  
21                  Right to Know issue, yes.

22                                 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23                                 Okay.

24                                 Because there are ---  
25                  there are some things that is just not

1 the Right to Know.

2 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

3 What's the  
4 consideration?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Well, your social  
7 security number, your date of birth.  
8 I just don't agree --- I don't believe  
9 ---

10 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

11 All of that --- all of  
12 that information ---.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 --- that, that should be  
15 into the public's hands.

16 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

17 It's not. And there  
18 ---.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Excuse me. If you'd  
21 like to speak up, I'll give you an  
22 opportunity. You're welcome.

23 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

24 It is not. It is not.  
25 The case law from the Right to Know

1 and the court is very clear. It is  
2 personal, identifiable information  
3 which is confidential.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Okay.

6 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

7 It cannot be  
8 disseminated to the public.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 And so whose hands will  
11 this information go into? I don't  
12 think that that ever ---.

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Well, Mr. Alexander  
15 would have to make a determination on  
16 how we're going to proceed forward on  
17 this as a whole. We're going to have  
18 to make that decision in an executive  
19 meeting.

20 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

21 Okay.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Okay.

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Okay?



1                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2                   Thank you.

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   Next?

5                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6                   Yes.

7                   MR. PETRUCCI:

8                   Next on the list?

9                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10                  Yes.

11                  MR. PETRUCCI:

12                  For all personnel in our  
13                  municipality who are on boards that  
14                  represent the municipality and claim  
15                  to have a military status, I would  
16                  request that the council set a policy  
17                  that all personnel hired on part or on  
18                  any boards of the municipality are  
19                  issued a ED-214 for verification of  
20                  military service.

21                  That form is basically  
22                  telling the day and place and injury  
23                  or active duty, when they served in  
24                  the armed forces. And I am sorry. I  
25                  will furnish these --- a copy of these

1 to Mayor and Council. I didn't have  
2 time to get them copied before the  
3 meeting. The third item is in  
4 reference to the fire memorial. I  
5 believe that the fire department in  
6 Penn Hills should have complete  
7 control of the site on the second  
8 corridor.

9 Also, the brave men and  
10 women should have a right to erect a  
11 monument that they choose and CM-95 at  
12 Penn Hills. As well as the police  
13 officers of Penn Hills, in erection of  
14 a monument. It is a time that we let  
15 the firemen do as what they see fit to  
16 honor the ones that lost their life in  
17 the line of duty.

18 With that said, I  
19 believe that we move forward and let  
20 them get started on the fireman  
21 memorial. They have submitted their  
22 suggestions and how to proceed. I  
23 suggest we vote now to approve the  
24 monument. And I vote yes.

25 In the past two months

1 we've had two traffic pedestrian  
2 fatalities in our community. Both  
3 occurred a block away from each other.

4 While both investigation remain  
5 ongoing, and it's impossible to know  
6 if anything safety improvements could  
7 prevent either instance from  
8 happening. I am requesting that we  
9 conduct a traffic safety study to see  
10 if any safety improvements are  
11 necessary.

12 Please --- please  
13 consider the following. I would like  
14 our municipal engineer to conduct a  
15 traffic safety study and pedestrian  
16 safety study on the entire length of  
17 Hershey Road. I have previously  
18 contacted the Allegheny County Public  
19 Works regarding the intersection at  
20 Universal and Hershey.

21 They have informed me  
22 that the county --- the county police  
23 said --- they informed me and the  
24 county police said that the  
25 municipality must conduct such surveys

1 on county roads and then forward them  
2 onto the county for review. Therefore  
3 I am requesting our municipal engineer  
4 conduct a traffic and pedestrian  
5 safety study on the Universal in the  
6 area of Hershey.

7 And I am requesting that  
8 we contact the Pennsylvania Department  
9 of Transportation with regards to our  
10 road. And I'd like PennDOT to conduct  
11 a traffic and pedestrian safety study  
12 on Saltsburg from Palmer Road to  
13 Franks Town. This will allow us to  
14 conduct any safety improvements that  
15 are needed in the plaza and commercial  
16 district.

17 This intersection with  
18 Hershey, the area around the library  
19 and the commercial district all have a  
20 high amount of pedestrian traffic.  
21 PennDOT provides this service. It is  
22 free for municipalities, but a formal  
23 request must be submitted by the  
24 manager. And I'll give it to you  
25 right now.

1                   And my fifth item and my  
2                   last item is that I request that we  
3                   look into adopting school zones for  
4                   the high school and middle school.  
5                   Those schools are located on the main  
6                   artery and both lack school zones.  
7                   The adoption of a school zone will  
8                   allow our police department to better  
9                   enforce speeding in these areas,  
10                  particularly during student arrival  
11                  and dismissal.

12                  I would like us to  
13                  Manager Andrejchak to contact PennDOT  
14                  regarding adopting school zones on  
15                  Franks Town and Saltsburg for the high  
16                  school. And speak with our engineers  
17                  and the police department about  
18                  designating roads near the high school  
19                  as school zones. Contact Allegheny  
20                  County regarding adopting a school  
21                  zone from Universal Road to the high  
22                  school.

23                  Due to the different  
24                  amenities --- different amenities on  
25                  the roads, there may be different

1 requirements. And I would like adopt  
2 a set of policies before the start of  
3 the school year. Though depending on  
4 the recommendations, we may have to  
5 provide signs and those that are  
6 necessary in 20-21. Some children  
7 walk in these zones daily. And it is  
8 our responsibility to ensure their  
9 safety. And I'm going to hand that up  
10 also to you. And that is it for me.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Thank you, Councilman  
13 Petrucci. Any other items for  
14 consideration?

15 MR. UNDERWOOD:

16 Deputy Mayor.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Councilman?

19 MR. UNDERWOOD:

20 I do have a question. I  
21 think we went out of the procedure  
22 here. We have a Resolution Number  
23 2019-030.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Those have been removed

1 from the agenda this evening,  
2 Councilman.

3 MR. UNDERWOOD:

4 That has?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Yes, it has. We amended  
7 that at the beginning --- we amended  
8 that in the beginning of the meeting.

9 MR. UNDERWOOD:

10 Okay.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 There were two items  
13 that was amended, and one added.

14 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

15 Nine and ten were both  
16 removed from the agenda at the  
17 beginning of the meeting.

18 MR. UNDERWOOD:

19 Oh, I didn't know that.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 The gentleman that was  
22 beginning to speak in the plaid shirt,  
23 I promised to give you a moment to  
24 speak. You have that opportunity if  
25 you still wish to do so. You may come

1 to the podium. Give your name and  
2 address, please, for the record.

3 MR. ALAN:

4 My name is Mark Alan,  
5 1929 San Juan Street.

6 Okay.

7 I want to address that  
8 situation also. Can I do that?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 You want to --- how many  
11 situations did you want to address?

12 MR. ALAN:

13 Well, the one that we  
14 were talking about, the disclosure of  
15 the information. And about the pet  
16 thing.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Right. You want to  
19 address that one first? Because  
20 that's what I gave you ---

21 MR. ALAN:

22 Okay. That's what I  
23 want to do.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 --- the opportunity,



1       yes.

2                       MR. ALAN:

3                       For the disclosure,  
4       there should be a background check.

5                       Okay?

6                       And the pet situation, I  
7       want to know where --- where are they  
8       letting them loose at? Because it  
9       seems like they're letting them loose  
10      in our neighborhood.

11                      DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12                      Okay.

13                      I am going to ask our  
14      Business Manager to address that.

15                      MR. ALAN:

16                      Thank you.

17                      MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18                      I may not --- I might  
19      not have this totally correct.  
20      Because I'm obviously not an animal  
21      control officer. But I had some  
22      discussion about this in the last few  
23      weeks about --- about that very  
24      question. My understanding, and I may  
25      be incorrect, is that it's unlawful

1 for someone to capture an animal and  
2 then release it somewhere else.

3 So I think what they're  
4 --- there are laws that govern the  
5 disposal of those animals.  
6 Essentially, they're put down. So if  
7 the animal control takes a raccoon, it  
8 would be unlawful for he or you, it is  
9 my understanding, to take that animal  
10 and just release it somewhere in the  
11 wild.

12 That's not actually ---  
13 you're not really able to do that.  
14 And then again, that's just my  
15 understanding of it. But I can get  
16 you a more nuanced answer. If they're  
17 --- with regard --- I have no  
18 information that animals are being  
19 captured in one part of Penn Hills and  
20 released into another part. Certainly  
21 not by anybody we're employing.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Thank you, Scott. I  
24 hope not, because I have three at my  
25 house now.

1                   MR. ALAN:

2                   We have like 20.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Yeah. It's ridiculous.

5                   And that is part of our contract.

6                   And that is definitely why we want to  
7                   get that contract in effect ASAP.

8                   Thank you. Okay.

9                   Next on the agenda, I  
10                  have introductions of ordinances,  
11                  resolutions, et cetera.

12                  MR. PETRUCCI:

13                  Deputy Mayor?

14                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15                  Councilman Petrucci?

16                  MR. PETRUCCI:

17                  This past week Conor  
18                  Lamb held a town hall event. And at  
19                  this event, two residents asked a  
20                  congressman for assistance with  
21                  federal funding and requesting a  
22                  proposal as to make adjustments to the  
23                  15147 zip code. I am proposing that  
24                  the council pass a resolution for each  
25                  of the items below.

1                   A resolution to support  
2 the USPS officially adopting and  
3 recognizing Penn Hills as an  
4 acceptable city for the 15147 zip  
5 code. And this is not a request for a  
6 new zip code or for the changing of  
7 zip code documents. But rather a  
8 change that will allow businesses and  
9 residents to use Penn Hills as their  
10 city as if they lived in 15147.

11                   I ask that we write up a  
12 resolution and that it be sent to Mr.  
13 Lamb's office, the post master in  
14 Verona and the post master for the  
15 Pittsburgh USPS district. Leon  
16 Ziebach is the resident who suggested  
17 this to Mr. Lamb.

18                   And a resolution to  
19 support for the federal remedial fund  
20 for the former U.S. Steel, Atlas  
21 Cement and Gas and Oil properties.  
22 These sites total like 400 acres and  
23 the federal government provides grant  
24 money to be used for clean up of these  
25 buildings, to clean up ground spills.

1       And these properties are in the top  
2       ten largest in Allegheny County.

3                       I would request that we  
4       pass a resolution and send it into Mr.  
5       Lamb's office. And if and when we  
6       apply for our grant money, we send a  
7       separate resolution with the  
8       application.

9                       Resident and economic  
10       development in terms of Mr. Amacino  
11       requested this from Mr. Lamb's office  
12       and he's seeking the help and this  
13       information in grant assistance. And  
14       I did talk to the manager about this  
15       before and we --- we need to see what  
16       the status is on these properties and  
17       find out how much contamination of  
18       these sites are. So that would  
19       probably be the first step.

20                      Am I correct in assuming  
21       that, Mr. Andrejchak?

22                      MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23                      Yeah. I would think. I  
24       would think so if there's any kind of  
25       a desire to identify funding for it I

1 think step one we can find out, you  
2 know, what the ownership status is,  
3 has there been any testing done, see  
4 what the status is.

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Okay.

7 And that is all.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Thank you, Councilman  
10 Petrucci.

11 Okay.

12 At this time I am going  
13 to call for a report. I am going to  
14 give mine first.

15 So I would like to  
16 report that the Memorial Day Parade in  
17 its new route was a success. The  
18 streets were lined with people  
19 anticipating the parade. It was  
20 exciting to see that they were  
21 excited. The new route offers many  
22 residents a front row VIP seating, due  
23 to them living right on the route.

24 So many residents were  
25 very excited as they sat on their

1 porches and awaited the parade. We do  
2 look forward to making the parade  
3 better next year. Of course this is  
4 the first time that on this route we  
5 actually marched on this route. So  
6 there are a few little kinks that we  
7 need to work out. But not many.

8 As usual, John Scaglione  
9 and his team did a great job and  
10 they're working to make it even better  
11 for next year.

12 Communication between  
13 Penn Hills administration and  
14 residents is consistently getting  
15 better. Has anyone seen the billboard  
16 on Franks Town Road? The big  
17 billboard that highlights the dates  
18 and summer events for Penn Hills. Has  
19 anybody seen it? Across from the  
20 cemetery, correct. Do you get excited  
21 when you see that billboard? No?  
22 It's very informative.

23 It gives information  
24 about what's happening in Penn Hills.  
25 I think it's great for residents and

1 non-residents alike, so that you know  
2 what we are doing and what our  
3 upcoming events are. So I think it's  
4 wonderful and it's a great way of  
5 communication. Not only to our  
6 residents, but also to our non-  
7 residents. Even for the children to  
8 see as children are in mom and dad's  
9 car and they're looking out at the  
10 billboards.

11 They're saying hey  
12 mommy, there's a concert at the park.

13 You know, I want to go. So I think  
14 it's a great way of communication and  
15 it looks great. So kudos for that.

16 Also our Penn Hills is  
17 consistently being updated. And of  
18 course social media never fails to  
19 inform us.

20 I believe Crescent  
21 Hills, Mr. Getzie correct me if I'm  
22 wrong since I see you here. Are you  
23 still going to have the story time in  
24 the park this summer?

25 MR. GETZIE:



1 Yes.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Yes? Who said that?

4 Who said yes? Okay. Yes.

5 So story time in the  
6 park at Crescent Hills is an amazing  
7 hour of story time. So if you have  
8 children, daycare centers, I believe  
9 all is welcome to come up to story  
10 time. It's a great time. And we  
11 thank you, Crescent Hills, for  
12 providing that opportunity for the  
13 children to come and have story time  
14 in the park. When does that start?

15 MR. GETZIE:

16 Are you asking me?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Yes.

19 MR. GETZIE:

20 I can never guess that.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Do you know when it  
23 started?

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

25 I think that's going to

1 start on the 15th.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 On the 15th?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

5 I think it's already  
6 going, isn't it?

7 MR. GETZIE:

8 Yeah.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

10 It's supposed to be.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 It's began? Today's the  
13 17th. I know usually somewhere around  
14 this time.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

16 Yeah. I'm sorry. I  
17 don't know the date.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Okay.

20 Well, we will get that  
21 information.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

23 It's soon.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 So spread that word

1 also.

2 Council staff and  
3 gateway engineers are working on  
4 having a town hall meeting where we  
5 can all come together and talk about  
6 our sewers in Penn Hills. So I am not  
7 quite sure what we're going to name  
8 it. But it's going to talk --- it's  
9 going to be a sewer workshop. So that  
10 you can have a clear understanding of  
11 what our sewers are all about and how  
12 we flesh --- how we get from Penn  
13 Hills all the way to the north side.

14 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15 It's going to be on July  
16 8th, I believe.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Okay. Back to story  
19 time. July 8th at ---.

20 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

21 The sewer meeting.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Oh, I'm sorry. Forgive  
24 me. Well, we're going to have a story  
25 time about sewers. How about that?

1 So you can all come out and hear your  
2 story time about sewers.

3 So July 8th and --- July  
4 8th at 7:00 p.m. will be our town hall  
5 sewer workshop. So that's great.  
6 That's news to me. I wasn't aware  
7 that we had a date. So I am excited  
8 about that.

9 So please mark your  
10 calendar. Tell everyone you know  
11 about our sewer workshop. It's very  
12 --- it's going to be very informative.  
13 You know, I am sure not all of you  
14 know how when you flush your toilet or  
15 your water goes down the drain or when  
16 your laundry is rinsing how that water  
17 literally gets from Penn Hills all the  
18 way to the north side.

19 So it's going to be very  
20 informative. Come see where your  
21 money is going and how it's getting  
22 there. Please, please, inform other  
23 residents. We are looking forward to  
24 a full room. That will be July 8th at  
25 7:00 p.m. Thank you Scott, I wasn't

1 aware that we had a date. And with  
2 that being said, the floor is now open  
3 to other council members with their  
4 report.

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Deputy Mayor?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Yes? Council member  
9 Petrucci.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 One other thing about  
12 the July 8th town hall meeting.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Yes.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Rick is going to start  
17 from the beginning and go all the way  
18 to where we're at right now in the  
19 sewers. So how we got to be in this  
20 predicament that we're in. This is  
21 the analysis that we're going to show.

22 So he's going to be explaining  
23 everything. From what happens you  
24 turn that valve to the time that we're  
25 paying for it right now. So that's

1 what you're going to be seeing.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 And it will be right  
4 here in council's chamber.

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Yes, it will be.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Yeah. We should have to  
9 add chairs in here for that workshop.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 One thing --- another  
12 thing I want to mention is this is  
13 under a 2019-2648, which is going to  
14 run. This was brought to me ---  
15 brought to my attention by the  
16 seniors. I spoke with the seniors one  
17 day and they said, Councilman, we're  
18 in kind of a predicament that we're  
19 worried about the school taxes going  
20 up and that we can't afford our  
21 municipal taxes. And if we had a  
22 payment plan, it would make it a  
23 little but easier with the checks.

24 So I brought it to  
25 Keystone Election, the lady up there

1 at Settler Springs. I talked to Rose  
2 Hall, wasn't it?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Uh-huh (yes).

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Rose Hall. And I  
7 proposed this to her. And she said  
8 sure. That's not a problem. You can  
9 divide it up. And that's exactly what  
10 we did. We made a resolution. And  
11 now seniors will get a three month  
12 payment plan on their municipal tax.  
13 And hopefully it eases up for them.  
14 So that --- that's how that came  
15 about.

16 The first one on April  
17 16th at approximately 1:00 p.m. at  
18 that meeting was Senator Jay Costa and  
19 Representative Brian from Conor Lamb's  
20 office to discuss the sewage debt of  
21 \$64,000,000. My intention to this  
22 meeting was to find if they could help  
23 us in reducing this debt, which would  
24 ease the burden on the taxpayers of  
25 Penn Hills.

1                   The response from both  
2 of them was that they would not help  
3 in reducing debt. But they could aid  
4 us in the grant money to fund the  
5 construction project. I was reminded  
6 by Senator Costa that we have a  
7 \$3,000,000 grant for paving and a  
8 \$418,000 for our Lime Hollow Sewer  
9 Project.

10                   We are currently  
11 applying vigorously for all grants  
12 that are possible to us and have not  
13 borrowed any money towards these  
14 projects on our sewage system. Scott  
15 is going to better explain what we're  
16 getting those grants about. On June  
17 5th at approximately 7:30 p.m. I  
18 participated in a town hall meeting  
19 held by Senator Jay Costa.

20                   And I asked a question  
21 that's been on everyone's, being that  
22 Roadeye Road is the gateway to our  
23 community. Are there still plans for  
24 the revitalization of that state road.

25                   And the response was yes. That road



1 is part of a 20 year plan. Included  
2 is a look at the economic development  
3 along that border.

4 All's to say he would  
5 send me an email with all the  
6 information pertaining to it. And I  
7 am still waiting for the email. I am  
8 not sure if you're aware of this. And  
9 Cathy, this is going to be your  
10 answer, because I did take this the  
11 last time you and I talked about it.

12 I am not sure if you're  
13 aware this. But the Progress does not  
14 cover all of Penn Hills approximately  
15 14,000 get the Progress and 6,600 do  
16 not. That 6,600 is for the roads in  
17 our Lincoln Park section of our  
18 community. These community members  
19 are being left out when the events are  
20 taking place. You see, not everybody  
21 can afford a computer or is computer  
22 savvy to watch the meetings on the  
23 municipal website.

24 So to disseminate the  
25 information to them, we propose that

1 we do a newsletter once a month with  
2 the 6,600. And we'll be in contact  
3 with the Progress at this time and  
4 we'll be submitting the results. And  
5 to answer your question, Cathy, we  
6 will not send Progress over there  
7 because of the market. They believe  
8 that there is no market in that  
9 particular area.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 What do you mean  
12 marketing?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Well, they --- that's  
15 the answer they gave. There's no  
16 marketing over there. They get more  
17 out of marketing to this --- the other  
18 half of Penn Hills than they do there.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Because we have a new  
21 Pull and Pay over there, we have a BP,  
22 they have a Giant Eagle over there.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 I understand that.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1                   We do have businesses  
2 there.   How many did you say?

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   6,600.

5                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6                   And how many do receive  
7 it?

8                   MR. PETRUCCI:

9                   14,000.

10                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11                  Okay.

12                  You know, I'm not  
13 feeling that.

14                  MR. PETRUCCI:

15                  I'm not either.

16                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17                  Excuse me.

18                  Penn Hills is their  
19 community and we should all receive  
20 the Progress.   Scott you are going to  
21 have to work on that.

22                  MR. PETRUCCI:

23                  They have a gentleman  
24 named Marvin, also, Tracy Marvin that  
25 they're going to try to get expanded.

1       So I am working on it.

2                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3                   Okay. Great.

4                   MR. PETRUCCI:

5                   Okay?

6                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7                   Continue to work on it.

8       And I mean --- these are ---.

9                   MR. PETRUCCI:

10                   I had a conversation  
11 with them, which are sitting in the  
12 front row. And they live over that  
13 way. And they weren't informed of  
14 anything that was going on in Penn  
15 Hills. Some people don't even know we  
16 have a town hall. They don't know who  
17 the Mayor is. They don't know who the  
18 townspeople are.

19                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

20                   They don't even know the  
21 municipality.

22                   MR. PETRUCCI:

23                   So we have to get  
24 something out to that area of time, so  
25 people are informed, whether it be the

1     Progress.    If they refuse to do it,  
2     then we need to get a newsletter and  
3     we need to pay for it.    Because those  
4     6,600 people pay taxes just like  
5     everybody else.    And they need to be  
6     informed.

7                     DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                     Absolutely.

9                     And you pay for --- and  
10    when I look in the Progress they have  
11    a huge advertisement section.

12                    MR. PETRUCCI:

13                    We have to get it to  
14    everybody.

15                    DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16                    Thank you.

17                    MR. PETRUCCI:

18                    And another one, my next  
19    item.    We hired three more police  
20    officers in this town for a full  
21    complement of 53 officers in our  
22    department.    Those are the allotted  
23    line officers in our municipality the  
24    from the tax revenue that's being  
25    generated, \$42,000.    But rest assured

1 according to the shift supervisor that  
2 is a fair amount needed to protect and  
3 serve our community.

4 Last but not least, I  
5 would like to talk about the Memorial  
6 Day parade. Now, so nobody takes this  
7 out of context, I love parades. I  
8 participated in them as the deputy  
9 sheriff and I did it with the Sheriff.

10 That's my heritage. And even Saint  
11 Patrick's Day. But not what I'm not  
12 happy with is the enticing to  
13 participate people to participate in a  
14 community parade by paying them.

15 Yes. It was a shock to  
16 me when I found out that we pay groups  
17 to march in parades. On this  
18 particular parade, we honor the men  
19 and women who serve in the military  
20 who lost their lives serving. It is  
21 not for the support of the community.

22 It should be for the support the men  
23 and women in the military. The way we  
24 have structured paying to these  
25 participants need to be restructured.

1                   So next year I will  
2                   propose that we start early and  
3                   solicit groups that we want to support  
4                   our parade free of charge. And entice  
5                   people in the community to build  
6                   floats and enter --- enter them for  
7                   prizes. We need to go big. This is  
8                   an awesome community. We need to go  
9                   big. Bring in activities for kids.  
10                  Clowns, bouncy houses, petting zoo.

11                   Bring in the military  
12                  marches, the shires, the sheriff's  
13                  department, county horses and anyone  
14                  you can think of to make the best  
15                  parade in Allegheny County. But we  
16                  need to get started now. If you would  
17                  like to volunteer at the parade,  
18                  contact Manager Andrejchak. And I  
19                  will be the first one to volunteer.

20                   And I believe that's it  
21                  tonight.

22                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23                   Well, that is not it,  
24                  Councilman Petrucci. But that's it  
25                  for your report. Thank you so very

1 much for your report.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 You're welcome.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Any other reports.

6 MR. UNDERWOOD:

7 Deputy Mayor?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Yes, Councilman?

10 MR. UNDERWOOD:

11 I'm sorry to scratch it  
12 again. But nine and ten and the  
13 agreement, is that still on the  
14 schedule?

15 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

16 Nine and ten were both  
17 removed.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Mayor Kunn? Do you have  
20 anything to report, Mayor Kunn?

21 MAYOR KUNN:

22 No, but I have some  
23 statements that I'd like to make.  
24 First of all, I want to thank everyone  
25 who was so thoughtful and kind to me



1 during my illness, all their prayers  
2 and cards, personal stops. It was  
3 truly, truly memorable for me. And  
4 I'll never forget it. And I want to  
5 thank my manager for he would text me  
6 on a daily basis, if not more than  
7 once a day, to keep me informed of  
8 what's going on.

9 And of course I want to  
10 thank Deputy Mayor Cathy Sapp for  
11 stepping in for me when I was unable  
12 to perform my duties. And I am  
13 better, thank the Lord. And I will be  
14 back in July. And I did want to  
15 acknowledge that everyone was so kind.

16 And I am appreciative of all of it.

17 Now, I know that for the  
18 --- next we're going to look into some  
19 better systems for when you're on the  
20 telephone. Because the one telephone  
21 is not picking up everyone,  
22 specifically the people who are  
23 speaking in the audience.

24 But I do want to make a  
25 comment on the parade. And it was

1 very special to me. It was very  
2 difficult for me to miss it, because  
3 it was the last one that I would be  
4 overseeing. But I deferred to Cathy  
5 and she did a wonderful job.

6 I had asked my deputy  
7 mayor and my council people to work  
8 diligently to make the parade much  
9 larger and much more of a success,  
10 because of the fact that it honors our  
11 veterans. There's not a lot of  
12 communities that do that. We have a  
13 route now.

14 I have suggested that  
15 clowns riding around and giving out  
16 candy and having different things with  
17 the fire trucks and the other work  
18 vehicles. Things that we could do to  
19 have these people in the parade and  
20 have the children want to come and  
21 make Memorial Day something special.

22 And I also, I did not  
23 hear on the speaker. So I am just  
24 going to make some comments on the  
25 citizens that will be done later,

1       because I won't be able to hear what  
2       their comments are. I know that  
3       Joanne Alexander is on the list. So  
4       I'm assuming she's in the audience.

5                       And I spoke with her  
6       several times. I also spoke with my  
7       Chief of the fire department. Now,  
8       this monument for the veterans is a  
9       very, very special way of Penn Hills  
10      thanking everyone for their services.

11      Now it's my understanding that phase  
12      one is completed. Now as far as my  
13      firemen are concerned, all they asked  
14      for was the slab be transferred from  
15      the building, the old building, to the  
16      new building.

17                      So I would ask with the  
18      manager to please speak with the fire  
19      Chief. And see exactly what it is  
20      that they would want done, because as  
21      far as I am concerned, that's the  
22      firemen's position to choose what and  
23      how they want done.

24                      And as far as the  
25      veterans, I was informed that they

1 gave Mrs. Alexander permission to  
2 speak for them. And that is fine. I  
3 want you to reach out to them and see  
4 exactly what it is that they want  
5 done.

6 As far as the Allegheny  
7 Boulevard Wall, I have information on  
8 that from years ago when the Duquesne  
9 Lights tried to come in and take down  
10 the big sycamore tree. So I am not  
11 sure and I don't know if the gentleman  
12 speaking on that is referring to the  
13 property that was discussed prior,  
14 which had to do with that.

15 And with the issue of  
16 the East Hills Drive, that is being  
17 worked on by the church and by our  
18 people that were coming in. Penn  
19 Hills has turned them down on a  
20 regular basis and it was of no use to  
21 Penn Hills. And they are as far as a  
22 safety, there is numerous ways of  
23 getting back into the contracts back  
24 there. So that would really need  
25 looking into.

1 I want to commend  
2 everyone who was involved with the  
3 program for the cameras. They needed  
4 to get setup. And it is something  
5 that has been needed and talked about  
6 for years. So it's wonderful that  
7 it's finally implemented.

8 And with that I am going  
9 to sign off. Thanks everyone for  
10 coming tonight in all these respects.

11 And I do enjoy hearing your comments.  
12 That's what government's about.  
13 Thank you very much.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Thank you, Mayor Kunn.  
16 Have a wonderful evening. We look  
17 forward to seeing you next month.

18 Okay.

19 Next on the agenda we  
20 have citizens to address council. The  
21 first person to come will be Joanne  
22 Alexander. She is going to be talking  
23 about the monument relocation update.

24 And as she is coming to the podium to  
25 state her name and address. I would

1     like to say that I did receive your  
2     letter, Ms. Alexander, in my packet.  
3     And when you wrote the letter, we had  
4     not yet touched base because I was out  
5     of the country.

6                     So when I returned, as I  
7     told you I would, I would give you a  
8     telephone call. And you were my first  
9     thing on the list when I came back  
10    into the United States. I did contact  
11    you. We did meet. We did walk the  
12    site together. And I think we finally  
13    came up with something that we can  
14    move forward with. So with that being  
15    said, Ms. Alexander.

16                     MS. ALEXANDER:

17                     Joanne Alexander, 225  
18    Pine Hill Road. I am not here to  
19    update you, more I was here to get an  
20    update from you as to approvals of  
21    moving forward with both the fire and  
22    veteran's. I agree with Mr. Petrucci  
23    that the firemen should be allowed to  
24    do what they need to do. But you need  
25    to include the veterans. Are you a

1 veteran, Mr. Petrucci?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 No, I wasn't.

4 MS. ALEXANDER:

5 Well, my father was. My  
6 father gave his life to this  
7 community. And he also was a veteran.  
8 And I think the veterans should be  
9 honored at the same time as the  
10 firemen. It's more cost beneficial to  
11 both of us and that both of those  
12 monuments be completed and installed  
13 at the same time. I am going to defer  
14 here to Lenny for a few minutes at let  
15 him speak.

16 MR. RONIAK:

17 Len Roniak. Oganthru  
18 Drive. This has been worked on long  
19 too much. Longer than any project  
20 should be done. As Scott got  
21 involved, Moutz was involved. We kept  
22 getting no. We kept getting negative  
23 answers, negative comments. We  
24 finally got an approval. We got a  
25 grant from the township. We matched

1 the grant as requested. And now we're  
2 still getting played in the game.  
3 Let's get it approved. Why do you  
4 think all these are here today?  
5 They're not here because they want to  
6 listen to the council. They want that  
7 monument put up, put the plaque on and  
8 also acknowledge the other four  
9 firemen that died as a result of  
10 fires. Not just the one. The five.  
11 The five. It's time. Now is the  
12 time. All you've got to do is say yes  
13 tonight. Sean Brown from Brown  
14 Monuments is done with us if you don't  
15 get this approved tonight. He's  
16 backing out. We're losing thousands  
17 and thousands of dollars because  
18 council can't say yes to where the  
19 monument should go, how high it should  
20 be. What the hell is the difference  
21 what height it is or where it's  
22 placed? Put it up. They deserve this  
23 to be put up. I've said enough.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Okay.



1 Well, Mr. Roniak, don't  
2 leave the podium yet.

3 MR. RONIAK:

4 Don't demand me to do  
5 anything. You might ask me.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Yes.

8 MR. RONIAK:

9 But don't demand me  
10 anything.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Well, please don't leave  
13 the podium. I am just asking you not  
14 to leave the podium at this time. So  
15 obviously you missed out on the memo.

16 MR. RONIAK:

17 The what?

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 You missed the memo and  
20 the documentation between Ms.  
21 Alexander and myself.

22 MR. RONIAK:

23 You mean Mrs. Alexander?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Mrs. Alexander, Joanne

1 Alexander, however you want to  
2 address.

3 MR. RONIAK:

4 Well, she's not a miss.  
5 She's married.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Well, she can be.  
8 Proper etiquette, she can be miss.  
9 I'm not going back and forth.

10 MR. RONIAK:

11 I don't think in the  
12 last 30 years ---.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Mr. Roniak. Mr. Roniak.

15 MR. RONIAK:

16 Yes. Go ahead.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Thank you.

19 Joanne Alexander and I  
20 met last week and we talked about the  
21 veteran's monument. It is very  
22 important how high that monument can  
23 be and should be --- and I'm talking.

24 MR. RONIAK:

25 You talked about the

1 fireman's. That has nothing to do  
2 with the ---.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 I have the panel at this  
5 time.

6 MR. RONIAK:

7 You ---.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Thank you.

10 MR. RONIAK:

11 Do you want me just to  
12 leave this?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 I don't want you to  
15 leave. I want you to be ---.

16 MR. RONIAK:

17 Well don't interrupt me.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 No. I am talking. So  
20 you're interrupting me. Now please be  
21 quiet and please be in order, like I  
22 know that you can. Thank you.

23 I know this is a  
24 sensitive matter and we are trying to  
25 move forward with it. Now I wish that

1 Ms. Alexander would have welcomed you  
2 to our meeting that we had last  
3 weekend. Maybe you wouldn't have come  
4 in with all this fire this evening.

5 So it is important that  
6 we not make the monument ten, 12, 13,  
7 15 feet high. We do have codes here  
8 in Penn Hills as you all know. Second  
9 of all, I believe Ms. Alexander and I  
10 came to some agreement with sketches  
11 that she showed me. And that I in  
12 turn met with Scott, our Business  
13 Manager. We came to some agreement  
14 that they are acceptable.

15 However, Ms. Alexander  
16 now is no longer going to be working  
17 with the fire department. I spoke  
18 with Bernadette Rose and the fire  
19 department is going to be handling  
20 their own monument. So are we  
21 speaking on behalf of the fire  
22 department? Or are we speaking on  
23 behalf of the veterans or are we  
24 speaking on behalf the police? Who  
25 are you speaking on behalf of?

1       Because you missed the memo.

2                     MR. RONIAK:

3                     I wasn't given one.

4                     DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5                     Exactly.

6                     MR. RONIAK:

7                     Bernadette, do you want  
8       to speak on behalf of the fire  
9       department?

10                    DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11                    Bernadette, please come  
12       to the podium and give your name and  
13       address.

14                    MR. ROSE:

15                    115 South Avenue,  
16       Bernadette Rose. We were at the last  
17       meeting told by council that our  
18       options were to hand over \$12,500 to  
19       the monument committee to be split up  
20       between the police, the fire and the  
21       veteran's. That was given to us as a  
22       donation.

23                    Or we have the \$12,500  
24       and we raised the balance of the  
25       \$20,000 on our own, which we have been

1       doing.    We were told that the \$12,500  
2       had to be binded up legally.    And  
3       that's what the money in that fund  
4       should have been done with.

5                So from the first  
6       meeting that we were involved to speak  
7       on behalf of the firemen, we were told  
8       we had no money.    So we made a  
9       decision to raise the money ourselves.

10       I was not aware of any meeting  
11       discussed about the height.    I know we  
12       had meetings at three o'clock to walk  
13       the site for the firemen.

14                        DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15                        Correct.

16                        Thank you so much, Ms.  
17       Rose.

18                        MS. ALEXANDER:

19                        First of all.

20       Berndaette, Council has no right to  
21       tell you how the money is distributed.

22       If a donation came into the fund  
23       specific to the fire department or the  
24       veteran's, it would be used only for  
25       that portion of the project.    We have

1 to abide by people's wishes and nobody  
2 can change it but our committee, and  
3 that's it. Your \$12,500 is always  
4 going to go to you. We still have  
5 your check for you to give to you for  
6 the part that we promised you already.

7 But we can do more later on. And as  
8 we said before, we will do that again.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Ms. Rose, you do have  
11 the \$12,500 in your possession.

12 Is that correct?

13 MR. ROSE:

14 Correct.

15 Along with other money  
16 that we've gone out and raised for the  
17 \$20,000.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

19 Thank you.

20 And to make it clear for  
21 public record, the firemen are going  
22 to be doing their own thing. At this  
23 point in time Ms. Joanne Alexander  
24 will be speaking or chairing for the  
25 veteran's only.

1                   MS. ALEXANDER:

2                   Yes.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Thank you very much.

5                   MS. ALEXANDER:

6                   Now we --- when we  
7                   talked, you and I talked, and you said  
8                   you were limiting us to seven feet and  
9                   we agreed to that as long as it was  
10                  consistent throughout the site.  
11                  Should that change, again, I believe  
12                  that the firemen should be able to do  
13                  what they want. But if they go  
14                  higher, if we need to go higher, we  
15                  need to get approved for that also.

16                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17                  At this time we have not  
18                  --- we are going to meet in executive  
19                  session. We did talk and we said  
20                  seven feet. And when I went to the  
21                  manager and spoke with him, he agreed  
22                  seven feet. I don't think we can go  
23                  much higher. Your measurements were  
24                  dead on, putting those monuments on  
25                  the statute.



1                   Going seven feet high  
2                   would give you ample room and space.  
3                   We don't want to have a ten foot or 12  
4                   foot high. I know that you want to  
5                   get this moved and we should, because  
6                   right now it's a disgrace out there.  
7                   We are agreeing on seven foot at this  
8                   time. And at this time I believe  
9                   that's where the limitations will go.

10                   But however, we are  
11                   going to talk about this in the  
12                   executive session. And as I promised,  
13                   I will get back with you tomorrow.  
14                   Since I've been meeting with you and  
15                   your committee, as you being the  
16                   chairperson, I have kept all of my  
17                   promises to you.

18                   MS. ALEXANDER:

19                   Yes, you have.

20                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21                   Thank you.

22                   And I will continue to  
23                   keep my promises to you. After our  
24                   executive session tonight, I will get  
25                   back with you tomorrow with regards to

1 what we came up with.

2 MS. ALEXANDER:

3 We need --- we need to  
4 move on both of these projects.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 And I don't know ---  
7 when you say both of these projects,  
8 you're talking about the firemen as  
9 well as the ---?

10 MS. ALEXANDER:

11 And the phases. There's  
12 no phase one, phase two, phase three.

13 That was brought up many, many, many  
14 months ago. Years ago when we first  
15 started talking about that. Doing the  
16 phase one, phase two, phase three.  
17 Because we didn't think we'd raise  
18 enough money to do it. And we still  
19 have a ways to go to raise money. But  
20 we have six months to go that before  
21 the monuments will be ready. We hope  
22 that they're ready --- both ready by  
23 November so the firemen can have their  
24 dedication during their fire run and  
25 the veteran's would have it on

1       veteran's day.

2                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3                   Okay.

4                   I just want to reiterate  
5       and make this clear. And I don't mean  
6       any disrespect. But for public record  
7       you are no longer spokesperson ---

8                   MS. ALEXANDER:

9                   I am not.

10                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11                  --- for the fire  
12       department.

13                  MS. ALEXANDER:

14                  But I still ---.

15                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16                  But they can do what  
17       they want to do. So we're just going  
18       to stop that part right there and  
19       we're going to work together to get  
20       the veteran's done. And I am so  
21       excited, because you have an amazing  
22       idea and I look forward to that.

23                  MS. ALEXANDER:

24                  Thank you.

25                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1                   You're welcome.

2                   MR. PETRUCCI:

3                   Deputy Mayor.

4                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5                   Yes, Councilman

6                   Petrucci?

7                   MR. PETRUCCI:

8                   Why can't we put it to a  
9                   vote right now and it get it done  
10                  right now? Come on.

11                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12                  Well, first of all, I  
13                  want to meet with their chairperson  
14                  tomorrow and ask them ---.

15                  MR. PETRUCCI:

16                  What is the difference  
17                  on how the monument is? Where are  
18                  they putting them that they can't put  
19                  up a monument that's ten foot high or  
20                  they can't put one up of that size?  
21                  Is there anybody in the police  
22                  department that ---?

23                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24                  First of all, excuse me,  
25                  Councilman Petrucci. Before you open

1 it up to the --- to the audience,  
2 would you like to address me with that  
3 question?

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 Well, I just did.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7 Okay.

8 Would you like to say it  
9 again and complete it so that I can  
10 hear it?

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Well what is the  
13 difference how high this monument is?

14 Where --- I didn't agree to a seven  
15 foot high monument. If they want to  
16 build a ten foot high monument or a 14  
17 --- how high is it, Bernadette?

18 MS. ROSE:

19 Ten foot.

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Ten foot?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 First of all, the fire  
24 department --- and I am sorry for  
25 interrupting you. I apologize for

1 that. I have nothing from the fire  
2 department yet. We are only speaking  
3 tonight on the veteran's.

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5 (WHEREUPON, THERE WAS A BRIEF  
6 INTERRUPTION IN THE PROCEEDINGS.)

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DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9

Excuse me. I totally  
10 understand where you're coming from.  
11 Don't tell me what I do and I don't  
12 understand. And I'm speaking. Thank  
13 you. I have a meeting with your  
14 chairperson tomorrow. Her schedule  
15 opened for tomorrow. If we could have  
16 met sooner, we could have met sooner.

17 But she has a schedule, I have a  
18 schedule. Tomorrow is our first  
19 opportunity to meet. I haven't heard  
20 any of your plans. I --- excuse me.  
21 Tomorrow after I meet with your  
22 selected chairperson, we will go  
23 forward with this memorial. We want  
24 it done just as much as you do. As I  
25 stated, it's a disgrace outside. It

1 needs to be done and completed. I'm  
2 on your side. However ---.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

4 It's ten foot high.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Excuse me?

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

8 It's ten foot high.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 We'll talk --- I'll talk  
11 about that next morning. I promise  
12 you just like I promised Ms.  
13 Alexander. We will --- we will be on  
14 it. It's a priority. And I will get  
15 back with you tomorrow. Or she will  
16 get back with you tomorrow after we  
17 leave. Give all of your questions,  
18 your concerns, your drawings to her.  
19 And tomorrow at our three o'clock  
20 meeting we'll discuss it. I will take  
21 it back to Mayor and Council and then  
22 we will get back to you as soon as  
23 possible. I want it up just as bad as  
24 you want it up. It should have been  
25 done.

1                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

2                   Is it tomorrow?

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Excuse me? Yes. I said  
5 tomorrow at three o'clock. I am --- I  
6 am not going to open this up for  
7 debate. Listen, you can throw your  
8 hands up in the air. I don't care.

9                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

10                  Just the police  
11 department, huh?

12                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13                  Excuse me?

14                  AUDIENCE MEMBER:

15                  And our fire department.

16                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17                  Excuse me, sir? What?

18                  AUDIENCE MEMBER:

19                  A lot of bullshit. Just  
20 like the police. You blame them when  
21 they stop criminals. And now you  
22 won't even work with the fire  
23 department.

24                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25                  I am ---.



1                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

2                   And you ---.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Goodbye.    Have a nice  
5 evening.

6                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

7                   You too, lady.

8                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9                   Thank you, I shall.

10                  AUDIENCE MEMBER:

11                  Can I make a statement?

12                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13                  Yes.    You can make ---  
14 you can make a statement.    Please come  
15 to the podium.    And again, I am not  
16 debating with you, because I am on  
17 your side.    I understand.    But you  
18 have to be patient.    This thing has  
19 gone round and round and round.    And  
20 now --- yes.    It's gone round and  
21 round and round.    I am sorry for that.

22                  I wasn't here for the  
23 beginning working with you.    But now I  
24 am.    And again, I have kept every  
25 promise.    Every promise that I made I

1 kept. Give me the chance. You have a  
2 chairperson. I am going to talk with  
3 your chairperson. We are meeting  
4 tomorrow for the first time. I  
5 haven't disrespected you and I don't  
6 expect you to disrespect me.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

8 I agree, you know,  
9 nobody should disrespect anybody here.  
10 You know, for the men and women that  
11 here from the fire department, we want  
12 you to understand Mr. Roniak's. This  
13 is not for us. None of us want our  
14 name put on it.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Amen.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

18 That's our goal. For  
19 the height, ten foot. I am not sure  
20 where the discussion came from, why a  
21 certain number was chosen and why we  
22 chose ten foot. It had nothing to do  
23 with the size, showing up somebody  
24 else. Ten foot was because Brown  
25 Monument donated a \$20,000 piece of

1 granite that will cost us more money  
2 to modify.

3 So that's why we have a  
4 ten foot monument. Two, to the point  
5 of having a uniform monument garden.  
6 I agree. What would have been really  
7 notice is if when we build this  
8 palace, this beautiful building, that  
9 that would have been allotted in the  
10 budget so that we didn't have to beg  
11 local businesses --- when we do it  
12 already just to provide our service.

13 So what we're asking is  
14 that you don't limit us for a memorial  
15 and we don't limit our response times.

16 We come out nights, weekend, rain,  
17 snow, shine, our birthdays, Christmas.

18 We don't care. We're there to help  
19 you guys out and that's all we're here  
20 to do.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Yes.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

24 And we ask that when you  
25 have this meeting tomorrow that you

1 consider that. A ten foot monument,  
2 it has nothing to do with us trying to  
3 show up anybody. That we want  
4 something nicer than anybody else. It  
5 strictly has to do with economics.

6 Do you want to give us a  
7 few extra dollars to do this --- get  
8 this piece of grant modified? Then we  
9 can consider that. But at the end of  
10 the day this is because Brown  
11 Monuments bent over backwards to give  
12 us a very expensive piece of granite.

13 And on top of that, wrote us a check  
14 for --- how much was?

15 MS. ROSE:

16 \$12,500.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

18 \$12,500. This man isn't  
19 a resident of our community. And he's  
20 doing this for us. So we'd ask the  
21 Council and Mayor to support this  
22 initiative and allow this to move  
23 forward. Thank you.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

25 Thank you.

1                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2                   And one thing I want to  
3                   be clear on. Mayor and Council  
4                   definitely support your initiative and  
5                   your monument. And I am all --- I am  
6                   in awe of what Brown did in his  
7                   contribution. I am thankful as well.

8                   I do have firefighters in my family,  
9                   as well as police officers. And just  
10                  to make a statement to what you said.

11                  No one is showing up  
12                  anyone. As I told Ms. Alexander.  
13                  Nothing is going to supersede the  
14                  police monument. It's all going to be  
15                  one memorial park. It will be  
16                  uniform, it will go nice and it will  
17                  contribute to our fallen officers.  
18                  And yes, I hope none of your names are  
19                  ever put on that monument.

20                  Is that clear?

21                  AUDIENCE MEMBER:

22                  Thank you.

23                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24                  Thank you.

25                  I look forward to

1 meeting with you tomorrow at three  
2 o'clock.

3 Okay.

4 Next to address the  
5 council will be Bill Moutz. Allegheny  
6 Boulevard Wall.

7 MR. MOUTZ:

8 My name is Bill Moutz,  
9 1335 Maple Avenue in Verona. First  
10 I'd like to thank Mayor and Council  
11 and the Deputy Mayor, especially John  
12 Petrucci for the generous donation of  
13 \$500 to the beautification committee.

14 And I also want to thank the Mayor,  
15 Deputy Mayor and Council for including  
16 the ARB turnout area of Allegheny  
17 Boulevard in their grass growing  
18 project. You can see the difference  
19 right now, how nice it looks.

20 A little history from  
21 the 1930s. The Allegheny Boulevard  
22 itself represents the city. It's a  
23 beautiful road from the 1920s.  
24 There's a viewing plan on the parkway.  
25 The Allegheny Boulevard observation

1       turnouts are significant as these nine  
2       historic landscapes.

3                 The observations were  
4       carefully planned to take advantage of  
5       scenic distance and to allow  
6       opportunities to park and view the  
7       river. We have sandstone walls, hard  
8       stone fountains, stone hedges and  
9       stone steps.

10                Additional the turnouts  
11       are lined out with curving and packing  
12       material selected and placed for the  
13       aesthetic value. What remains today  
14       is a historic structure in decline.  
15       Over the last decade and before a few  
16       volunteers named Allegheny Rookies  
17       have planted flowers and tried to keep  
18       the wall and its surroundings  
19       presentable to passers-by.

20                The CDC and the  
21       beautification committee, which I am  
22       the chair off, started off probably at  
23       least three years ago. We had to  
24       maintain the area between the  
25       boulevard and the inside concrete

1 roadway.

2 I actually removed the  
3 leaves in the area of the steps and I  
4 planted marigolds there to welcome  
5 travelers, which you can see in place.

6 We were moving out debris from the  
7 central landing where a creek once  
8 again flowed out of a designated hole  
9 in the wall. Then came Duquesne Light  
10 who installed new utility polls there  
11 and ruining much of the trees and the  
12 vegetation on the hillside above the  
13 wall. This allowed an immense amount  
14 of erosion.

15 Okay?

16 I noticed at the  
17 beginning of the spring of 2019. The  
18 area that was cleared of debris, there  
19 was a lot water and several feet of  
20 silt. The weeds were beginning to  
21 grow on the entire surface of the  
22 second level. So I placed flowers  
23 there and did weed control. Six to  
24 eight feet on the inside of the wall  
25 and the back of the landing.



1                   If you look at it today,  
2                   you can't see any of the cardboard.  
3                   The cardboard that you see now that  
4                   it's raining, it's completed covered  
5                   with four to six inches of mud, all  
6                   the way to the wall. My wife and I  
7                   happened to be at that location  
8                   planting marigolds this spring.

9                   And a sudden rainstorm  
10                  came. We wanted in our car until it  
11                  was over. As we returned to the  
12                  garden to finish planting, we heard a  
13                  roar of running water. There were  
14                  several inches of water running down  
15                  both stairways, several deep. And  
16                  also seeping through the wall at many  
17                  locations. Here is a picture of the  
18                  water running down the wall and down  
19                  both stairwells.

20                  Okay?

21                  The mud as well was  
22                  coming through the wall and turning  
23                  the brown. Sometimes it can cover the  
24                  entire wall and the foundation. The  
25                  wall that you see there, the entire

1 length of the wall, the mud would be  
2 coming through the stone. Now what  
3 I'm afraid of is that if a solution is  
4 not remediating the erosion on the  
5 hillside, that the hydraulic pressure  
6 of three cycles will completely  
7 destroy this historic landmark.

8           You can see several  
9 areas where the wall is moving. In  
10 this particular area here the cracks  
11 are so large you can stick your fist  
12 in that hole. So I am asking the  
13 Deputy Mayor, the Mayor and the  
14 Council with Duquesne Light, PennDOT  
15 and anyone else to do something about  
16 the erosion on the hillside and keep  
17 the water from running down the hill  
18 towards the structure.

19           In addition, the caving  
20 of the wall, which is like a big block  
21 that's screened in and you put rocks  
22 inside of it. And hold the screen  
23 back, and it's gone on the road and  
24 other places.

25           Plus around the back and

1 stuff, the whole back was caked with  
2 soil. Then a layer of rock went up  
3 the slope, and I mean as far up the  
4 slope as possible. The structure  
5 itself as you can see is also showing  
6 signs of collapse. There are many  
7 cracks, some large enough to put your  
8 fist in, which I just explained.

9                   The cracks need to be  
10 filled and relayed on the rear wall  
11 and to the stair landings. So go on  
12 top of the river wall and here it's  
13 beginning to fall over off the wall.  
14 We can have it excavated out of there  
15 and pushed back in place.

16                   This wall has stood  
17 since the early 30s. It is a  
18 historical structure. It would be a  
19 shame to lose it.

20                   The CDC sent out a  
21 letter to Duquesne Light. I put a  
22 letter on your desk there. Dated May  
23 15th, asking for help with our  
24 situation. I included the letter in  
25 handouts to Mayor, Council and Deputy

1 Mayor. On June 14th --- and I got  
2 some good news.

3 One June 14th I received  
4 a call from a man named Brian Beaver  
5 of Duquesne Light. And I'm meeting  
6 with Brian tomorrow at 2:30 to discuss  
7 what remedy Duquesne Light might do  
8 with this wall. And I am asking  
9 Deputy Mayor, Mayor and Council to  
10 keep their feet in the fire and ask  
11 Duquesne Light whatever they can to  
12 remedy the situation. And thank you  
13 very much.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Thank you so much. That  
16 was very informative to us and I  
17 appreciate that. And I am sure so is  
18 the rest of the Council. And I am  
19 just going to turn this over to our  
20 Business Manager to address this  
21 situation.

22 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23 Thank you.

24 I think our first step  
25 is to really find out who owns the

1 wall. We don't --- we don't have any  
2 control over it. We don't own it. We  
3 have limited ability to talk with  
4 Duquesne Light. We --- in the last  
5 few months we've been getting off on a  
6 better foot with Duquesne Light. We  
7 don't control them, the PUC does.

8 But we started a  
9 dialogue with them on some other  
10 issues. So I can certainly reach out  
11 to them. My understanding is this is  
12 a state right-of-way. So I am  
13 thinking that PennDOT probably has  
14 something to do with it. Because it's  
15 a safety issue I think it might get  
16 elevated on somebody's radar. I'd be  
17 happy to look into it or reach out to  
18 everyone you can to see what can be  
19 done about it.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Thank you.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Deputy Mayor?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Yes, Councilman

1 Petrucci?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 If I may interject  
4 something?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Yes.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 When you first submitted  
9 the letter ---.

10 MR. MOUTZ:

11 Pardon?

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 When you first submitted  
14 the letter about this situation. And  
15 I did some research for you.

16 Okay?

17 And the gentleman that  
18 takes care of the turn offs as far as  
19 --- well he's a supervisor for the  
20 state. And he lives down in Penn  
21 Hills. His name is Tim Horn. I'll  
22 give you his telephone.

23 Okay?

24 You might be able to  
25 work with him a little bit. They

1 weren't aware of what was going on  
2 down there. They weren't aware that  
3 the CDC had any dealings out there.  
4 So you and I will talk after and I'll  
5 give you this information and then you  
6 can ask him.

7 Okay?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Okay.

10 I am going to also ask.

11 Rick, if you would interject here?

12 It'd be greatly appreciated.

13 MR. MINSTERMAN:

14 Yes.

15 There are permit  
16 requirements that are required to  
17 mitigate erosion and control and fight  
18 that. So when they --- when they did  
19 the construction project there would  
20 have been a close out process on  
21 permanent erosion control, so you  
22 don't have muddy water like that. So  
23 something seems like there's a problem  
24 with their permanent erosion control  
25 measures.

1                   So the Allegheny County  
2 Conservation District is an enforcer  
3 on that. And that's something that  
4 Craig and I are reading those. And it  
5 seems like if Duquesne wants to come  
6 to meet with you, they realized they  
7 have a problem and they have some  
8 liability. So I am not saying that it  
9 will stop the water from coming. But  
10 it shouldn't be transporting sediment  
11 and mud like that.

12                   So even --- even the  
13 diversion of maybe clean water to the  
14 site is causing damage is part of this  
15 violation of their permit as well. So  
16 they do have some responsibility from  
17 the federal permit standpoint. It's  
18 enforced by the state and the local  
19 conservation district. So you know, I  
20 think after you have your meeting and  
21 what you hear from them, and hopefully  
22 they're going to be very cooperative.

23                   Not knowing that you  
24 know that they have these  
25 responsibilities. But they know they



1 have those responsibilities. So I  
2 think if nothing comes of that, then I  
3 think the minimum that we can do is  
4 contact the conservation district,  
5 show them the pictures, show them that  
6 there's something right and get them  
7 to enforce.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Okay.

10 MR. MOUTZ:

11 I'll let council and  
12 mayor know what happens tomorrow.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Thank you. We  
15 appreciate you keeping up with that  
16 issue.

17 Next on the agenda with  
18 have an Elder Jim Balthrop, addressing  
19 the issue of East Hills Drive. Please  
20 state your name and address for the  
21 record.

22 MR. BALTHROP:

23 My name is Balthrop. I  
24 am the administrative elder from 238  
25 East Drive. And I just want to --- I

1 was listening to the Mayor talk  
2 earlier about it. First of all she  
3 said that Roadeye Road was the gateway  
4 to Penn Hills. And I am just sort of  
5 taking that, when she said that. In  
6 our area, East Hills Drive is a  
7 gateway to our community. It's  
8 equally important to our underserved  
9 community as is the main road to Penn  
10 Hills.

11 And that road was given  
12 to international ministry by the city.

13 And international ministry has  
14 supported that project 100 percent and  
15 enhanced the revenue of Penn Hills.  
16 We could have closed that. But we  
17 supported it 100 percent. And we  
18 donated that highway to the church.  
19 And we now cannot afford to maintain  
20 that highway.

21 We are working with  
22 Councilman Ricky Ferguson and Sean  
23 Baird, who represent you, saying that  
24 the city will take responsibility for  
25 maintaining that road if they can form

1 a inter-company agreement with Penn  
2 Hills. We're not asking Penn Hills  
3 for one dime.

4 Not one dime. We're  
5 simply asking them to perform --- to  
6 talk with us like we talk with  
7 everybody else about forming an  
8 agreement so that the city can take  
9 responsibility for that highway. Even  
10 though that highway is used by Penn  
11 Hills, we have personnel from Penn  
12 Hills volunteer fire department to use  
13 that road, to use our parking areas to  
14 do maneuvers. So that is a major  
15 through-fair area.

16 If that highway is  
17 closed there is only one way in and  
18 only one way out, which is very  
19 dangerous for everybody. So I am  
20 asking you to keep an open mind. I  
21 would like to work with your solicitor  
22 or Mr. Blackwell to put together a  
23 proposal to present to the council so  
24 that there will be no responsibility  
25 financially for you. We just need

1 your cooperation to help us put this  
2 agreement into effect. And to that  
3 end I am asking Mr. Blackwell and his  
4 assistant. And I'd like Mr. Carter to  
5 come up to reiterate what I just said  
6 to you.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 As Mr. Carter comes up,  
9 for clarification could you please  
10 give us the address or where the  
11 proximity of where the road is  
12 located?

13 MR. BALTHROP:

14 It's just right around  
15 Franks Town Avenue and the  
16 intersection to the Franks Town Avenue  
17 and East Hills Drive. It's right down  
18 near the Jehovah's Witness church  
19 that's in that area.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Okay.

22 I just want to ask for  
23 clarification for everyone ---.

24 MR. BALTHROP:

25 And it runs all the way

1 through the community.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Correct.

4 MR. BALTHROP:

5 It runs all the way  
6 through up into the community.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Okay.

9 And also there is one  
10 other way to enter into East Hills,  
11 which would be either through the Pull  
12 and Pay lot that is going down the  
13 drive that's going in-between, you  
14 pull in there and going around that  
15 way. Or on Robinson Boulevard. So  
16 there's actually two ways to get in  
17 there.

18 MR. BALTHROP:

19 Yes. My point is that  
20 once we close the street there's no  
21 way to get in. So I'm talking about  
22 the only whole street.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Right.

25 But there's three narrow

1 street ways now. One is unacceptable.  
2 And there --- that still leaves us  
3 two other ways.

4 Correct?

5 MR. BALTHROP:

6 Well, yeah. But I don't  
7 think it will work in favor of  
8 everybody concerned. But it's the  
9 only two way road for fire trucks, for  
10 emergency ambulances through there.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Okay.

13 MR. BALTHROP:

14 For that community,  
15 getting out and getting in. I just  
16 don't see it going well for anybody.  
17 Maybe you can get a car in another  
18 way. But just to let you know, there  
19 is no exposing on your part. We're  
20 not asking anything but for you to  
21 talk with us to so we can send our  
22 information to council and get council  
23 to move on it based on the information  
24 that we submit.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1                   Okay. Thank you.

2                   Mr. Carter?

3                   MR. CARTER:

4                   Good evening, Deputy  
5 Mayor Sapp.

6                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7                   Good evening.

8                   MR. CARTER:

9                   Good morning, member  
10 Brodnicki, Petrucci, Underwood,  
11 Manager Andrejchak, Solicitor  
12 Alexander and everybody else here. My  
13 name is Sean Carter and I am a special  
14 assistant city councilman. And I  
15 thank you for granting me this  
16 opportunity to address you this  
17 evening regarding East Hills Drive.  
18 And to answer your question about the  
19 approximate location of East Hills  
20 Drive. It is at the intersection of  
21 Franks Town and Eastwood Roads.

22                   But as council stated in  
23 its letter to you two weeks ago. East  
24 Hills Drive is problematic for well  
25 over 1,000 constituents who are forced

1 to use the other two roadways to get  
2 around. From 1976 to 1983 my mother,  
3 sister and myself were residents at  
4 2340 East Hills Drive. So I have some  
5 memories of living there.

6 Specifically when the  
7 Martin Luther King Junior Busway  
8 opened to traffic. The board used to  
9 run a bus route known as 68 McGuire.  
10 The commuter express route passed  
11 through Penn Hills and went into  
12 McLaugherty, whose detours into East  
13 Hills Shopping Center allowed people  
14 who lived in East Hills go to work  
15 downtown, save about them about a half  
16 an hour of road since they left East  
17 Hills.

18 Over half an hour. The  
19 bus route also used East Hills Drive  
20 to service the East Hills Shopping  
21 Center and to pick up passengers in  
22 the morning for the 68 route. Now I  
23 realize that the land involved in the  
24 former East Hills Shopping Center,  
25 First Turn, Dairy Barn, then the East



1 Hills Shopping Center and the East  
2 Hills Building. It's gone through  
3 many changes in 60 plus years. But  
4 this much is clear.

5 The East Hills Drive  
6 begins at the southerly intersection  
7 of Franks Town and Eastwood Roads. On  
8 the city boarder of Penn Hills, travel  
9 south 450 to another city border of  
10 Penn Hills. Then it sticks out  
11 westerly up the hill for about 750  
12 feet. And then it traverses the  
13 flattop for about another 850 feet  
14 until it hits another between the city  
15 and Penn Hills, at which point the  
16 remainder of the entire roadway is a  
17 city public right-of-way.

18 That first 150 feet are  
19 a dedicated city right-of-way. The  
20 next 750 feet, after a search through  
21 the public records, should be a  
22 private owned right-of-way for the  
23 shopping center, for the access to the  
24 center and for utilities. And the  
25 remaining 850 feet appears to be

1 something of a ghost street, used as a  
2 roadway for all intents and purposes,  
3 but not authenticated nor accepted as  
4 a street for public purposes.

5 The recent East Gate  
6 Subdivision, we've spoke with the city  
7 and the municipality about  
8 improvements in 2016. Clarifying that  
9 the 750 foot long access road and the  
10 850 foot long ghost road are, in fact,  
11 the private property of a non-  
12 governmental entity and quite possibly  
13 have never been property of the  
14 municipality. I am also of when the  
15 city or the municipality were or were  
16 not maintaining the right-of-way.

17 But I am sure of this.  
18 Nearly 1,500 residents are aware of  
19 this issue would very much like the  
20 city and the municipality of Penn  
21 Hills to come to an agreement so that  
22 this right-of-way can be properly  
23 dedicated, paid and maintained. And  
24 the councilmen would like to work you  
25 and accomplish this. But clearly

1 understand the dedication of and  
2 acceptance of a subcategory right-of-  
3 way presents what may be unacceptable  
4 liability to your municipality.

5 And therefore the  
6 council would like to propose the  
7 following. The city and the  
8 municipality will enter into a  
9 governmental cooperation agreement to  
10 provide the city access to maintain  
11 the roadway and identifying the  
12 municipality of liability prior to any  
13 other actions regarding this right-of-  
14 way by the municipality.

15 And then, and only then,  
16 once that agreement is drafted and  
17 provided to the satisfaction of your  
18 solicitor, offer that to the  
19 municipality and approved by both  
20 councils and signed by both mayors,  
21 proceed to accept it as an open and  
22 public right-of-way for public highway  
23 and utility purposes. And I have  
24 never been before the council before.

25 So I don't know if I am supposed to

1 answer questions. But I am here to  
2 answer any questions that any of you  
3 may have.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Okay.

6 First off, what I'd like  
7 to say is that we haven't seen a  
8 proposal. This has been before us  
9 many, many times in the past and it's  
10 always been denied. However, we are  
11 open to a dialogue between yourself,  
12 Councilman Burgess and Petra Church.

13 We haven't seen it  
14 proposed --- a proposal or any type of  
15 agreement. In my own opinion I'm  
16 thinking you're saying that Penn Hills  
17 will not have any responsibility with  
18 regards to maintaining that road. But  
19 what happens if the city just decides  
20 to pull out? Then what?

21 MR. CARTER:

22 Well, I think that's  
23 incumbent upon both the municipality  
24 and the city. Or its solicitors and  
25 its engineers to sit down and have a

1 conversation. And that's the dialogue  
2 that Councilman Burgess would like to  
3 start. Before there is a proposal  
4 bringing it either to Penn Hills  
5 council or before city council.

6 I think there are  
7 numerous details which have to be  
8 worked out to satisfaction of both the  
9 engineers, the chief engineers ---  
10 Penn Hill's chief engineers and the  
11 City of Pittsburgh, the solicitor for  
12 the City of Pittsburgh, Penn Hill's  
13 solicitor. To answer those questions,  
14 we're not asking you to go into  
15 something blindly. We understand that  
16 this is a unique situation.

17 I mean where this road  
18 is, the dividing lines between our  
19 municipalities. We have separations.

20 We should just deal with the road.  
21 But at this road it runs through a  
22 contiguous land parcel, whole  
23 contained on either side by the  
24 municipality of Penn Hills.

25 We don't have the

1 boundary statutes to work in our  
2 favor. And because it's wholly  
3 contained, the 1,600 feet is wholly  
4 contained within Penn Hills. Anything  
5 we would do without the municipality's  
6 permission would be extra-territorial  
7 and most likely illegal.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 This is a private road.  
10 Right? This is a  
11 privately owned --- wait. My question  
12 is, it is a privately owned road?

13 MR. BALTHROP:

14 Owned road. And if  
15 there's any communication breakdown  
16 between the City and Penn Hills, we'll  
17 take responsibility. The church will  
18 take that responsibility back, if  
19 there is any type of breakdown in  
20 terms of the city would not fulfill  
21 its commitment. Then it would turn  
22 back to the church. We're prepared to  
23 do that.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 I am going to turn it

1 over to our Business Managers, who has  
2 some questions and concerns. But  
3 before I do, I'd like to say that  
4 that's definitely something that our  
5 engineers and our solicitors would  
6 definitely have to sit down and open  
7 this dialogue. Because you coming to  
8 speak tonight and presenting it to us.  
9 That's great.

10 It just --- it gives ---  
11 that just opens the dialogue. And it  
12 just kind of tells us what you're  
13 looking for, what your expectation on  
14 your question may be. But it really  
15 --- you know. There is a lot involved  
16 as far as legalities and things of  
17 that nature. There is a lot of  
18 verbiage that needs to be clarified.

19 I wish you would have  
20 brought some type of mock proposal  
21 tonight just to kind of give us ---  
22 leave us something with what you're  
23 really expecting from Penn Hills so  
24 that Mayor and Council and our  
25 Business Manager and Solicitor and

1 engineer could have something in our  
2 hands to really look at. However,  
3 it's okay. We're open for dialogue.  
4 And I am going to turn it over to  
5 Scott.

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 One question I had, and  
8 actually has with what the Deputy  
9 Mayor said about some of the devils in  
10 the details here, so to speak. But I  
11 guess a question I have is. If it's a  
12 private road right now, what is  
13 stopping your City of Pittsburgh from  
14 --- from maintaining it as it is,  
15 rather than have to have us involved?

16 It's a private road and  
17 the City if Pittsburgh is willing to  
18 maintain it. Why do we have to go  
19 through the rigmarole of opening a new  
20 road and doing an agreement if you're  
21 in the same place anyway? If the City  
22 of Pittsburgh wants to take care of  
23 it, could they take care of it right  
24 now without us involved at all? Would  
25 that be the easiest answer?



1                   MR. BALTHROP:

2                   No, because it's --- no,  
3 because it's privately owned and we  
4 have prohibitions of the expenditure  
5 of tax dollars on private property.

6                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7                   Is it a --- and I guess  
8 it's in my mind it is sort of a  
9 distinction --- well it is a  
10 distinction. I'll give you that. But  
11 --- but that's it. Thank you very  
12 much.

13                   MR. PETRUCCI:

14                   Deputy Mayor.

15                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16                   Yes, Councilman

17                   Petrucci?

18                   MR. PETRUCCI:

19                   Let me propose this  
20 question. In the 50s throughout Penn  
21 Hills there was the Pittsburgh  
22 Railroads. The Pittsburgh Railroads  
23 came in and they took private land and  
24 they leased it for 100 years. Would  
25 they --- would you object to leasing

1 and taking that property over for 100  
2 years off the municipality?

3 MR. CARTER:

4 I don't believe ---  
5 Councilman, I don't believe we came  
6 here tonight with a solution in hand.  
7 We primarily --- we understand it  
8 would have to be worked out by the  
9 engineers and the solicitors of both  
10 municipalities. So there's a comfort  
11 level on behalf of both municipalities  
12 before they would go through with  
13 this.

14 But we didn't ever ---  
15 we had never come to the municipality  
16 of Penn Hills before and said we're  
17 interesting in taking on this  
18 responsibility from you and we work  
19 with you. I think in the past it's  
20 been why don't you guys do something  
21 about this. And that's not how we're  
22 come here today. We understand that  
23 the road probably is more valuable to  
24 us than it is to you, as your Mayor  
25 stated.

1                   But be that --- be that  
2                   as it may. We can't do it without  
3                   your participation. In one form or  
4                   another, whatever that looks like.  
5                   And so we're here to start the  
6                   dialogue. And you know, the reason  
7                   there's no proposal is because it's  
8                   going to take this municipality  
9                   setting the outer limits of what they  
10                  are comfortable with, what they're not  
11                  comfortable with, what they will and  
12                  won't accept before any legitimate  
13                  proposal can be crafted.

14                                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15                   I'm thinking some way,  
16                   and I might be out of line in saying  
17                   this. But maybe we can even have it  
18                   deeded over to the City and Penn Hills  
19                   is not involved at all. But you know,  
20                   that's again open for dialogue. So we  
21                   do thank you for coming. We will be  
22                   in contact. We will talk about in our  
23                   executive session and our manager will  
24                   get back with you and we thank you for  
25                   coming.

1                   MR. CARTER:

2                   Thank you for giving me  
3 the opportunity to be here.

4                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5                   You're so welcome. Have  
6 a good evening.

7                   MR. BALTHROP:

8                   Deputy Mayor, is there  
9 somebody we could call to contact you  
10 about our proposal?

11                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12                   That would be our  
13 Manager. I'm giving him my job  
14 tonight. Our Business Manager, Scott  
15 Andrejchak.

16                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

17                   I have the e-mail in the  
18 letter. So I'll --- I'll get --- I'll  
19 reach out to you and then we'll get a  
20 meeting setup.

21                   MR. BALTHROP:

22                   Okay.

23                   MR. CARTER:

24                   So do I give these ---  
25 should I give them?

1                   Okay. Thank you, Deputy  
2 Mayor.

3                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4                   Thank you so much for  
5 coming.

6                   MR. CARTER:

7                   Whoops. Wrong card.

8                   MR. BALTHROP:

9                   As I said, we have been  
10 --- we have been operating for 25  
11 years and we have never been here  
12 before this municipality about any  
13 type of proposal to deal with this.  
14 This is our first time ever making a  
15 proposal. So I don't know, we can say  
16 this has been dealt with over the last  
17 25 years that I've been in charge,  
18 we've never been here before. This is  
19 the first time. I just wanted to make  
20 that clear.

21                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22                   Okay. Thank you so  
23 much. Okay.

24                   Next on our agenda I  
25 have a Dina Hurt, coming before

1 council to talk about the Community  
2 Development Block Grant Program of  
3 2019 and the revitalization in Lincoln  
4 Park and dumping problems. Please  
5 come to the podium, state your name  
6 and address for the record.

7 MS. BRANSKY:

8 First of all, let me  
9 tell you. My name is Roberta Bransky.  
10 I am here on behalf of Ms. Hurt. So  
11 I am going to read this.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Okay.

14 MS. BRANSKY:

15 To begin with, there are  
16 problems with several lines and other  
17 items that the municipality has  
18 adopted. Through the commission, it  
19 has developed into a viable earning  
20 community and the municipality into a  
21 suitable living environment. And  
22 recognize the work and dignity of all  
23 its citizens and give them peace and  
24 security. From the 2015 comprehensive  
25 planning currently available on the

1       municipal website, the goal includes  
2       but is not limited building new single  
3       family homes in the neighborhoods,  
4       registers of them and control,  
5       enhanced public safety and support  
6       pertinent activity as well.

7                       In the same 2015 Penn  
8       Hills comprehensive plan, it states  
9       that the municipal program has kept up  
10      with the level one, but available  
11      housing and rehabilitation programs  
12      have not been sufficiently utilized.  
13      The population has aged and declined.

14      Even though the plan is available  
15      online, it still has not been adopted  
16      by the Penn Hills Planning Commission,  
17      the Penn Hills Mayor, nor Penn Hills  
18      Council.

19                      The last plan was  
20      adopted in 1996, over 20 years ago.  
21      And in 2019 the municipality continues  
22      to tear down houses or homes that can  
23      easily be rehabilitated, contradicting  
24      its own mission statement and goals.  
25      And we are here to try to correct

1       this.

2                               For example, the  
3       haphazard to dedicate one residence to  
4       a community center, while also  
5       eliminating housing options for  
6       residents is asinine at best. By  
7       refusing to build homes in the same  
8       community that has experienced so much  
9       demolition. The municipality has  
10      preserved the distrust firmly embedded  
11      in the Penn Hills community, which  
12      contributes to the municipal decline  
13      in population of desirable residents.

14                            As the municipality  
15      continues to dodge rebuilding homes  
16      within the community, the municipality  
17      has also failed to properly inform  
18      residents of taxing tariffs and  
19      programs specifically resigned to bill  
20      or expand on Penn Hills homes,  
21      especially in the Lincoln Park area.  
22      For the title 24, section 9011. The  
23      decrease --- the municipality  
24      acknowledge the dumping issues near  
25      these homes, which also decreased



1 property values overall.

2 This is easily evidence  
3 for the declining population and the  
4 abandoned boarded up homes on  
5 Blackdore, the Four Door, the Greens  
6 and the Scooter homes, Lawton Street,  
7 that shares a total of eight homes  
8 that could be rehabbed but are sitting  
9 abandoned. And we've got numerous  
10 letters and emails spanning out the  
11 last 2008 to 2017.

12 Residents have asked and  
13 bartered for promises that the  
14 municipality has made. The  
15 municipality continues to ignore and  
16 disregard these valid concerns while  
17 the amount of foreclosed homes more  
18 than doubled in less than ten years.  
19 We are here today to show we care and  
20 have not forgotten about our  
21 community, even if our lawmakers have.

22 We are still willing to work with the  
23 municipality that claims to recognize  
24 the worst indignity of all its  
25 citizens, and its citizen's peace and

1 security.

2 So we have here a wish  
3 list. To adopt and approve a  
4 residential building plan signed by  
5 the mayor and council, the Lincoln  
6 Park plan of 2012 and 2009. Update  
7 the website weekly and add resources  
8 and programs such as home fund,  
9 neighborhood, stabilization plan.  
10 Remove debris and trash from Goldenrod  
11 Way and Ross Street. Place around  
12 areas of fencing at entrances to said  
13 areas. The fencing will prohibit  
14 persons driving and dumping trash.

15 We have one person on  
16 Goldenrod who can't even get our mail  
17 because of all the tires. So she has  
18 to go to the post office and actually  
19 get her mail. Signs put up saying no  
20 dumping and stating fines.  
21 Discontinue demolitions into our pool  
22 and have investigations, conducted by  
23 a third party. Rehab or improve  
24 stable empty homes on Travella  
25 Boulevard, Lawton Street and

1 Blackadore. Concerns due to ---  
2 Jendoco, I think that's how you  
3 pronounce it.

4 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

5 Jendoco.

6 MS. BRANSKY:

7 Jendoco? Okay.

8 Noice, landslides and  
9 dumping. Monthly sweeps of streets.  
10 Signs for cleaning up after your cats,  
11 sewers properly cleaned, garbage cans  
12 at the corners, some dumpsters and  
13 running ways closed due to the  
14 dumping.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Thank you.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Thank you so much for  
19 bringing that to our attention. And I  
20 am going to turn it over to Scott and  
21 also to Council Member Petrucci.

22 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23 Thank you coming tonight  
24 and staying through the meeting to  
25 tell us this. I wish I could tell you

1 that all 13 of these things are going  
2 to happen right away. They're not.

3 MS. BRANSKY:

4 They've been since last  
5 year.

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 Yeah.

8 MS. BRANSKY:

9 And before that too.

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 And again I think  
12 there's a lot here and we're touching  
13 on a lot of things. Some of its  
14 community planning related where we  
15 speak about funding opportunities and  
16 things that are available.

17 We probably do need to  
18 get a little bit of a better way to  
19 get that information out to the  
20 residents. I can tell you though if  
21 you have a sense that where you live  
22 is forgotten. You said that you feel  
23 like it is.

24 MS. BRANSKY:

25 Well, it's also true

1 too. Because it's not getting better.  
2 People aren't going out there either.  
3 That's --- that's out of there, so we  
4 have ---.

5 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

6 Yeah. And I acknowledge  
7 it.

8 MS. BRANSKY:

9 Yes.

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 And what I'm telling you  
12 is that I want you to understand that  
13 it isn't. It is not forgotten about.  
14 I want to tell you that the people  
15 here on a daily basis are concerned  
16 about it. What we're trying to do is  
17 get our arms around a very big  
18 problem. And this problem has many  
19 layers to it and a lot of interrelated  
20 problems, some of which you touched  
21 on, on this letter.

22 I think --- I think if  
23 you look at these 13 things, you can  
24 probably prioritize some of these  
25 things are bigger problems than

1 others.

2 Okay?

3 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4 And this problem has  
5 many layers to it and a lot of  
6 interrelated problems. Some of which  
7 touched on --- on this letter. I  
8 think --- I think if you look at  
9 these 13 things, you can probably  
10 prioritize some of these things are  
11 bigger problems than others.

12 Okay?

13 And I think you would  
14 agree with, I hope you would at least,  
15 that when we talked about the dumping,  
16 we talked about the littering and what  
17 really leads to the light. I think  
18 that in my mind that's one of the  
19 bigger problems. Because other  
20 problems come from that problem.

21 So one of the things  
22 that we've done in the last few weeks  
23 here, the few months, is tried to put  
24 bigger priority on getting some of  
25 this straightened out. I know if you

1 go to Rock Street today, it looks  
2 different than it did two months ago.  
3 We did --- we did a clean up there.  
4 We're tired of doing clean up there.  
5 And the reason we're tired of it is  
6 because nothing ever changes.

7                   There is a identifiable  
8 answer to stopping illegal dumping, it  
9 happens all over the world. And the  
10 answer is we got to find the people  
11 that are doing it. And we're working  
12 on that. It's a priority of ours. We  
13 did put signage down there to tell  
14 people if you dump in the lot, there's  
15 a fine associated with it. We're  
16 going to make you clean it up. This  
17 Mayor and Council change the ordinance  
18 so that we can come after and fine if  
19 we catch you doing this.

20                   So in my mind, I feel  
21 that if we can really eradicate, and  
22 I'll use that word, we can eradicate  
23 through this so the worse dumping that  
24 we have in some of those  
25 neighborhoods. I think it leads to a

1 lot of other things. But I just --- I  
2 want you to know that it is drawn  
3 about. Right now, it's a priority  
4 here. Our code staff is very much  
5 engaged with it. I had been asked to  
6 straighten up for the residents there.

7 I think if we can find  
8 some of the people that are willing to  
9 conference here and get --- get the  
10 message out that you wouldn't do it  
11 the Voss Chapel.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Right.

14 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15 You wouldn't do it at  
16 Mount Lebanon.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Right.

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 So why are you doing it  
21 here? And I think there's a lot of  
22 answers for that. One of which is I  
23 think people believe they can get away  
24 with it here. I think it's gone on  
25 too long. And unfortunately, it



1       didn't get that way over night.   And  
2       it's going to take a lot of effort.  
3       But I really think that if we can have  
4       a logical process to really attack it  
5       as a problem.   I think we can make  
6       some headway with that.   But we are  
7       engaged.   I want you to know that.

8                       And again, it's not a  
9       secret.   You go to Rock Street today,  
10      there's signs up that will tell you  
11      that we have cameras in that area.  
12      Because that's --- that's a way of  
13      stopping it.   And we --- I'm willing  
14      to do whatever we need to do to get it  
15      to stop because it --- it offends me,  
16      so.

17                      MS. BRANSKY:

18                      Is it possible to have  
19      --- of that street?

20                      MR. FUTULES:

21                      We have ---.

22                      MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23                      Come talk to the  
24      microphone.

25                      DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1                   And for coming, Ms.  
2                   Hurt. Thank you so much. And I do  
3                   want you to know I address you before  
4                   you leave the podium that ---.

5                   MS. BRANSKY:

6                   I'm not Ms. Hurt. I'm  
7                   speaking for her.

8                   MS. SAPP:

9                   I'm sorry, I'm sorry,  
10                  I'm sorry, I'm sorry. You're speaking  
11                  for it --- yes, you're speaking for  
12                  it. Thank you. I do want to address  
13                  your concerns because I don't want you  
14                  to feel like that side of Penn Hills  
15                  as people call is --- right. It is,  
16                  is it for that side or that side.  
17                  Because we will no longer, under this  
18                  administration, be calling it that  
19                  side or this side of Penn Hills. It's  
20                  one municipality, it's one community,  
21                  and we are going to treat it as such.

22                  Now, with that being  
23                  said, I'd like you to know that this  
24                  is not forgotten that we are --- the  
25                  Council is working diligently on

1 cleaning up that whole area down  
2 there. Our Business Manager had as a  
3 priority, I spent about three hours  
4 with him last week. And one of the  
5 things that he's very proud of is that  
6 he had --- he has a plan. And he's  
7 already implemented that plan. I  
8 don't know if you guys have seen the  
9 signs that's been put down there.  
10 They are huge signs, there is an  
11 astronomical fine for people who are  
12 caught. And people are being caught.

13 So if you can just be  
14 that much more patient as you can see.  
15 If you look around in the neighborhood  
16 tomorrow, you will signs that are very  
17 difficult to people who are dumping.  
18 And those people will be disciplined  
19 according. So we are working hard in  
20 cleaning up that area.

21 But we're also going to  
22 have to ask that this is a team, a  
23 joint effort because it's going to  
24 take the residents in that community  
25 to work with us that we can get that

1 whole thing cleaned up.

2 We also have a anti-  
3 littering group here at Penn Hills.  
4 That person is not in the audience  
5 anymore, I don't see her. But we're  
6 all also going to see if we can get  
7 that group down here to come into a  
8 joint effort in cleaning up the litter  
9 down in that area as well.

10 But please, please,  
11 please, the message I want to convey  
12 is there is one Penn Hills. And I  
13 need --- if we can stop saying this  
14 side of Penn Hills and that side of  
15 Penn Hills then we won't do that. It  
16 would be one Penn Hills. But we have  
17 to stop saying that side or this side  
18 of Penn Hills. Penn Hills is one Penn  
19 Hills and that's the message that we  
20 will articulate today.

21 Okay?

22 MR. UNDERWOOD:

23 If I may have one  
24 second?

25 MS. SAPP:

1                   Excuse me, Councilman  
2                   Petrucci, go ahead. .

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   We have started this  
5                   law. We were down there, a cleanup  
6                   crew down in Blacklick. I saw it then  
7                   down in Blacklick. Williams reached  
8                   out to me. They live down on  
9                   Plankton. And Mr. Williams reached  
10                  out to me and he started helping.

11                  But before that we had  
12                  43 students went over there to try to  
13                  clean it up in the particular area.  
14                  And we know how much trash is dumped  
15                  there. I had a friend that was on  
16                  Beechford and he's reached out to me  
17                  numerous times. And he said like you  
18                  said, put fencing across the street.  
19                  But because we can't stop the dumping.

20                  It's costing us more in dumpsters and  
21                  man power cleaning it up on a monthly  
22                  basis. So we're all aware of what's  
23                  going on.

24                  So I --- as far as  
25                  Easton and Travella Boulevard and the

1 houses that are getting torn down. We  
2 are able to double team it now. And  
3 the last time we spoke about ---  
4 regarding Travella Boulevard and the  
5 area there. And I watched --- okay?

6 You have Bakery Square.  
7 You have a lot of places down where  
8 people are --- are --- are --- are  
9 going to. Now, that particular  
10 Boulevard and coming up Broad  
11 Boulevard is real close to Bakery  
12 Square.

13 Okay?

14 Now, vision this. We  
15 get a developer and we give that  
16 property. And we have them build  
17 homes up here, don't you think that  
18 when there's people getting blurred  
19 out, that they're going to need some  
20 place to live near Bakery Square  
21 because it's just like Oakmont.

22 Okay?

23 Oakmont blew out a bench  
24 warrant, all those kids down there  
25 fines for half a million dollars and

1 now they're all coming in to Verona.  
2 Verona is starting to be popular. The  
3 same things is going to happen  
4 regarding to that Travella Boulevard  
5 and all that section there. If we use  
6 the right methods.

7 Giving the property over  
8 to developers and let them build on  
9 it. And then give them --- we have  
10 the tax evasion section down there.  
11 There's a portion that's taxed  
12 evasion. If you know what tax evasion  
13 is we --- what were you going to say,  
14 Chris?

15 MR. BLACKWELL:

16 At least with analysis.

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 We give you no taxes  
19 onto the property for maybe five  
20 years. I don't know how it reads. So  
21 we got things in place but we just got  
22 to get some way to go down there and  
23 take an interest in that property and  
24 want to build. And I think our right  
25 now is a good time to do it. And

1 economic development phase --- you're  
2 more than welcome to come and see that  
3 and tell them that you're from that  
4 area and you want to see this happen  
5 and listen to their thoughts too.

6 It's going to work. I  
7 know it will. And we have to --- we  
8 have to develop that area.

9 MS. BRANSKY:

10 Is there anyway we can  
11 get that whole area cleared out with  
12 the tires so ---?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 You're talking about  
15 Singer Avenue?

16 MS. BRANSKY:

17 Some of it what they  
18 see. So the police --- so if the post  
19 office can get through.

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 We can --- we can get  
22 the tires out of there. That's no  
23 problem.

24 MS. BRANSKY:

25 I don't have no problems



1 about that.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Well, we just meant to  
4 the two right people here. Scott and  
5 I are set with the --- we get it out  
6 for you. Okay?

7 MS. BRANSKY:

8 Yes, sir.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

10 I can testify that they  
11 will give you results. They work side  
12 by side with us on Rock Road.

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 I mean ---.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

16 When they say something,  
17 they put their brains to it.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

19 We are on --- we are on  
20 our way. We are also paying attention  
21 to the hearing that we know this as  
22 well. We know this a lot for you to  
23 hear we can watch that. But you have  
24 to --- what's --- what's in place for  
25 us? For us to be up there, and for us

1 to know it and for us to relay that we  
2 have seen the people, there's always  
3 retaliation.

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 I know.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

7 We don't want that for  
8 our families and it's getting worse  
9 and worse every day.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Now, when we do these  
12 cleanups and I sent this to Ms.  
13 Williams --- Ms. Williams, we need the  
14 community involved. The more people  
15 we can get on and help. And we're  
16 only out there for a couple hours.  
17 The last time we were out there how  
18 many hours were we?

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Two hours.

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Two hours and we got a  
23 lot done.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

25 That --- that --- I'm

1       been there 16 years.

2                   MR. PETRUCCI:

3                   I know.

4                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

5                   We've been there since  
6       2003. We've dealt with this problem  
7       in Lincoln Park and Milleville. And  
8       it's enough.

9                   MR. ALLEN:

10                  Okay.

11                  Well, we can offer ---.

12                  MR. PETRUCCI:

13                  Excuse me. If you could  
14       say your names and addresses, that  
15       would be helpful.

16                  MR. ALLEN:

17                  Mark Allen. There was a  
18       bucket truck that dumped tires and  
19       filled up the street. I got his  
20       license plate number, I called Penn  
21       Hills, no call back. Now, when I  
22       called 911, they need to go get my  
23       name and address. So now thanks to  
24       that report, wouldn't that be public  
25       record? I have kinds, you know. I

1 have a riding motor that my wife  
2 bought me for my birthday. I know I  
3 cut half of that that day. We cannot  
4 clean up the rule. You say we need a  
5 hotline. We can't call just 911, we  
6 asking for too much.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

8 Or they don't come.

9 MR. ALLEN:

10 Or they don't come.

11 This happened ---.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

13 We're tired of things  
14 that aren't being done.

15 MR. ALLEN:

16 They're tired of being  
17 bothered.

18 MS. BRANSKY:

19 Yes.

20 MR. ALLEN:

21 It's all blowing up like  
22 we're in Vietnam. We're scared. You  
23 guys understand that we're scared. We  
24 are being terrorized by other  
25 neighborhoods coming up dumping

1           whatever they want to dump. And there  
2           was a time I was coming up, I called  
3           793 whatever it was and I got state  
4           police station.

5                           I don't get no more. I  
6           got to call 911 and they wonder what  
7           color shirt I got on, where I live at,  
8           you think of it. They want to know  
9           it.

10                           AUDIENCE MEMBER:

11                           Yep. That's right.

12                           MR. ALLEN:

13                           And if I go and tell on  
14           them, the bad guys that are doing the  
15           dumping --- because somebody's  
16           handling the dumping. And they're the  
17           ones that's going to come and  
18           retaliate. We're scared. We can't  
19           sit no longer. We can't clean up no  
20           more. You put a dumpster down there,  
21           before we fill it up, they fill it up.

22                           MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23                           It's not enough.

24                           MR. ALLEN:

25                           Okay.

1                   So we understand that  
2                   you understand, but we need help.

3                   Okay?

4                   My mother didn't want  
5                   leave.

6                   Okay?

7                   That's why we're out  
8                   there. We came back from Georgia  
9                   because my dad died. And she won't  
10                  leave. And I'm scared it down there.  
11                  And I grew up in here. I know my  
12                  neighbors. They're my neighbors, look  
13                  at them, they're all old.

14                  Okay?

15                  But you go --- what you  
16                  said down past there, that's like drug  
17                  central. You see anyone going down  
18                  there? So who you think's in that  
19                  neighborhood at night.

20                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21                  Thank you.

22                  MS. HURT:

23                  My name is Dina Hurt and  
24                  I live at 1856 on that street. And in  
25                  order for me to get to where I live, I

1 have to go the wrong way. I live  
2 alone and so when cars come through,  
3 they're coming through my house.

4 I called about those  
5 tires from someone of the taskforce  
6 department. I left a message, I spoke  
7 to someone. They were supposed to  
8 come up and remove the tires that are  
9 there now. I don't get garbage  
10 because they have to come through that  
11 way. Today I had to go to the post  
12 office to pick up my mail.

13 I don't feel I should  
14 have to go when I work 12 to 14 hours  
15 a day, that I have to leave Domingo  
16 Park to come all the way ever here to  
17 the post office to pick up my mail.  
18 Where I haven't received mail in over  
19 a week because some --- and I  
20 understand what you're saying. One  
21 day --- I spoke to the mail man today  
22 and he said that the one day that the  
23 tires were moved, there are tires  
24 there. He moved them himself so that  
25 he could bring me my mail. It's not

1 his job to go to my house and remove  
2 the tires so that he could get his  
3 mail truck to get me --- to give me my  
4 mail.

5 I'm afraid that if there  
6 is an emergency at my house. The  
7 police department, the fire  
8 department, the ambulance, anything  
9 that I need are going to be --- I'm  
10 going to be the one that's going to  
11 suffer because well, nobody can get to  
12 me. Because if there's only one way  
13 in and the street is blocked, and the  
14 alleyway is blocked, there's no way  
15 out. If I can't get out of there, I'm  
16 the one that's going --- I'm the one  
17 that's going to be hurt. And that's  
18 the only reason why I sat through this  
19 whole meeting because I feel that I  
20 should not have to live like that.

21 I've lived in that house  
22 for over 20 years and I never had any  
23 problems. If I needed something, to  
24 talk to the police, I'm talking to  
25 Chief Bardinal on a few occasions. A



1        few years ago when my house was broken  
2        into. I haven't been able to talk to  
3        anybody. But I cannot get anybody in  
4        today. I called the Department and I  
5        got --- I leave a message and no one  
6        had called me yet.

7                    The tires are still  
8        there. They've been there been for a  
9        month. And I feel that --- like I  
10       said, I shouldn't have to put up with  
11       that. I just want to feel --- and I  
12       understand what you're saying but when  
13       I call, I expect something happened.  
14       I can't, you know, always turn my car  
15       around to get out of where, you know  
16       --- I shouldn't have to back out of  
17       the alley to get out of the alley. I  
18       shouldn't have to try to turn my Jeep  
19       around to turn around in the alley to  
20       get out of the alley.

21                    So I'm just saying that,  
22        you know, that everyone that's here  
23        from our area that this is something  
24        that needs to be done. Thank you.

25

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Thank you.

2 MS. MAY:

3 Frances May at 1956  
4 Sandlot Street. And I can't read your  
5 last name but John Petrucci, when you  
6 talked about cleaning up. Clean up  
7 isn't a big problem because we clean  
8 up. And the reason our neighborhood  
9 looks as clean as it does is because  
10 we do clean it up. As Mark said, if  
11 you would come up there and you see  
12 the corner of Sandlot and those  
13 street, Mark cuts that. I do the  
14 hedges.

15 Now, up until about two  
16 years ago, I had problems from my home  
17 at 1956 completely up the hill. And I  
18 still maintained most of that area the  
19 best I can at age 74.

20 And it's hard work.  
21 That's not my problem. My problem is  
22 when I call code enforcement  
23 constantly and they do not come.  
24 Dumping will beget dumping. The  
25 reason that hill going down there on

1 my side is clean because I do that  
2 hill almost daily. But if you come  
3 down the other side, if you come down  
4 Roosevelt Street, I used to do it all.  
5 I can't do it all anymore.

6 There's a house there  
7 that has, they're dumping on the  
8 porch, they're dumping all over the  
9 hill going across the road, they're  
10 dumping, they're dumping. And as long  
11 as it stays there, what it says is  
12 this a dump. \*

13 Now, when they dump on  
14 my side --- in fact, somebody threw a  
15 bag right by my house this morning.  
16 If I pick it up right away then good.

17 I can't pick up everything. There  
18 are at least 15 bags of coal up the  
19 top of the hill that's been there a  
20 year. And I called, the police came  
21 up, looked at them. Code Enforcement  
22 said something they dump their coal  
23 and the bag is still there. They're  
24 still up there.

25 They're still up on

1 Golden Road. And the last thing I  
2 said about Golden Road, and this is  
3 for Ms. Kirkman and all the rest of  
4 you.

5 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

6 They have the schedule  
7 it.

8 MS. MAY:

9 When they dump those  
10 tires, everyone called and nobody came  
11 to remove the tires. Then when they  
12 came up there and set a car on fire.  
13 Those tires had melted into the  
14 ground, the steel. So as far as  
15 moving tires, it's more than just  
16 moving tires now. There are still  
17 belts that are welded into the ground.  
18 There's metal from the car that's  
19 welded into the ground.

20 So this has gone on long  
21 enough. Those tires and all the  
22 dumping shouldn't have stayed up there  
23 as long as it did because dumping  
24 begets dumping. And when we call,  
25 there are things that we can't move.

1 And the longer you left them stay  
2 there, they continued. We do police  
3 our neighborhood, we do clean up. And  
4 certainly we never gotten to the  
5 extent that Rod Street got to and it's  
6 because we do care. And we do work.

7 And let me tell you,  
8 drive over there and see. But you  
9 guys do your part. And Code  
10 Enforcement, they got to do their  
11 part. We work hard.

12 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

13 What's your address?

14 MS. MAY:

15 1956 Sandlot Street.

16 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

17 I'll be up.

18 MS. SAPP:

19 We will be up there  
20 tomorrow. Councilman Petrucci and  
21 myself and I'm sure Scott will take  
22 --- we'll take a ride down there.  
23 We're just going to take a ride down  
24 there. But what we are going to do is  
25 so we're going do a drive by.

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MS. MAY:

I thank you.

MS. SAPP:

Yes, you're so very welcome. Because no one --- no one in Penn Hills should have to live like that. It's unacceptable. We do have an administration here. We are working diligently on cleaning up Penn Hills and especially those areas that are becoming more and more plighted due to non-residence or people who don't have a vested interest in our neighborhood.

I am going to welcome you to call --- if you can't get in touch with Code or any other department, you can feel free to call Scott Andrejchak. He will be on it. You can feel free to call myself or Councilman Petrucci or any other councilperson up here and we will be on it right away. I know that tomorrow, Scott is going to make a phone call down to Public Works and

1 get that - get those streets on the  
2 schedule ASAP.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

4 Can I say one thing?  
5 Please don't come in a car because my  
6 car in the back alley ---.

7 MS. MAY:

8 You can't drive up to  
9 there.

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 Just one thing I want to  
12 --- one thing I want to point out and  
13 I don't want to take up any of your  
14 time.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

16 That's okay.

17 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18 What we've been doing,  
19 you know, I think we've talked about a  
20 long time, there's been a lot of  
21 ideas, you know, thrown around. But  
22 staff here is basically says that we  
23 want --- we want to do --- we want to  
24 show you a result. I think it's our  
25 time that we have a strategy for this.

1                   So one of the things  
2                   that we did was, if you look at the  
3                   Rod Street playground area. It was  
4                   sort of a pile up project for how  
5                   we're trying to go after this. It's  
6                   not just cleaning up the dump. It's -  
7                   -- and there's a lot of dumping in  
8                   that. Okay? But I want --- I want us  
9                   to make sure and I heard 43. And I  
10                  don't know where that number came  
11                  from. I think it came from some  
12                  regional group.

13                         So we don't have the  
14                         ability to clean everything up all at  
15                         one time. But what we're trying to do  
16                         is attack it in a way that makes  
17                         sense. And part of that is not only  
18                         what we do to clean up like we did at  
19                         Rod Street, but also we got to catch  
20                         the people that are doing it. And we  
21                         already catch some people that are  
22                         doing it. You can write down on a  
23                         number line. That's the thing that's  
24                         going to happen. It's just a matter  
25                         of time and I know it's going to



1       happen.

2                       But in addition to that,  
3       once we clean up the dump, we are  
4       putting new signs there to tell people  
5       that there's a fine and to tell people  
6       that there's cameras. That's the way  
7       in long term we're going to solve it.

8                       If we just do what we've  
9       been doing which is put a dumpster  
10       there, it's get filled up and hauled  
11       away once a summer, it's really not  
12       solving it. And I know you heard it  
13       before but we're probably all going to  
14       say the same thing you heard from us  
15       before, please just be patient.  
16       Because we are taking a new approach  
17       at it.

18                      We invested a long time.  
19       Our --- literally every department of  
20       this municipality is in some way  
21       playing a role in this police  
22       department, to our code office, to our  
23       IT department even. To try to put  
24       cameras in places where we can catch  
25       the license plates and get identities

1 of the people that are doing it  
2 because that's how it's going to stop.  
3 That's how we're going to make it  
4 stop.

5 So I just don't want you  
6 to think that this falls on deaf ears.  
7 I mean Rod Street was the first place  
8 we started because there is a  
9 playground there. We thought that that  
10 was, really one of the most egregious  
11 places.

12 Right?

13 It's next to where  
14 children play. It's --- it's --- it's  
15 --- it's reprehensible. And it makes  
16 us --- I mean I'm furious about it to  
17 tell you the truth. But just getting  
18 mad about it isn't enough. We have to  
19 find a way to stop it from happening.

20 And if it worked on Rod  
21 Street, it's going to work at  
22 Beechford. And if it works on  
23 Beechford, it came work on all  
24 throughout.

25 So what we're doing is

1 trying to deploy a strategy and model  
2 that actually works rather than just  
3 continuing to throw resources and man  
4 power at it because it costs us money  
5 to do that, too. So I just want you  
6 to understand that all these places  
7 that you're mentioning, we know about  
8 it. There's places at Penn Hills that  
9 you don't even know about that has  
10 dumping issues that are beyond compel.

11 But we can't --- we  
12 don't have the resources just to clean  
13 everything up all at one time. I know  
14 we got some tires cleaned up on Mount  
15 Carmel Road. It's a new dump site up  
16 past the cemetery. We got that those  
17 moved. The long term strategy is  
18 going to be to clean up the dump, put  
19 cameras in places to identify the  
20 people that are --- that are --- that  
21 are committing these environmental  
22 crimes and that's what they are. I  
23 mean this isn't littering. These are  
24 crimes against the environment. It's  
25 actually a crime against everybody who

1 lives in this community. We should  
2 all be totally in sense.

3 And then to have signs  
4 to tell people that if they dump,  
5 they're going to get fined and we're  
6 going to make them clean it up.  
7 That's who should clean it up, is the  
8 people who are committing this.

9 So that's what we're  
10 trying to do. It just takes a little  
11 time. We're very close, I promise  
12 you. I really think that if --- I  
13 think we're going to find some, I  
14 think we're going to have some real  
15 big developments on this issue this  
16 summer. I really believe that.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 We just ask you to have  
19 faith in us because we are working on  
20 it. We're not just ---.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

22 Well, with the tires and  
23 all that ---.

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 Well, we can ---.

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AUDIENCE MEMBER:

It's been since March  
4th.

AUDIENCE MEMBER:

Since March fourth.

MR. PETRUCCI:

How many tires do you  
think are down there?

AUDIENCE MEMBER:

At least thirty or so.

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

I can't --- I don't ---  
I don't --- I don't ---.

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Well, that's okay.  
Tomorrow we're going to make the phone  
call. We're going to get you on a  
schedule ASAP.

MR. PETRUCCI:

There's a problem with  
the tires. There was a car on the  
street that caught on the fire back  
there.

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

When was the car caught

1       on fire?

2                   MR. PETRUCCI:

3                   This car's not that old.

4                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

5                   No, that's just ---.

6                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

7                   When was the fire?

8                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

9                   Let me see, I'm trying  
10       to find it.   May 10th.

11                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12                   Of this year?

13                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

14                   Yeah, May 10th.

15                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

16                   So they did move ---  
17       they did ---.

18                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

19                   Did you call the police  
20       when the car caught on fire?

21                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

22                   No the police was there.  
23       They --- because it was exploding.

24                   AUDIENCE MEMBER:

25                   Well, two people called

1       there.

2                               MR. PETRUCCI:

3                               And what was their  
4       response?

5                               AUDIENCE MEMBER:

6                               Huh?    They moved it.  
7       That's what they're talking about.  
8       Everything burnt there, they never  
9       came and cleaned it up.    They just  
10      moved it.

11                              DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12                              Okay.

13                              We'll be --- we'll be  
14      down tomorrow.    We'll be down  
15      tomorrow.    I'm sure you'll see  
16      Councilman Petrucci before myself  
17      because I have a meeting with the  
18      firefighters and two other meetings  
19      but we are on it.    We're going to  
20      collectively to get that done.

21                              So please, again, just  
22      be that much more patient.    Continue  
23      to call, don't stop calling.    And  
24      again, if you can't reach one  
25      department, you can always reach

1 Scott.

2 Okay?

3 And he will convey the  
4 message to the rest of us but no one  
5 should have to live like that. We  
6 don't appreciate that and we sure know  
7 that you don't appreciate it. So  
8 thank you so much for coming.

9 Thank you. Okay. I'm  
10 so sorry, ma'am.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

12 Just very brief, I'm  
13 Tina Harris. And I'm really feeling  
14 --- I just wanted to let you know that  
15 I would happy to drive you around so  
16 you can see. Because you --- maybe  
17 you don't know where everything is,  
18 I'll be glad to show you. I've lived  
19 there for 64 years and I'm 64 years  
20 old. So I'd be happy to take you  
21 around there and show you a few  
22 things.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Okay.

25 I've got every address



1 that you guys stated written down on  
2 my piece of paper. We'll be here  
3 tomorrow. You're welcome. Thank you  
4 so much for coming out this evening.  
5 And remember, one Penn Hills. You  
6 keep on saying the other side of Penn  
7 Hills.

8 MS. MAY:

9 We would say one Penn  
10 Hills if we got the same service and  
11 respect. .

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 So now let's start  
14 saying what?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER:

16 One Penn Hill

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 Thank you very much.

19 MS. MAY:

20 We'll say that when we  
21 get the same service and respect.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 Thank you so much for  
24 coming out this evening.

25 Okay.

1                   Next on the agenda, we  
2                   have nothing next on the agenda. One  
3                   more thing, our solicitor said, not is  
4                   adjournment. Do I have a motion?

5                   MR. PETRUCCI:

6                   Motion to adjourn.

7                   DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8                   All right. Do I have a  
9                   second?

10                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

11                  Second, second.

12                  DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13                  Penn Hills, have a great  
14                  week. God bless you and thank you for  
15                  coming.

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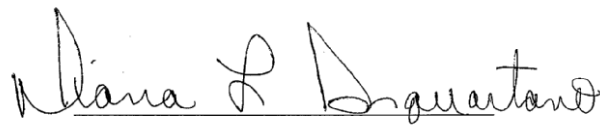
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