

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF

PENN HILLS

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IN RE: RESOLUTIONS

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BEFORE: SARA JAYNE KUNN, Mayor  
CATHERINE R. SAPP, Deputy  
Mayor  
SCOTT ANDREJCHAK, Municipal  
Manager  
GARY N. UNDERWOOD, Member  
JOHN PETRUCCI, Member  
MARK A. BRODNICKI, Member  
CRAIG ALEXANDER, Solicitor  
SHEREE STRAYER, Financial  
Director  
CHRISTOPHER C. BLACKWELL,  
Planning Director  
RICK MINSTERMAN, Engineer  
MAUREEN SOURCE, Manager's  
Secretary

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

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MS. KUHN:

I want to welcome everyone tonight, and I thank you all for coming. Mayor and Council appreciates when our residents come to the meetings so that they can hear and give comments on what Mayor and Council are actually doing because as I've already told everyone, information is the most helpful, and misinformation is the most damaging.

So it's --- with this, everyone comes and attends, so that they actually hear for themselves what Mayor and Council are doing and why they are doing that, and that they can give their input.

Now it's helped very much since we have the taping because of the fact now that those who are not able to attend, they are able to witness, to hear exactly what takes place with their Council.

1 I don't have any  
2 announcements today --- tonight, but I  
3 do have what's called Mayor's FYI, and  
4 what that is really is just  
5 information for you that we might  
6 receive, and you may not have had the  
7 opportunity to have it.

8 The first thing I did  
9 want to bring up is, we did resave our  
10 funding for the 2008 bonds and 2011  
11 series B, which was when voted on, the  
12 estimated amount that they thought  
13 Penn Hills would receive was going to  
14 be \$230,000, when in fact the amount  
15 came out to \$325,000. So that's a ---  
16 that's a real plus for Penn Hills to  
17 be able to receive that based on just  
18 a refinancing of our interest rates it  
19 went down.

20 There --- that is ---  
21 that is the exact amount that Penn  
22 Hills will receive, I believe it's  
23 \$320,000. Is that right, Scott?

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 Yes, it's \$320,000.

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MS. KUHN:

Right, I'm sorry.

And that is all the fees for the bond attorneys and other attorneys paid out of that money that is paid separately. So that \$320,000 in the plus for the municipality, which is the great deal.

Now, I wasn't --- as most people know I've had some serious health problems which have thankfully, through prayer and professionals, have put me back on the upper part and not the lower part. So I was unable to attend the town meeting on the sewage. And I do want to thank --- I've read the minutes, and I do want to thank my Deputy here Cathy Sapp.

I have no problem --- sometimes I have --- she'll tell me that --- I think she can do more than she thinks she can do, but she never disappoints me, and she did a very good job at handling that meeting.

And I want to thank my

1 Council people who were very helpful  
2 with me through this illness that I  
3 had. And especially I want to thank  
4 my Manager who contacts me on a daily  
5 basis, giving me the updates and  
6 asking me for my opinions and what  
7 have you on the decisions that he's  
8 made. So I did want to truly thank my  
9 Council. Penn Hills is very lucky and  
10 very fortunate to have the  
11 professional public servers and not  
12 politicians representing them.

13 At the --- at the Deputy  
14 Mayor's request, she did want me to go  
15 over some of the sewage history being  
16 that I have served so long as Planning  
17 Director and Deputy Mayor and Mayor.  
18 I actually have a lot of history of  
19 what took place with our sewer  
20 problem. I have said this many times,  
21 we had town meetings and I made it  
22 very clear at the town meetings, but  
23 Deputy Mayor Sapp thought with the  
24 meeting being taped that the  
25 information on the source, more people



1 would be able to see.

2 So to take you through  
3 the history of the sewer problems,  
4 they actually originated back in,  
5 probably early '60s, maybe late '50s.  
6 And Penn Hills is an older community,  
7 and the sewage piping that was put in  
8 at that time was not what we have  
9 today to use, it's very --- it's very  
10 small, and over the years it's  
11 deteriorated.

12 As I tell everyone,  
13 sewers are not popular. There are ---  
14 were past administrations who did  
15 nothing to be honest you and looked  
16 the other way regarding the update and  
17 the update and the change that needed  
18 to be done in the sewers, because as I  
19 said, it's not popular. Residents and  
20 taxpayers and voters, they see a park,  
21 new roads, and new equipment, but they  
22 can't see the sewers because they're  
23 underneath the ground. So they were  
24 unattended by many administrations.

25 And at one point, Penn

1 Hills was very much at fault, because  
2 of the fact that they were dumping raw  
3 sewage into the Allegheny County  
4 river.

5 Now, the manager at that  
6 time --- now none of us were on  
7 Council at that time. He was very  
8 arrogant and made the public statement  
9 Allegheny County had informed Penn  
10 Hills what they were doing improperly,  
11 and that that had to be taken care of  
12 responsibly. And his comment was the  
13 county is not going to tell me what to  
14 do at Penn Hills. Well, the rest of  
15 history.

16 When that was the  
17 attitude that the municipality gave to  
18 the county, the county then decided to  
19 turn us in to DEP and EPA. When that  
20 happened, we had legal fees that were  
21 outrageous because of the fighting  
22 that went on in the courts and over  
23 Penn Hills dumping the raw sewage and  
24 Penn Hills fighting. Of course it was  
25 a losing battle for Penn Hills because

1 they were in violation. At the time,  
2 I believe, the fine was around  
3 \$500,000 to \$550,000.

4 So what took place then  
5 is the Judge who was hearing the case  
6 made the statement, that --- I'm just  
7 thinking off my head, but he made the  
8 statement that the people who were in  
9 charge, meaning Mayor and Council,  
10 they should be removed for negligence.

11 Now, everyone thinks  
12 that the millions of dollars that we  
13 had spent on our sewer system was  
14 because of the fine. As I said, the  
15 fine was somewhere between \$500,000  
16 and \$550,000. The actual cost of the  
17 millions of dollars that were spent  
18 was because of the fact that the  
19 municipality had to update our sewer  
20 system, which it had been neglected  
21 for decades and decades.

22 This Council, and when I  
23 served as Deputy Mayor on the Anthony  
24 DeLuca, Junior's administration, we  
25 did not cause this problem, but we had

1 to correct it. And we did.

2 We had --- we were under  
3 a criminal consent agreement. And  
4 what that meant was Penn Hills was not  
5 permitted to go and ask for any  
6 assistance the federal government  
7 because we were the only municipality  
8 throughout the county that was under  
9 criminal consent. All other  
10 communities were under a consent  
11 order.

12 That criminal consent  
13 was in place for many, many, many  
14 years. And when myself and Mayor  
15 Anthony DeLuca, Junior took over the  
16 Council, we changed. Our actions were  
17 very firm because of the fact on  
18 research we saw that they were not  
19 really working for the benefit of Penn  
20 Hills. They were working more or less  
21 for the benefit of work that they  
22 could do for themselves. And at that  
23 time, we brought in Gateway Engineer  
24 who serves us to this day.

25 We got out of the

1 criminal consent order in probably ten  
2 months, which had been in place for  
3 ten plus more years. That was a huge  
4 step in the right direction for the  
5 municipality. We became under the  
6 consent order the same as all the  
7 communities surrounding us were. With  
8 the work of the Mayor and Council from  
9 2004 until present, we've been EPA  
10 removed us from consent order. Being  
11 Penn Hills had done such a good job  
12 they said that as long as we follow  
13 all the mandates, that we no longer  
14 would be even under the consent order,  
15 which is another huge step for Penn  
16 Hills.

17 With doing that, people  
18 might say, well why wasn't our sewer  
19 rates dropped? And the reason why is  
20 because of the fact the sewers are on  
21 a constant mandate from the EPA and  
22 DEP. Penn Hills is very large. What  
23 was done ten years ago or 12 years  
24 ago, eventually gets --- it will be a  
25 cycle that's going to have to be put

1 in place so that we are able to stay  
2 within the mandates that EPA and the  
3 DEP put on Penn Hills and on all  
4 communities.

5 Now, we were promised by  
6 ALCOSAN and the county that everyone  
7 is going to have to do to the sewer  
8 system what Penn Hills had to do. And  
9 when they do, then their community  
10 sewer rates will be high as Penn Hills  
11 is. So we explained that on a  
12 continual basis to our residents.  
13 Yes, we're higher, but that's because  
14 we have done all the necessary repairs  
15 that have been mandated, and the  
16 surrounding communities will have to  
17 do that same, and when they do do the  
18 same, then their rates will go up  
19 also. Did Mayor and Council have to  
20 increase the sewage rate? Yes. But  
21 we did not have to borrow any money in  
22 order to pay for what was mandated to  
23 be done.

24 Now, come to five or six  
25 years ago. All communities now are

1       having to take care of their sewers.  
2       And for some unknown reason to Penn  
3       Hills it has been put into place that  
4       all communities in the county will be  
5       in a regional situation. It's called  
6       regionalization. Now, myself, and my  
7       Council have fought county executive,  
8       ALCOSAN because we have stated that  
9       Penn Hill has no intention of going  
10      into this regionalization. And the  
11      reason why is because of the fact Penn  
12      Hills residents have already paid for  
13      the repairs and mandates that had to  
14      be done in our municipality.

15                 Regionalization, all of a  
16      sudden became, well we want our --- to  
17      be good neighbors to our surrounding  
18      communities. Our answer was where  
19      were those communities with the good  
20      neighbor position in helping out Penn  
21      Hills? Regionalization wants to have  
22      every community in the county have ---  
23      now the terminology changes --- but  
24      basically it was a flat rate. Which  
25      means every household in all the

1 communities that then pay off the  
2 county will pay an inflated flat rate.  
3 Let's say that flat rate is \$10.

4 Now, I spoke at the  
5 ALCOSAN meeting and I said that  
6 there's a lot of young, smart minds in  
7 this audience, please don't try to  
8 tell me that you can't realize that  
9 Penn Hills has 22,000 households. If  
10 the flat --- flat rate is \$10 a  
11 household, multiple ten times 22,000,  
12 and that's how much my residents and  
13 taxpayers are going to be putting into  
14 this regionalization pot.

15 Now let's take a  
16 community that has 3,500 households.  
17 Multiply that by ten and take it  
18 through all of the surrounding  
19 communities, number of households  
20 multiplied by ten, and outside of the  
21 City of Pittsburgh, Penn Hills is the  
22 largest municipality in the county.  
23 Therefore, Penn Hills will be putting  
24 in the major amount into this  
25 regionalization pot.



1                   Now, that's bad enough.  
2     But Penn Hills will not draw on that  
3     pot because we've already done  
4     everything. So we've already paid for  
5     everything to do in our municipality,  
6     we would be putting in the most  
7     funding for this regionalization. We  
8     will not be drawing out of that  
9     funding because ours is 90 percent  
10    complete, and the surrounding  
11    communities, they will be able to draw  
12    from that pot of money to do their  
13    repairs.

14                   So I said, so you're  
15    asking Penn Hills, who's already paid  
16    for ours, now to be a good neighbor  
17    and pay for the surrounding  
18    communities also? I said, Penn Hills  
19    will never agree to that. ALCOSAN  
20    needs to do something for Penn Hill.  
21    We either get a lower rate plan, they  
22    either take over some of our sewer  
23    piping, but something has to be given  
24    to Penn Hills, because my residents  
25    are not going to pay for surrounding

1 communities sewer systems to be  
2 repaired when we've already done ours.

3 And I also --- we were  
4 told, I've spoke to the county  
5 executive, and I was told that well  
6 Penn Hills doesn't have to go into it,  
7 but if you don't the EPA will be  
8 watching you every day. And my answer  
9 was, with all due respect, EPA has  
10 been watching Penn Hills for 20 plus  
11 years, so that's nothing new to us.

12 They are playing a game  
13 of chicken thinking Penn Hills will  
14 pay in and become part of that  
15 regionalization. But they have to  
16 realize Penn Hills realizes if we  
17 don't, then ALCOSAN is going to have  
18 to take their piping clear around all  
19 of Penn Hills to enter into the  
20 ALSOSAN's system. So it's going to  
21 cost them a great deal of money if  
22 Penn Hills doesn't sell into  
23 regionalization.

24 That being said, I hope  
25 --- I hope that the new administration

1 that comes in will continue to  
2 represent the taxpayers of Penn Hills,  
3 and not have us have to pay double  
4 rates because that's just absolutely  
5 unacceptable.

6 Now, when we had to  
7 increase the sewer rates, we had town  
8 meetings throughout the community, in  
9 churches and at fire halls, and we  
10 asked --- we explained the situation  
11 and we asked how would you want this  
12 money --- revenue to come in to pay  
13 for this. There's two ways, a sewer  
14 increase or an increase of millage.

15 At every meeting that we  
16 had, it was expressed that they did  
17 not want an increase in millage. We  
18 promised those taxpayers that if we  
19 increased the sewage fee, we would not  
20 increase it again for five years. We  
21 not only honored our word with that,  
22 we went eight years before we  
23 increased the sewer rate. We didn't  
24 have to borrow money, which is a big  
25 thing. The sewers are what they are.

1                   Now I know that election  
2 time is very popular because  
3 candidates know residents and voters  
4 hate the sewer fee that they have to  
5 pay. So it's very popular to say,  
6 this administration raised your sewer  
7 rates, and this isn't why --- I don't  
8 ever hear what they propose to do to  
9 keep the mandate complete and not  
10 bring in the revenue that's necessary  
11 to do that. Words are very cheap, but  
12 actions are something else.

13                   I mean, a candidate can  
14 say in every budget meeting that I'm  
15 going to give every household \$1,000.  
16 Now that's never going to happen, but  
17 a voter hears that, I'd vote for that  
18 candidate. Once they become elected,  
19 they're not going to do that because  
20 it's not possible. If you, or anyone,  
21 has an answer to what you think you  
22 can do to lower the sewer rates for  
23 Penn Hills residents, these  
24 microphones are where you should come  
25 up and where you should present it.

1 Not on social media, not in a fancy,  
2 powerful flyer. If you have an actual  
3 way to lower the sewer rate, share.  
4 We'd love to hear it. We're all  
5 taxpayers too.

6 My children live in Penn  
7 Hills, my grandchildren live in Penn  
8 Hills, they're families of four. They  
9 flush their toilets ten times more  
10 than I do and wash clothes twice as  
11 much as I do. So when those sewer  
12 rates go up, it affects Mayor and  
13 Council and our families. So please,  
14 I ask you, if you have a solution,  
15 share it. Don't --- I hope I don't  
16 have to wait until you're elected.  
17 Are you only going to share that  
18 information if you become elected, if  
19 you have it, present it.

20 And as I said, the sewer  
21 situation is the sewer situation, it's  
22 cut and dry because it is mandated by  
23 EPA and DEP, not by this Mayor and  
24 Council. We just have to have the  
25 funding to pay for it.

1 I think --- I don't know  
2 if anyone has any questions, but if  
3 you do, I'm the person that you need  
4 to speak to, because no one knows the  
5 sewer system better than I do. And as  
6 I said, there's budget meetings every  
7 December, the sewer budget is always  
8 voted on in those meetings. So I say,  
9 where were the factual ways that the  
10 sewer rates would be lower. As I  
11 said, I'm open for any questions, send  
12 something to the Manager, and I will  
13 give you a reply on any question you  
14 might have regarding our sewers and  
15 our sewer rates.

16 Does that cover it,  
17 Deputy Mayor?

18 MS. SAPP:

19 Yes, you did, good  
20 explanation as to the history of what  
21 happened. No one could do  
22 justification to what you just said or  
23 how you just said it. We tried, but I  
24 think you brought it over more clear,  
25 and also excited because of the

1 residents who will be watching by way  
2 of social media will now be able to  
3 understand clearly the history of our  
4 sewers and how we will move forward  
5 and why our rate is what it is and  
6 what it was it was.

7 MS. KUHN:

8 And I may want to say  
9 that the Deputy Mayor was so  
10 complimentary on the Penn Hills  
11 residents who attended the sewage  
12 workshop. She said that everyone who  
13 was in attendance gave professional  
14 comments, questions, and all acted in  
15 a professional way. So we applaud.

16 Okay. That was Mayor's  
17 FYI. Now, approval of the agenda  
18 items. We have some changes on the  
19 agenda. The Manager's contract was  
20 removed from a prior agenda due to the  
21 fact that Mayor and Council wanted to  
22 check into some of the details of the  
23 contract. We did have an Executive  
24 Session prior to the meeting, which  
25 the Manager's contract was discussed,

1       which being it's personnel it's  
2       allowed under the Sunshine Act to be  
3       discussed.

4                       And there are --- there  
5       is a change that what we will put into  
6       or take out of the Manager's contract.  
7       And that is --- it's, of course,  
8       public information, anyone who chooses  
9       to have one is more than welcome to  
10      get one from the Manager. But if you  
11      look at Section 10 and at the third  
12      paragraph down, it states if an  
13      employee voluntarily separates,  
14      severance may be paid to the employee  
15      only if it is mutually agreed to by  
16      employee and employer at the time of  
17      separation. That is being removed.

18                      Are we just removing  
19      that, we're not putting anything else?

20                      MS. SAPP:

21                      Nothing will go in its  
22      place.

23                      MS. KUHN:

24                      So what that basically  
25      means is the only way this could take



1 place would be the Manager would just  
2 leave for his own reason and then  
3 collect a severance pay. So I will be  
4 putting that back on the agenda for  
5 approval.

6 The other change is that  
7 resolution on the original agenda,  
8 which is resolution number 2019-034 is  
9 --- is going to be removed and placed  
10 under ordinance. It needs to be an  
11 ordinance and not a resolution.

12 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

13 So it would be Ordinance  
14 number 2019-050?

15 MS. KUHN:

16 On the original agenda,  
17 it's under resolution number nine, and  
18 it would be 2019-034, that's what's  
19 being removed, and it will go under  
20 ordinance number 2019-050.

21 With that, the agenda  
22 will remain as stated. Can we stand  
23 for the Pledge of Allegiance?

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25 (WHEREUPON, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS

1 RECITED.)

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MS. KUHN:

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Roll call.

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MS. SOURCE:

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Mr. Brodnicki.

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MR. BRODNICKI:

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MS. SOURCE:

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Deputy Mayor Sapp.

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MS. SAPP:

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Present.

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MS. SOURCE

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Mr. Underwood.

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MR. UNDERWOOD:

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Here.

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MS. SOURCE

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Mr. Petrucci?

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MR. PETRUCCI:

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Here.

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MS. SOURCE

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Mayor Kuhn?

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MS. KUHN:

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Here.

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The first thing we have

1 on the agenda is a presentation of the  
2 American Heart Association, 2019,  
3 Mission Lifeline Bronze Plus Quality  
4 Achievement Award to our Penn Hills  
5 EMS, first responders, and they're ---  
6 we can't say enough about our EMS and  
7 first responders. I know that myself,  
8 and I'm sure all the other Council  
9 members are constantly sent thank yous  
10 for the wonderful job that they do, so  
11 we're proud that this award is going  
12 to be given to them.

13 Diane? You coming up?

14 MS. FITZHENRY:

15 We actually have Gina  
16 Herash from the American Heart  
17 Association making the ---.

18 MS. KUHN:

19 I was just going to ask  
20 you that. I just had surgery on both  
21 ears, so whoever is on the microphone  
22 that they would just speak slowly and  
23 loud.

24 MS. FITZHENRY:

25 We'll make sure we do

1       that.

2                               MS. HERASHE:

3                               I hope this is loud  
4       enough.

5                               MS. KUHN:

6                               That's good.

7                               MS. HERASHE:

8                               Okay.

9                               Penn Hills Council, the  
10       American Heart Association recognizes  
11       the critical lifesaving role EMS  
12       provides for the overall success of ST  
13       elevation heart attacks and the system  
14       of care. The correct schools and  
15       training among EMS providers to  
16       rapidly identify the infarct, promptly  
17       notify the destination center and  
18       activate the early response of  
19       hospital personnel.

20                               As an EMS agency, that  
21       delivers education in studying  
22       identification, provides access to 12  
23       lead EKG machines and develop  
24       protocols derived from the American  
25       College of Cardiology and the American

1 Heart Association guidelines. Penn  
2 Hills EMS is driving improvements in  
3 the care and outcomes for these  
4 patients suffering from a life  
5 threatening event.

6 Beyond these basic  
7 components of a high functioning  
8 system of care, Penn Hills EMS is part  
9 of an elite group of prehospital  
10 agencies in the United States focused  
11 on not high functioning, but high  
12 quality semicare. Penn Hills EMS  
13 joined 615 other EMS agencies in the  
14 United States, and is one of 73 other  
15 EMS agencies in the State of  
16 Pennsylvania, that are receiving the  
17 2019 American Heart Association  
18 Mission Lifeline EMS Performance  
19 Achievement Award.

20 To achieve this Bronze  
21 Plus Performance Achievement Award,  
22 Penn Hills has achieved a 75 percent  
23 or higher compliance score for areas  
24 such as patients greater than the age  
25 of 35 with symptoms of a heart attack

1 being treated and transported by the  
2 EMS to a hospital, and have then  
3 received a prehospital 12 lead  
4 electrocardiogram.

5 The percentage of  
6 hospital notifications, or EKG  
7 transmission to a hospital for early  
8 cath lab activation performed within  
9 ten minutes of the first ST elevation  
10 MI EKG within the field. The  
11 percentage of semipatients that are  
12 treated and transported directly to a  
13 receiving center with prehospital  
14 first medical contact to the Lifeline  
15 in less than 90 minutes. As well as  
16 the percentage of prehospital 12 lead  
17 EKGs performed on patients within ten  
18 minutes of EMS arrival to a patient  
19 that is greater than 35 years of age.

20 Today we're celebrating  
21 lives saved because of hard work and  
22 dedication of Penn Hills EMS and your  
23 hospital partners. Looking at the  
24 last ten years, from 2007 to 2017, the  
25 Centers for Disease Control and

1 Prevention have reported that nearly a  
2 50 percent decrease in the age adopted  
3 mortality rate, 35 years of age or  
4 older from heart attacks in Allegheny  
5 County. The community served by Penn  
6 Hills EMS should be very proud of  
7 their prehospital care professionals.

8 On behalf of the staff  
9 and volunteers of the American Heart  
10 Association, I would like to present  
11 your team, Penn Hills EMS, with the  
12 American Heart Association Mission  
13 Lifeline 2019 EMS Bronze Plus  
14 Performance Achievement Award.

15 Congratulations to you.

16 MS. FITZHENRY:

17 Just a brief thank you  
18 to the Heart Association, and I have a  
19 couple of other people in the audience  
20 that I'd like to thank. First of all,  
21 this is different than the things that  
22 we're usually here for. Usually we  
23 have two, three, or four people that  
24 get awards when they actually saved a  
25 cardiac arrest. What this --- what

1 this award is, it's a culmination of  
2 all of the work of all of our staff in  
3 meeting all of those benchmark steps  
4 that work under the Mission Lifeline  
5 Guidelines.

6 So thank you to all of  
7 my staff, it's a great recognition,  
8 we're proud of have it. I'd like to  
9 thank the American Heart Association.  
10 I'd like to thank our UPMC prehospital  
11 support group, we have Executive  
12 Director Myron Rickens. We have EMS  
13 specialist Dale Mitchell. We have the  
14 EMS and AED specialist Cheryl Rickens.  
15 And I would like to have an extra  
16 special thanks for EMS and quality  
17 assurance provider Jeff Rhine, because  
18 we had quite a bit of difficulty  
19 getting our application submitted the  
20 last few years, and there's a very  
21 small window of time that we can do  
22 this. And to make sure we got I this  
23 year, Jeff actually came out, using  
24 some of his equipment from UPMC and  
25 helped us finalize everything that we



1 needed to get this award.

2 And as always, I'd like  
3 to thank Mayor and Council and the  
4 Manager for their continued support of  
5 the EMS, and to the community, because  
6 without your support, we wouldn't be  
7 here --- we certainly be able to do  
8 the things we do on a regular basis.

9 So, thank you very much.

10 MS. KUHN:

11 Mayor and Council  
12 appreciate everything that our  
13 paramedic Diane Fitzhenry and staff  
14 provide Penn Hills. When I am out and  
15 about in the community, I always  
16 remind our residents and taxpayers  
17 that Penn Hills is one of few  
18 communities that have in-house  
19 paramedics. It is a big plus, and it  
20 shows where and what a portion of your  
21 taxpayers fees are because as I said,  
22 you have it within your own in-house  
23 community.

24 So not only is that a  
25 great benefit to Penn Hills residents,

1 but we have marvelous staff who have  
2 saved lives and take good care of all  
3 Penn Hills residents. And I always  
4 tell everyone, unfortunately I had to  
5 use the services for my husband and my  
6 son on way too many occasions, and  
7 they not only are professionals, but  
8 they are so kind and helpful to the  
9 families that are under such stress.  
10 So again, thank you with all my heart.

11 Next on the agenda, we  
12 will have approval of the June 17,  
13 2019 council meeting minutes.

14 MR. UNDERWOOD:

15 Mayor Kuhn?

16 MS. KUHN:

17 Gary?

18 MR. UNDERWOOD:

19 I'd like to make a  
20 motion to approve the minutes of July  
21 17th of 2019 Council minutes ---  
22 meeting minutes.

23 MS. KUHN:

24 Do I have a second?

25 MS. SAPP:

1 Second.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 Any comments from the  
4 audience on the minutes as presented?

5 Comments from Council?

6 Roll call.

7 MS. SOURCE

8 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

9 MS. SAPP:

10 Yes.

11 MS. SOURCE:

12 Mr. Underwood?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Yes.

15 MS. SOURCE:

16 Mr. Petrucci?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Yes.

19 MS. SOURCE:

20 Mayor Kunn?

21 MS. KUHN:

22 Yes.

23 MS. SOURCE:

24 Mr. Brodnicki?

25 MR. BRODNICKI:

1 Yes.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 And I have a motion for  
4 July 16th, 2019 expenditures.

5 MR. BRODNICKI:

6 Mayor Kuhn?

7 MS. KUHN:

8 Councilman Brodnicki?

9 MR. BRODNICKI:

10 I'd like to make a  
11 motion we approve expenditures for  
12 July 15th, 2019. Let's see here.  
13 There's eight CD requisitions for  
14 \$31,606.40 and master of 43929 to  
15 44156 for \$1,363,012.40 for the total  
16 of \$1,394,618.44.

17 MS. KUHN:

18 Do I have a second?

19 MR. UNDERWOOD:

20 Second.

21 MS. KUHN:

22 Motion made and second.

23 Any comments from the audience?

24 Comments from Council?

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Mayor Kuhn?

2 MS. SAPP:

3 Mayor Kuhn?

4 MS. KUHN:

5 Ladies first.

6 MS. SAPP:

7 I just want to say this  
8 is July 15, 2019, instead of July 16.

9 MS. KUHN:

10 I'm sorry, thank you for  
11 that correction. It's the master  
12 expenditure summary dated July 16th,  
13 2019. Now, John.

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Yeah, if we could get  
16 clarity on invoice 86178 through  
17 86182, there's some charges in there  
18 for \$400 each on page ten. If our  
19 finance director would know what  
20 that's about. Elite custom coach,  
21 what's that for? Is that for police  
22 cars or ---?

23 MS. STRAYER:

24 It looks like those were  
25 for Senior Center vehicles. I'd have

1 to look for exactly what they were  
2 for, but they generally for Senior  
3 Center vehicles.

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 So we don't know what  
6 they did for ---?

7 MS. STRAYER:

8 I --- I would have to  
9 look at the invoices for that ---.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Okay. whenever you get  
12 a chance to see what they are.

13 MS. KUHN:

14 Is that all, John?

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 That's all.

17 MS. KUHN:

18 Any other comments on  
19 the expenditures from Council?

20 Roll Call.

21 MS. SOURCE:

22 Mr. Underwood?

23 MR. UNDERWOOD:

24 Yes.

25 MS. SOURCE:

1 Mr. Petrucci?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SOURCE:

5 Mayor Kuhn?

6 MS. KUHN:

7 Where's my paper at? I

8 --- yes, on all. And I abstain on

9 page 16 there are two auto repairs to

10 Don Kuhn Auto Body.

11 MS. SOURCE:

12 Mr. Brodnicki?

13 MR. BRODNICKI:

14 Yes.

15 MS. SOURCE:

16 And Deputy Mayor Sapp?

17 MS. SAPP:

18 Yes.

19 MS. KUHN:

20 Do I have a motion for

21 Ordinance number 2019-050?

22 MR. BRODNICKI:

23 Mayor Kuhn?

24 MS. KUHN:

25 Mark?

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MR. BRODNICKI:

I'd like to make the motion that would approve Ordinance number 2019-050, in ordinance of the municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving an intergovernmental agreement with Churchill Borough pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 53PACSC.2301ETSEQ.

MS. KUHN:

Can I have a second?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Second.

MS. KUHN:

Motion made and second.

Before we have any comments from the audience, I was wondering if the Manager could just give some updates on exactly what this is.

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

Sure thing.

This is something that



1 we've been working on with our  
2 neighbor along with our staff in our  
3 legal counsel and engineering for  
4 about a year. There's a facility that  
5 Churchill Borough operates, it's known  
6 as Holland Roads Home Station. And  
7 it's basically deteriorated. And so  
8 the Borough was faced with a two  
9 choices.

10 One of which was to  
11 rebuild their own facility at  
12 tremendous cost. Or run a new line to  
13 take that wastewater to ALCOSAN.

14 So they approached the  
15 municipality of Penn Hills about  
16 tapping into one of our lines and  
17 using one of Penn Hills lines to get  
18 to ALCOSAN. It doesn't mean that Penn  
19 Hills with treat their flaw, it was  
20 known that Penn Hills would allow  
21 about 245 Churchill homes into our  
22 lines to get to ALCOSAN.

23 So what we were able to  
24 work out with Churchill was that they  
25 would pay a tap in fee to the

1       municipality of Penn Hills in the  
2       amount of \$2,600 per home. So for  
3       Penn Hills this means that we'll  
4       collect \$637,000 from Churchill  
5       Borough in order to allow them to do  
6       that. It will --- It will be paid  
7       over a number of years.

8                       So essentially what it  
9       means is we're allowing Churchill  
10      Borough to use our line so that they  
11      can send their flow to ALCOSAN, and in  
12      exchange, they're going to pay the  
13      municipality of Penn Hills \$637,000.  
14      And that's money that we could use  
15      then to improve the system that we've  
16      been talking about so much.

17                      That's --- that's a  
18      thumbnail sketch of what the agreement  
19      entails. And addition to that,  
20      there's an annual maintenance fee that  
21      needs assessed, there's some other  
22      provisions in the contract that spell  
23      out all of the things we would expect  
24      in an agreement of this nature.

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MS. KUHN:

1 Any comments from the  
2 audience or questions?

3 Please come up and give  
4 your name and your address.

5 MS. KEPPER:

6 My name is Dr. Lekrisha  
7 Kepper. My address is 107 Crescent  
8 Hills Road. I just had a question on  
9 that. If in fact this regionalization  
10 does occur, will that void this  
11 particular agreement?

12 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

13 No. The answer to that  
14 is no. As part of the agreement, it  
15 says that if this line were to ever go  
16 to ALCOSAN and become part of  
17 regionalization, Churchill would owe  
18 that money anyway. So it states very  
19 clearly that that tap in fee gets paid  
20 to the municipality of Penn Hills no  
21 matter what happens to that line in  
22 the future. If that line under some  
23 way would become part of  
24 regionalization, which I don't know  
25 that it would be or should be, they

1 would still owe that money over the  
2 next ten years, The \$637,000 paid  
3 over ten years.

4 So we're basically  
5 charging them the same tap in fee we  
6 would charge anybody who taps into our  
7 system. If you were to build a home  
8 in Penn Hills right now, you'd have to  
9 tap into our system, that's what you  
10 would pay. So we're basically  
11 charging their homeowner the same rate  
12 that we would charge anyone here. But  
13 the answer to your question is that  
14 wouldn't void that at all.

15 MS. KEPPER:

16 And once --- and if that  
17 regionalization would occur, then that  
18 agreement would no longer be  
19 considered null and void?

20 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21 They would continue to  
22 owe the \$637,000.

23 MS. KEPPER:

24 Okay. Thank you.

25 MR. ANDREJCHAK: You're

1 welcome .

2 MS. KUHN:

3 Are there any other  
4 comments?

5 Comments from Council?

6 Roll Call.

7 MS. SOURCE:

8 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

9 MS. SAPP:

10 Yes .

11 MS. SOURCE:

12 Mr. Underwood .

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Yes .

15 MS. SOURCE:

16 Mr. Petrucci?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Yes .

19 MS. SOURCE:

20 Mayor Kuhn?

21 MS. KUHN:

22 Yes .

23 MS. SOURCE:

24 Mr. Brodnicki?

25 MR. BRODNICKI:

1 Yes.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 Do I have a motion for  
4 resolution number 2019-031?

5 MR. UNDERWOOD:

6 Mayor Kuhn?

7 MS. KUHN:

8 Councilman Underwood?

9 MR. UNDERWOOD:

10 I'd like to make a  
11 motion to approve resolution number  
12 2019-032, authorizing Penn Hills to  
13 enter into a renewal of existing  
14 towing and storage agreement ---.

15 MS. KUHN:

16 Gary, I think that's the  
17 wrong one.

18 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

19 We're on 10 A.

20 MS. KUHN:

21 Pardon?

22 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23 10 A.

24 MS. SAPP:

25 That's the right one,

1 that would be correct.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 All right, sorry.

4 Do I have a second?

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Second.

7 MS. KUHN:

8 Motion made in second,

9 any comments from the audience?

10 Comments from Council?

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Mayor Kuhn?

13 MS. KUHN:

14 Councilman Petrucci?

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 I am passing out right  
17 now to my fellow colleagues, a title  
18 comparison, just so the community  
19 knows what's going on. Here's five  
20 copies. I went over the towing  
21 contract that was at hand, and I  
22 thought it was necessary to compare it  
23 to some of the other companies in the  
24 local area. First one I called was  
25 McGann and Chester. McGann and

1 Chester, I knew them from when I  
2 worked with the Sherriff's office and  
3 they did a lot of towing for them. I  
4 spoke with the owner Bob. He does  
5 approximately 3,000 tows a month and  
6 500 alone are in the city.

7 Now, he says to me,  
8 John, you can't compare me with other  
9 towers because our towing charges \$200  
10 within the city limits. His storage  
11 fee is \$25. Now he does, like I said,  
12 he does a lot of tows, and that's what  
13 he bases his on, volume.

14 I called Ferris Towing,  
15 which is across --- across the river  
16 in Sharpsburg, and theirs was \$250,  
17 with a \$35 administration fee and a \$5  
18 per mile. They charge \$50 storage.  
19 Magills Towing at 417 Broadway, that's  
20 in Monroeville, is \$225 and \$50 ---  
21 \$50 for the --- \$50 for the storage.  
22 Kuhn's is \$205 and \$40.

23 Now, we have to take a lot of  
24 things into consideration. First of  
25 all, I spoke with Mr. Kuhn about an



1 issue that I felt was necessary to  
2 amend his contract and he did. Mr.  
3 Kuhn and I spoke at length about a  
4 vehicle that's being towed during the  
5 business hours and if the owner of the  
6 vehicle requests that the vehicle gets  
7 towed someplace else. So that is  
8 amended, and it's under C in his  
9 contract.

10 The owners requesting  
11 vehicles towed to different facility  
12 as long as said facility is open for  
13 business and some --- some person is  
14 able to pay charges for the tow, the  
15 vehicle will be taken to customer's  
16 request to repair facility. If said  
17 establishment is not open for business  
18 and no one can take responsibility for  
19 the vehicle, the vehicle will be towed  
20 to Don Kuhn Auto Body. And that goes  
21 as well if it was to be towed to home  
22 also. If you requested it, it would  
23 be a tow to home as long as you could  
24 pay for the tow basically at the end  
25 of the --- the towing charge at the

1 end of the tow, then you can --- you  
2 can have it towed to your house if  
3 necessary.

4 MS. SAPP:

5 Excuse me, Councilman  
6 Petrucci, where exactly are we reading  
7 this? On what number?

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 It was C ---.

10 MS. SAPP:

11 You said it was amended,  
12 it was amended from what we had. I  
13 have to comparison sheet I'm not  
14 talking about that, I'm talking about  
15 where you're reading this.

16 MR. PETRUCCI:

17 It's on page --- well it  
18 was C ---.

19 MS. SAPP:

20 Under what section?

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Of the contract?

23 Section 4. Section 4.

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 Section 3.

1                   MR. PETRUCCI:

2                   No, it's section 4.

3                   Section 3 payment of fees

4                   MS. SAPP:

5                   Okay.

6                   So --- so the contract  
7 will waive --- okay, I'm following  
8 now.

9                   MR. PETRUCCI:

10                  You're okay now?

11                  Okay. Kuhn's Towing has  
12 this contract of vehicles involved in  
13 accidents or unknown or unforeseen  
14 circumstances that is towed during  
15 business hours can, at the request of  
16 the owner, said vehicle be towed to  
17 any place they wish as long as the  
18 charge of the tow fee is paid in  
19 completion of the tow.

20                  Proximity of the vendor  
21 used for towing isn't important, your  
22 vehicle gets towed to Kuhn's as he's  
23 accessible to the residents of the  
24 community in emergency situation  
25 because of its location, response

1 times are quick and reliable.

2 So it's usually a vendor  
3 of the municipality and a lot of  
4 things that must be considered. And  
5 in this case the vendor in our  
6 community is in our community. The  
7 only vendor in our community that has  
8 a salvage license, the only vendor  
9 that has sufficient space to store  
10 vehicles and vendor who's been used  
11 before and has been servicing Penn  
12 Hills for years.

13 At this point I see no  
14 reason to reinstate the contract with  
15 other towing, with my comparison. So  
16 I didn't look into it, I think they're  
17 being more than fair with us and the  
18 community. And that one thing that I  
19 requested that he did do it for us and  
20 I don't see any problems with this ---  
21 this contract.

22 MS. KUHN:

23 Any other questions or  
24 comments?

25 MR. BRODNICKI:

1 Mayor Kuhn.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 Councilman Brodnicki.

4 MR. BRODNICKI:

5 Yeah. I just want to  
6 say that I believe that they're doing  
7 a good job and these are reasonable.

8 MS. KUHN:

9 Thank you. All right.

10 MR. UNDERWOOD:

11 Yes.

12 MS. KUHN:

13 Okay. Roll call?

14 MS. SOURCE:

15 I think we need a  
16 second.

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 I did second.

19 MS. SOURCE:

20 Okay. Mr. Petrucci.

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Yes.

23 MS. SOURCE:

24 Mayor Kuhn.

25 MS. KUHN:

1 I'm going to have to  
2 abstain.

3 MS. SOURCE:

4 Mr. Brodnicki?

5 MR. BRODNICKI:

6 No.

7 MS. SOURCE:

8 Deputy Mayor Sapp.

9 MS. SAPP:

10 Yes.

11 MS. SOURCE:

12 And Mr. Underwood.

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Yes.

15 MS. KUHN:

16 Okay. Just a comment.

17 My husband was not able  
18 to attend today --- tonight's meeting  
19 but my son, grandson and one of our  
20 towers are here to represent, and for  
21 the audience just to know, Don Kuhn  
22 Auto Body tows all the police vehicles  
23 for the municipality at no charge.

24 He tows senior citizens  
25 vehicles, public works, department of

1 water pollution, parks and recreation  
2 at no charge. And he also tows all of  
3 the fire trucks for all six fire  
4 companies at no charge.

5 He does that because of  
6 the fact that both of us are born and  
7 raised in Penn Hills. My son and my  
8 grandchildren live in Penn Hills. And  
9 Penn Hills has been very good to our  
10 business so that is something that he  
11 chose to do as a payback.

12 So it saves the  
13 municipality tens of hundreds of  
14 thousands of dollars throughout the  
15 years and it's a big savings for our  
16 fire department. And I thank you all  
17 in his name.

18 Okay. We jumped out of  
19 order here so that was Resolution  
20 Number 2019-032. Okay. And now ---  
21 what number is this reference?

22 MS. SAPP:

23 Thirty-one (31).

24 MS. KUHN:

25 Thirty-one (31)? Okay.

1 Do I have a motion for Resolution  
2 Number 2019-031?

3 MR. BRODNICKI:

4 Mayor Kuhn.

5 MS. KUHN:

6 Councilman Brodnicki.

7 MR. BRODNICKI:

8 I'd like to make a  
9 motion that we approve Resolution  
10 Number 2019-031. Be it resolved by  
11 authority of the Mayor and Council of  
12 the municipality of Penn Hills in  
13 Allegheny County and is hereby  
14 resolved by authority of the same that  
15 the municipal manager of said  
16 municipality be authorized and  
17 directed to sign the attached  
18 agreement on its behalf of the  
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
20 Department of Transportation.

21 MS. KUHN:

22 Do I have a second?

23 MR. UNDERWOOD: Second.

24 MS. KUHN:

25 Motion made and second.



1 Any comments from the audience?

2 Comments from council?

3 MS. SAPP:

4 Mayor.

5 MS. KUHN:

6 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

7 MS. SAPP:

8 I was just wondering if  
9 the business manager could just kind  
10 of, like, go over briefly ---

11 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

12 Sure.

13 MS. SAPP:

14 --- what this defines in  
15 the Resolution.

16 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

17 What this is, we had an  
18 agreement with PennDOT whereby if  
19 PennDOT requests it, we perform  
20 certain services for them and then  
21 they pay us. And as you can see, this  
22 is a pretty lengthy agreement. The  
23 last pages are what we're interested  
24 in.

25 Essentially, what we're

1       agreeing here on is their  
2       reimbursement of the street sweeping  
3       on state roads. It was \$134 an hour.  
4       So it covers the next five years.  
5       There's a whole menu of things in  
6       here, some of which we don't do, and I  
7       don't believe we necessarily want to  
8       do. But it's more or less ---  
9       sometimes it's called an Agility  
10      Agreement. So you can see attachment  
11      B there's a list of items. If we were  
12      to perform those on state roads at  
13      PennDOT's request, they would pay us  
14      at these rates.

15                               But really, in fact, I  
16      think that they're doing --- the one  
17      thing we're taking advantage of is the  
18      street sweeping. So under this, you  
19      know, it's about \$18,000 that comes  
20      back to the municipality because we  
21      sweep certain roads. Allegheny River  
22      Boulevard is one of them, there's a  
23      list of them. The last page.

24                               So it's basically  
25      agreeing on the prices that PennDOT

1 would pay Penn Hills over the next  
2 five years if we perform --- we use  
3 our forces to perform certain services  
4 on state roads.

5 MS. SAPP:

6 So is this everything,  
7 this is concrete?

8 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9 Yeah. We have --- as  
10 far as the contract in attachment B,  
11 just for instance if you look at it,  
12 if we were to manually patch any  
13 pavement on the state roads, not that  
14 we would, if they would request that  
15 we did and we agree, they would  
16 reimburse us for \$377 a ton for that.

17 MS. SAPP:

18 Okay.

19 I think that's where I  
20 needed the clarification.

21 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

22 We don't necessarily do  
23 that, it's ---.

24 MS. SAPP:

25 You create a concrete

1 contract because we don't necessarily  
2 do that, but we can upon request say  
3 yes or no?

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 Correct. The things we  
6 are definitely doing is the street  
7 sweeping. That's really what this is  
8 intended to cover.

9 MS. SAPP:

10 Okay.

11 So this is like a wish  
12 list upon our approval?

13 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

14 Yeah. Essentially,  
15 we're agreeing on the pricing, you  
16 know, for the next five years. And as  
17 I said, it's just really for the  
18 street sweeping. That's what we've  
19 historically been doing with them.

20 MS. SAPP:

21 Okay.

22 So, for example, if we  
23 want to --- under skid patching, if  
24 they request that they send us a  
25 request and we can say no.

1                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

2                   Yeah. We don't have to  
3 do --- there's something in terms of  
4 liability we wouldn't want to do it  
5 for PennDOT.

6                   MS. SAPP:

7                   Okay.

8                   So just because it's  
9 written on here ---.

10                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11                  This is everything that  
12 we could possibly do with them if both  
13 parties agree to it. But for our  
14 purposes, historically, I think it's  
15 only been sweeping that's we've taken  
16 advantage of. And it's about \$18,000  
17 a year for that service. It's \$134 an  
18 hour that they pay Penn Hills if we  
19 sweep the state roads.

20                  MS. SAPP:

21                  Thank you.

22                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23                  You're welcome.

24                  MS. KUHN:

25                  Are there any other

1       c o m m e n t s   f r o m   C o u n c i l ?

2                       R o l l   c a l l .

3                       M S .   S O U R C E :

4                       M r .   P e t r u c c i ?

5                       M R .   P E T R U C C I :

6                       Y e s .

7                       M S .   S O U R C E :

8                       M a y o r   K u h n ?

9                       M S .   K U H N :

10                      Y e s .

11                     M S .   S O U R C E :

12                     M r .   B r o d n i c k i ?

13                     M R .   B R O D N I C K I :

14                     Y e s .

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1                   MR. BRODNICKI:

2                   Mayor Kuhn?

3                   MS. KUHN:

4                   Councilman Brodnicki.

5                   MR. BRODNICKI:

6                   I'd like to make a  
7                   motion that we approve Resolution  
8                   Number 2019-033. A resolution of the  
9                   municipality of Penn Hills, County of  
10                  Allegheny, Commonwealth of  
11                  Pennsylvania to award the 2019 Capital  
12                  Paving Program to A. Liberoni  
13                  Construction, Incorporated in the  
14                  total contract cost of \$540,058.25.

15                  MS. KUHN:

16                  Do I have a second?

17                  MR. UNDERWOOD:

18                  Second.

19                  MS. KUHN:

20                  Motion made in second.

21                  Any comments from the audience?

22                  Comments from Council? Roll call.

23                  MS. SOURCE:

24                  Mr. Brodnicki?

25                  MR. BRODNICKI:

1 Yes .

2 MS. SOURCE:

3 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

4 MS. SAPP:

5 Yes .

6 MS. SOURCE:

7 Mr. Underwood?

8 MR. UNDERWOOD:

9 Yes .

10 MS. SOURCE:

11 Mr. Petrucci?

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Yes .

14 MS. SOURCE:

15 And Mayor Kuhn?

16 MS. KUHN:

17 Yes .

18 Just a moment please. As

19 I stated earlier, I also amended the

20 agenda for the managers contract

21 approval. So we don't --- our

22 solicitors said there's no ---.

23 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

24 It was on the agenda

25 last month as an approval of an



1 agreement by motion.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 Okay.

4 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

5 Not by resolution. If  
6 you want to do it by resolution, you  
7 could call Resolution Number 2019-034  
8 where it could move by simple motion  
9 and a roll call vote.

10 MS. KUHN:

11 How do you want it done?

12 MS. SAPP:

13 Motion roll call.

14 MS. KUHN:

15 Let's do a motion roll  
16 call. Do I have a motion for the  
17 manager's contract?

18 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

19 As amended.

20 MS. KUHN:

21 As amended.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Mayor Kuhn, I'll make a  
24 motion as it's amended. The motion of  
25 the ---.

1                   MS. KUHN:

2                   Do I have a second?

3                   MR. UNDERWOOD:

4                   Second.

5                   MS. KUHN:

6                   Motion made in second.

7                   Any comments from the audience?

8                   Comments from Council?

9                   MR. PETRUCCI:

10                   Mayor Kuhn? I just want  
11                   to say that we are fortunate to have  
12                   Scott as our manager. He takes a lot  
13                   of pride in his job. He's very  
14                   professional. And I believe that he's  
15                   working with the community more than  
16                   any manager I've ever seen.

17                   So I welcome him, again,  
18                   and appreciate his service to us.

19                   MS. KUHN:

20                   Any other comments?

21                   MS. SAPP:

22                   Mayor Kuhn?

23                   MS. KUHN:

24                   Deputy Mayor Sapp?

25                   MS. SAPP:

1 I would like to also  
2 commend Scott on a job well done. He  
3 came into Penn Hills, which he really  
4 was not familiar with, and he hit the  
5 ground running. He's been very  
6 professional. He's been very  
7 diligent. And I just want to say,  
8 Scott, thank you so much for  
9 representing Penn Hills in the way  
10 that you do. Welcome to Penn Hills.

11 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

12 My pleasure.

13 MS. KUHN:

14 Councilman Underwood?

15 MR. UNDERWOOD:

16 Yes. I would like to  
17 thank Scott and I agree totally. He's  
18 done --- the public has no idea how  
19 well and how good our manager does his  
20 job. I mean, you would think he's on  
21 24-hour call because he does his job  
22 fantastically in the entire time he's  
23 been with us. Unfortunately, the  
24 public doesn't realize that just yet,  
25 but you will.

1 Thank you.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 Thank you. Mark?

4 MR. BRODNICKI:

5 I just want to agree  
6 with everything that's been said.  
7 You've done a great job.

8 MS. KUHN:

9 Yeah. He really has  
10 done a wonderful job. And was stated  
11 he came in at the worst possible time.  
12 It was prior to our budget hearing  
13 meetings and the approval of the  
14 budget and that's a very, very  
15 stressful time.

16 He also came in and 100  
17 percent vested into our community. He  
18 had his residence in Penn Hills in  
19 less than a month. He, as they  
20 stated, no matter when I call or text  
21 him, he gives me a reply next to  
22 immediately.

23 He works very well with  
24 the residents of Penn Hills. I really  
25 don't think there's anyone, any

1 resident, that could give a complaint.  
2 He's very personable, doesn't talk  
3 down to anyone and is extremely  
4 helpful to all involved.

5 He brought in a grant  
6 company for our grants that we've  
7 made. He wasn't here four months and  
8 we received a \$3 million grant.

9 So he works very hard,  
10 he loves our community already and he  
11 participates in all functions that the  
12 community has. So he's a good fit for  
13 Penn Hills.

14 And you heard council's  
15 comments on him. And as I say many  
16 times, Penn Hills is very lucky to  
17 have the staff, directors, council,  
18 mayor and manager that they have.

19 Roll call? I'm sorry,  
20 Councilman Underwood wanted to make a  
21 statement.

22 MR. UNDERWOOD:

23 Mayor Kuhn, I believe  
24 very strongly that the entire council  
25 should give him a hand.

1                   MS. KUHN:

2                   Okay.

3                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4                   Thank you for your  
5 support. It's my pleasure to serve  
6 this Mayor and Council.

7                   MS. KUHN:

8                   Roll call?

9                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10                  The support that you  
11 give me and the staff on an ongoing  
12 basis.

13                  MS. KUHN:

14                  I'm sorry.

15                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

16                  I was just saying thank  
17 you for the support you give me and  
18 the staff. It's my pleasure to serve  
19 the community.

20                  MS. KUHN:

21                  Well, you're extremely  
22 helpful to Mayor and Council in every  
23 aspect that we need, so thank you.

24                  Now roll call.

25                  MS. SOURCE:

1 Mayor Kuhn?

2 MS. KUHN:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SOURCE:

5 Mr. Brodnicki?

6 MR. BRODNICKI:

7 Yes.

8 MS. SOURCE:

9 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

10 MS. SAPP:

11 Yes.

12 MS. SOURCE:

13 Mr. Underwood?

14 MR. UNDERWOOD:

15 Yes.

16 MS. SOURCE:

17 Mr. Petrucci?

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Yes.

20 MS. KUHN:

21 All right, John, you  
22 don't have to be so loud. I know I've  
23 had ear surgery.

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Well, you said make sure

1       you talk loud.

2                       MS. KUHN:

3                       Next on the agenda is  
4 items for consideration.

5                       MR. PETRUCCI:

6                       Mayor Kuhn.

7                       MS. KUHN:

8                       Go ahead, John.

9                       MR. PETRUCCI:

10                      I have a laundry list  
11 for tonight. I'll be passing out  
12 this. First item for business  
13 tonight, Mayor, council manager.

14                      The storm that happened  
15 on July 11th is a perfect example of  
16 why we are in need of a better  
17 communication system in the governing  
18 bodies of the municipality of Penn  
19 Hills for their residents.

20                      I believe now is the  
21 time to look seriously into a phone  
22 app that can disseminate accurate  
23 information. No longer can residents  
24 rely on social media's  
25 miscommunication to inform them of



1 what's going in Penn Hills.

2 This app was previously  
3 looked at from a company, say citizens  
4 by Mayor and Council. And now I  
5 propose we pull the trigger and  
6 purchase this app from whatever  
7 company we can do so.

8 The municipality of Penn  
9 Hills can probably disseminate factual  
10 information in the time of crisis to  
11 its residents along with other  
12 activities going on in Penn Hills  
13 throughout the year.

14 Item two. After recent  
15 primary in May, several candidates'  
16 political signs are still standing  
17 along the roadway in Penn Hills.  
18 Litter cleanups in Penn Hills reveal  
19 that many advertisement signs are left  
20 behind. This must stop.

21 So I propose, again,  
22 that we require sign permits for all  
23 political and advertisement signs  
24 directed at Penn Hills.

25 Enclosed is a copy of

1 Wilkins Township sign permit and  
2 ordinance. Wilkins Township ordinance  
3 shall be the guide for establishing  
4 this ordinance in Penn Hills. Wilkins  
5 Township charges anyone erecting a  
6 sign in the township a fee of \$100.  
7 This fee is refundable upon removal of  
8 all signs within seven days after the  
9 completion of the advertisement day.

10 This ordinance should be  
11 not put off again. We are doing  
12 little pickups to clean up our town,  
13 installing cameras to stop dumping.  
14 These people disrespect what we are  
15 doing by leaving their signs behind  
16 and then nothing will be done to them.

17 Please support this  
18 ordinance tonight so we can send a  
19 message to all erected signs in Penn  
20 Hills. And I do have copies for  
21 everyone here. I'll pass them out to  
22 you.

23 Next item I have is  
24 after the legalization of fireworks in  
25 Pennsylvania, it has become more

1 prevalent for people to celebrate  
2 special occasions with them. With  
3 this privilege given to us from the  
4 State of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania  
5 also should show consideration of the  
6 use of said fireworks within our  
7 community.

8 So tonight I'm proposing  
9 a fireworks ordinance be adopted to  
10 the community of Penn Hills. This  
11 ordinance would specify the type of  
12 fireworks used in Penn Hills and a  
13 time to designate to use such  
14 fireworks.

15 I've enclosed a copy of  
16 the City of Pittsburgh's fireworks  
17 ordinance to be a guide establishing  
18 such an ordinance for Penn Hills. And  
19 I have copies of those also.

20 MS. SAPP:

21 Councilman Petrucci,  
22 while you're going through your  
23 papers, don't we have something  
24 already in play with regards to  
25 fireworks?

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MR. PETRUCCI:

I don't believe so.

MS. SAPP:

I thought we had something where --- we had something that gave, like, a time that they can shoot them off.

MR. PETRUCCI:

We never --- Chris and I have been through this before. That's my next proposal, noise ordinance.

There's nothing in stone that says what times of day that these need to be resolved. What time of day you can shoot the fireworks off. Read what I gave you and you'll understand a little bit more. There's nothing that designates time. We need something that has times.

The noise ordinance now --- if we could adopt this noise ordinance, you know, give the times of the day that you could run a lawnmower, you know. Not at seven o'clock in the morning when I decide

1 to mow the lawn.

2 MS. SAPP:

3 Right. And not with  
4 respect to the noise ordinance of,  
5 like, with a lawnmower or a  
6 construction company coming and taking  
7 over that really. But with regards to  
8 the fireworks, I believe we had talked  
9 about in one of the council meetings  
10 that you can only shoot them off at  
11 certain times. And somebody help me  
12 or correct me if I'm wrong, because  
13 you're able to call the police if  
14 they're being caught.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 I think you're thinking  
17 about when we talked about the noise  
18 ordinance. They cite them for a  
19 disorderly household. I don't believe  
20 we ever spoke about fireworks.

21 There's state  
22 legislative that has laws about this.  
23 But we need it for our community. We  
24 need to tell people what time they can  
25 set these fireworks off. You can't

1 set fireworks off at two o'clock in  
2 the morning.

3 Scott, is there --- we  
4 need to have copies on the books. Am  
5 I correct?

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 I'm going to defer to  
8 Chris.

9 MR. BLACKWELL:

10 Deputy Mayor, if I  
11 recall, we had the same conversation  
12 probably about the same time having to  
13 follow-up with July. Right?

14 MS. SAPP:

15 Right.

16 MR. BLACKWELL:

17 But I think what  
18 happened last time was that the  
19 ordinance that Councilman Petrucci  
20 proposed requires a decibel counter.  
21 And then we went into a long  
22 discussion, and the solicitor put in  
23 his input about how the cost of the  
24 decibel counter, the training for the  
25 decibel counter, the --- actually

1 spending tens of thousands of dollars  
2 on a decibel counter and the failure  
3 to actually be able to prosecute  
4 anybody. And I think at that time,  
5 that's when it went away. That's my  
6 recollection. It's probably the exact  
7 same conversation at this time last  
8 year.

9 MS. SAPP:

10 Right. I think you're  
11 absolutely right. Thank you.

12 MR. BLACKWELL:

13 So it really comes down  
14 to disturbing the peace and calling  
15 the police. And that's where we left  
16 it.

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 But there's no time.  
19 There's no time that you can shoot the  
20 fireworks off. And if we get this  
21 ordinance established, it'll give you  
22 times. Look at the paperwork and  
23 you'll understand.

24 The next one --- what  
25 he's talking about, in light of recent

1 complaints about noise at  
2 inappropriate times of day, I propose  
3 the municipality of Penn Hills adopt a  
4 noise ordinance.

5 A noise ordinance would  
6 specify times of day during the 24  
7 hours of the day when noise is  
8 permitted.

9 Also, this ordinance  
10 would include noise level limits and  
11 measuring of such noise. A properly  
12 calibrated sound meter will be used in  
13 the compliance to the measuring of  
14 noise.

15 Sound meters shall be  
16 purchased by the municipality. Police  
17 officers and code officers shall be  
18 trained in the operation of them.

19 I've enclosed a copy of  
20 the Monroeville noise ordinance to use  
21 as a guide. I mean, if Monroeville  
22 can do it, I don't see why Penn Hills  
23 couldn't do it.

24 MR. BLACKWELL:

25 It wasn't that they can



1 do it or can't do it, it's that after  
2 spending all that money the result was  
3 --- it actually did --- I'm not aware  
4 of them actually prosecuting anybody.  
5 I think that's what happened.

6 MR. PETRUCCI:

7 Well, Chris, when they  
8 go a house, like that guy up on Kansas  
9 Street, he plays his --- and I'm sure  
10 you're aware of it. He plays music  
11 24/7. We need something to come back  
12 and say you can't do this constantly,  
13 all day long, outside. He uses it for  
14 an alarm system. These people are  
15 complaining, I'm sure, more than me.

16 We've got to do  
17 something. We can't just say, hey,  
18 you know, we can't afford decibel  
19 meter. Yeah, we got to make  
20 exceptions. We've got to buy this  
21 equipment, we got to train our guys.  
22 This way when the police department is  
23 up there, the fire department is up  
24 there, they say, hey, it's in the  
25 ordinance.

1                   And that's all I have  
2                   for that right now, Mayor.

3                   MS. KUHN:

4                   Does anyone else have  
5                   any items for consideration of  
6                   council?

7                   MS. SAPP:

8                   No.

9                   MR. BRODNICKI:

10                  Mayor Kuhn?

11                  MS. KUHN:

12                  Councilman Brodnicki?

13                  MR. BRODNICKI:

14                  Yes. When I was out  
15                  knocking on doors for the election, I  
16                  found most people had a lot of trust  
17                  in government, but there was some  
18                  mistrust there. Which made me start  
19                  looking around. And I found that Ross  
20                  Township just enacted an ethics  
21                  ordinance back in October. And this  
22                  ethics ordinance affects municipal  
23                  employees, elected officials and  
24                  appointed officials.

25                  It limits business

1 transactions between employees and the  
2 officials from doing business with the  
3 municipality. It forbids any employee  
4 or official from influencing any  
5 contracts, permits, et cetera.

6 No employee or official,  
7 elected or appointed, may accept any  
8 gifts or gratuities from anybody doing  
9 business with, or wanting to do  
10 business with, the municipality.

11 I mean there are --- I  
12 mean, you accept pens, and notebooks  
13 and things like that but there are  
14 dollar limits to it.

15 No municipal employees  
16 may coerce any other employee to  
17 contribute to political activity. And  
18 there's penalties. Up to \$1,000 fine  
19 and up to a year imprisonment if you  
20 do go with this, if you violate these.

21 The ordinance is pretty  
22 comprehensive. I think we should take  
23 a look at it. I mean, if Ross  
24 Township can do it, we can do it.  
25 Hopefully we get a vote on this in the

1 next few months. Thank you.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 Any other items for  
4 consideration?

5 Introductions of  
6 ordinances or resolutions?

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Mayor Kuhn? I'm going  
9 to use the word et cetera. I don't  
10 know where to put it. I don't know if  
11 you all can read that, but follow  
12 along if you like,

13 Keep Penn Hills  
14 Beautiful Campaign. It's a campaign  
15 that I'm starting. Residents, mayor  
16 and council.

17 In the last several  
18 weeks, the municipality has doubled  
19 down on illegal dumping enforcement to  
20 clean up efforts. We've successfully  
21 caught, identified and charged several  
22 individuals and we plan to move full  
23 steam ahead with this program.

24 That being said, I'm  
25 pleased to announce a new related

1 initiative to the Keep Penn Hills  
2 Beautiful Campaign. I believe this  
3 program is important. It's no secret  
4 that littering is a problem in Penn  
5 Hills. Now it's time to own the  
6 problem and look for ways to rectify  
7 it, just as we are doing with illegal  
8 dumping.

9 I believe the public is  
10 facing --- I believe a public facing  
11 campaign like this shows our residents  
12 and visitors that we are serious about  
13 littering and we care about our  
14 community.

15 To kick off the program,  
16 I am updating all the trash cans that  
17 I've donated with this new modern logo  
18 and help raise awareness. My vision  
19 is to take the program town-wide. And  
20 I plan to carry out this campaign in  
21 phases.

22 The first phase is to  
23 work with our Department of Public  
24 Works to have signs and logos printed  
25 on and posted around the municipality

1 and our parks.

2                   Would you show the sign  
3 please?

4                   The logo is fresh and  
5 will catch people's eye if they drive  
6 by. The signs coincide with our  
7 illegal dumping enforcement and will  
8 help serve as a reminder that  
9 littering will not be tolerated in  
10 Penn Hills, and that our community is  
11 naturally beautiful.

12                   Later phases of the  
13 program will detail --- with details  
14 still to be worked out. Including  
15 roadside beautification sponsorships,  
16 adopt a road program and corporate  
17 litter clean-up sponsorships.

18                   I would like this  
19 program to serve as a catalyst for all  
20 types of beautification efforts.  
21 Including working with and promoting  
22 volunteer --- local volunteer groups  
23 like the Anti-liter Group, beautifying  
24 marine spaces and cleaning local  
25 waterways.

1                   When working together,  
2                   and get more residents involved, we  
3                   can begin to really show how naturally  
4                   beautiful Penn Hills is.

5                   Respectfully submitted.  
6                   And that's the other one.

7                   And hopefully we get the  
8                   logo out to the community --- start  
9                   the trash cans and I'll be trying to  
10                  place some more trash cans around the  
11                  community and get this thing started.  
12                  Thank you.   And that's it.

13                  MS. KUHN:

14                  Are you done?

15                  MR. PETRUCCI:

16                  I'm done.

17                  MS. KUHN:

18                  Do we have any reports?

19                  MR. PETRUCCI:

20                  Mayor Kuhn?

21                  MS. KUHN:

22                  Go ahead, John.   You  
23                  have the floor.

24                  MR. PETRUCCI:

25                  Let's talk about --- we

1 had a discussion at the June 17th  
2 meeting. On December 3rd, 2018, I  
3 proposed that we perform criminal  
4 backgrounds on anyone taking presently  
5 --- taking or presently sitting on the  
6 board with our municipality to ensure  
7 that we have upstanding citizens in  
8 our leadership roles.

9 To this day, we have  
10 approximately 60/40 compliance. At  
11 that time, we must take steps to  
12 remove those who refuse to cooperate  
13 and follow policy established and  
14 agreed upon by the mayor and council.

15 Please refer to the  
16 memorandum of April 3rd, 2019.  
17 Solicitor Craig Alexander's opinion on  
18 the removal of board members who are  
19 not compliant to criminal background  
20 policy.

21 Now, Craig, at the point  
22 when we discussed this at the 17th  
23 meeting, June 17th, he was going to  
24 give us an opinion. And, Craig, would  
25 you do so please?



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ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

Thank you, Councilman.  
Deputy Mayor Sapp requested an opinion at that meeting with regard to the confidentiality of any criminal background checks. And I indicated at that time, that I believed that they were exempt under the Right to Know Act and Confidential. But I wanted to go back and read that, the various exemptions under the Right to Know Act, and confirm that to mayor and council.

And I have gone back and read the Right to Know Act. They are, in fact, confidential and cannot be released to the public. The only persons that would have access to that information would be the municipal manager and mayor and council.

MR. PETRUCCI:

Okay.

So now we can start the process, Craig.

Is that correct?

1                   MR. ALEXANDER:

2                   That's the council's  
3 decision but, yes. Mayor and council.

4                   MR. PETRUCCI:

5                   Okay.

6                   I'm sure can have an  
7 executive meeting on it, mayor and  
8 council, at some point.

9                   MS. KUHN:

10                  I don't know, John, if  
11 we should present that if we want to  
12 go back to ordinances and resolutions.

13                  MR. PETRUCCI:

14                  We'll have to talk about  
15 it.

16                  MS. KUHN:

17                  Pardon?

18                  MR. PETRUCCI:

19                  I said we'll have to  
20 talk about that. I think an executive  
21 meeting to start getting the paperwork  
22 together. And find out from the  
23 manager who these people are that  
24 aren't complying with the criminal  
25 background, and send them the letters

1 and start procedures.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 Now I have no problem  
4 with the background checks. I mean,  
5 my son was a football coach for the  
6 Midget Little League for many, many  
7 years, and they have background  
8 checks. Now I don't think it's  
9 something that's --- something that's  
10 very difficult to receive. And I know  
11 that to run for mayor and council, if  
12 I'm not mistaken, under the Homewell  
13 Charter you cannot have a felony.

14 So with having  
15 appointments, I think that would be  
16 something that would be beneficial for  
17 the municipality to make sure that  
18 their appointments are not given to  
19 people that have criminal background.  
20 Because I'm sure if you had some  
21 residents that were to find out that  
22 that was the case, then there might be  
23 a problem.

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 We have Resolution 2018-

1 067 so I believe we can act on it.  
2 Deputy Mayor Sapp signed it. So it's  
3 already in place.

4 MS. SAPP:

5 Yes. I would like to  
6 interject. Yes, I did. Here are my  
7 concerns with that. So with the  
8 opinion given back from our solicitor,  
9 what concerns me is that information  
10 will be privy to mayor and council.  
11 So, you know, we're not here forever,  
12 we're under a term. You understand?  
13 And for me, I have a problem with this  
14 being set up and interjected for  
15 political gain. I don't like the  
16 politics of it. So I'm just going to  
17 put that out there.

18 I have no problem with  
19 it. Our daycare centers I have no  
20 problems with background checks. I  
21 think they're important but I also  
22 feel that it should not be for  
23 political gain. And I also feel that  
24 we should --- that confidentiality  
25 should not be in the hands of mayor

1 and council.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 I'm not real familiar  
4 that, Cathy, so I'm going to have to  
5 do some ---.

6 MS. SAPP:

7 Yes. Because, I mean,  
8 we're term. If you take that  
9 information and you're no longer under  
10 oath and you have someone's  
11 information for political gain, I just  
12 don't think that's --- that's  
13 unethical.

14 MS. KUHN:

15 Are criminal checks  
16 private or can any person go online or  
17 something and check for that?

18 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

19 They are private.

20 MS. KUHN:

21 Pardon?

22 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

23 The criminal background  
24 check that you submit through the  
25 state and through the FBI, there's Act

1 34 and Act 33 clearances, those are  
2 all private.

3 MS. KUHN:

4 Okay.

5 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

6 Now there are search  
7 tools that you can --- that the public  
8 has access to where they are able to  
9 search criminal records as well ---

10 MS. KUHN:

11 Okay.

12 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

13 --- if they're savvy  
14 enough to do that. But the clearances  
15 that folks like teachers have to go  
16 through, Deputy Mayor Sapp indicated  
17 that she owns a daycare, they're  
18 required to do it. Anybody that  
19 volunteers in a school, they're  
20 required to do it. If they get their  
21 Act 33, Act 34 clearances, their FBI  
22 clearance and their criminal  
23 background check, those are all  
24 confidential and they can't be  
25 released.

1                   There's some sort of  
2 mechanism so that mayor and council  
3 doesn't have access to that too.  
4 That's something that you guys can  
5 discuss with the municipal manager or  
6 if there's an HR department, keep it  
7 in HR, something like that.

8                   MS. KUHN:

9                   Okay.

10                  I think we need to do a  
11 little bit more research on it. Now  
12 I'm not familiar, Cathy. Obviously, I  
13 must not have been in attendance when  
14 you signed. Are we saying that we  
15 already approved?

16                  MS. SAPP:

17                  We did, Deputy Mayor.  
18 But we approved it under one  
19 understanding. And like I said, well  
20 now it turned to, you know, political  
21 gain. I'm not in support of that.

22                  MS. KUHN:

23                  Believe me, I'm not in  
24 support of this council chamber being  
25 used in any way, shape or form for

1 political arena. That's not what this  
2 council chamber is.

3 When you are elected to  
4 the board, our system has a two-party  
5 system. And that's what works, that  
6 what we're supposed --- that's what  
7 the voters look at.

8 But once you become  
9 elected, you are no longer  
10 representing the party of your choice.  
11 You are no longer representing the  
12 Democratic party, the Republican  
13 party. You are no longer representing  
14 those who have worked for you on  
15 campaign, have not worked for you on a  
16 campaign. And as a candidate and then  
17 as an elected official, you have to be  
18 strong enough to let it be known, to  
19 anyone who might have supported you,  
20 who might have worked for you, that  
21 once you become a public servant to  
22 this community, that has to stay  
23 outside those council doors.

24 There cannot be any  
25 exceptions for anyone regarding the



1       municipal behavior, granting municipal  
2       favours, that cannot be who you are,  
3       and it certainly isn't who you  
4       represent.

5                       And that's what everyone  
6       who sits as an elected official has to  
7       always remember the integrity has to  
8       be presented. And the outside  
9       resident taxpayers have to know that  
10      those who are their voice, cannot give  
11      out political favours or make  
12      exceptions to anyone for political  
13      reasons.

14                      And I know --- and I can  
15      say this, and I would be extremely  
16      disappointed if I was proven wrong.  
17      But in all the times that I was Deputy  
18      Mayor for Mayor Deluca, Junior, and  
19      this council that worked with me, I  
20      have no knowledge that they ever used  
21      their position to grant a favor, or to  
22      vote a certain way because of their  
23      party affiliation.

24                      Having a community,  
25      whether it's Democrat or Republican,

1 supporting you is fine. But once  
2 elected, you have to put that aside  
3 because you don't represent a party  
4 committee, you don't represent a  
5 person. You represent 40,000 plus  
6 residents. And if you can't make your  
7 decisions and votes based on what's in  
8 your mind, and also what's in your  
9 heart, as being the best for the  
10 entire community, then you need to  
11 step down.

12                   There's no --- I have no  
13 idea of people getting --- giving jobs  
14 to certain people. Did that happen in  
15 the past? Yes, it did. But that was  
16 before 2004.

17                   So I agree with Deputy  
18 Mayor Sapp in every aspect of her  
19 comments. Political --- this is not a  
20 political arena. And this is not a  
21 place where the brand stands for  
22 political reason.

23                   Being on mayor and  
24 council is a serious business, and it  
25 needs to be taken seriously. People

1 put a lot of faith in electing you.  
2 And that faith should not be  
3 destroyed.

4 I don't know what's  
5 happening to our country. I don't  
6 know where it's become that we have  
7 become such mean people that if you  
8 don't agree with me, then I'll attack  
9 you. If you don't do what I want to  
10 do, then I'll attack you. That's not  
11 what this government serves.

12 You can't even go to a  
13 church now without being fearful that  
14 someone's going to come in and kill  
15 people because of the fact they don't  
16 like the religion you have. You can't  
17 go into where somebody's working and  
18 kill someone because you were fired.  
19 Things have to get back to some  
20 normalcy.

21 So as far as I'm  
22 concerned, I never permit my council  
23 chamber to be a political arena or  
24 circus. If you have something to say,  
25 say it out to the public. But you're

1 not going to use this room for that,  
2 not while I'm sitting here. That will  
3 not be accepted. Everyone has a right  
4 to their own opinion. And that  
5 includes your mayor and council. But  
6 no one has a right to their own facts.

7 Make the world be  
8 something to be proud of. If you are  
9 going to make a statement, whether  
10 it's on social media, wherever, take  
11 the time to check, and see and hear  
12 what the facts are. When you give  
13 your word that you understand the  
14 facts as presented to you, and you  
15 will incorporate them in statements  
16 that you make, and then not do that,  
17 well, it's you that has to look in the  
18 mirror. If you don't have your word,  
19 you have nothing. Thank you.

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 I'm going to continue,  
22 but one thing I'm going to say. I  
23 mean, we have 60 percent that  
24 complied, 40 percent that didn't  
25 comply. We signed an ordinance. How

1 is that fair to not do anything? I  
2 don't see anything about politics  
3 involved in it. If 60 percent felt it  
4 was okay to do it, why don't the other  
5 40 percent? It's not right to the  
6 other 60 percent.

7 MS. SAPP:

8 Well, the reason why 60  
9 percent did is most of that 60 percent  
10 felt that if they didn't, that their  
11 appointments will be terminated.

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 How do you know that?  
14 Did you ask them?

15 MS. SAPP:

16 Yes, I certainly did. I  
17 got many phone calls. And I include  
18 myself. Did you check mine? No, you  
19 did not. And I signed it.

20 So what I'm going to  
21 suggest at this time, I'm going to ask  
22 the --- our attorney if there's a way  
23 that could be amended or put on hold  
24 because I did sign it, but there was  
25 another reason why it was signed. I

1 just don't feel that it is --- that  
2 it's safe to put in the hands of ---.

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 So you don't want ---.

5 MS. SAPP:

6 I'm not finished. To  
7 put in the hands of mayor and council.  
8 So I'm making a statement on the  
9 record. Counselor, can you please  
10 tell me what we can do in order to  
11 maybe amend it or put it on hold until  
12 we further research this?

13 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

14 It's already enacted.  
15 Was it a motion? Was it an ordinance  
16 or resolution?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 It's a resolution.

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 May I interject? It is  
21 a resolution that council adopted that  
22 requested that people seeking  
23 appointments, and people that had  
24 current appointments, do a background  
25 check. From there, there was never

1 any discussion about what happens  
2 after that.

3 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

4 And I couldn't remember  
5 whether it was ---.

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 It was a resolution ---  
8 policy.

9 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

10 The way that you modify  
11 either an ordinance or resolution, is  
12 that you enact similar legislation  
13 either vacating it or modifying it.  
14 So seeing that it was a resolution, a  
15 new resolution would have to be  
16 brought to the floor by mayor and  
17 council to somehow modify that.  
18 However, at the will of the board.

19 MS. KUHN:

20 Is there a possibility  
21 that when council is appointing  
22 someone, and we have chosen to have  
23 them have to present a criminal  
24 background, is there a way that they  
25 could have --- they could present that

1 to the city solicitor so that mayor  
2 and council do not receive that  
3 information? And that's because, I  
4 mean, even though there's only five of  
5 us, if we tell our husband or our wife  
6 and they tell somebody. Is there some  
7 way that we could interject that they  
8 do have to present a criminal  
9 background check but it has to be  
10 given to the city solicitor? And  
11 really isn't that --- wouldn't that be  
12 that --- the solicitor could not give  
13 that information out because it's  
14 privileged information.

15 Do you think that would  
16 work?

17 MS. SAPP:

18 Yes.

19 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

20 Absolutely. That's  
21 one way to handle it.

22 MS. KUHN:

23 Because that way we are  
24 achieving what we want, but we are not  
25 putting out to the public someone's



1 personal information. Would that be  
2 all right, Cathy?

3 MS. SAPP:

4 I think that sounded a  
5 lot better.

6 MS. KUHN:

7 Okay. Then we can look  
8 into that?

9 MS. SAPP:

10 Yes.

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Yeah. I'm worried about  
13 --- I mean, if somebody's going to  
14 represent the community, as long as  
15 they're an upstanding citizen, I don't  
16 have a problem with it. And if they  
17 have a criminal record, then they  
18 shouldn't be on the committee. If he  
19 makes up a --- if he's going to hold  
20 the rap sheets, for lack of a better  
21 term, then he can make a decision and  
22 advise council what to do.

23 MS. KUHN:

24 And really and truly if  
25 an appointment is given to someone, if

1 they know that they have a criminal  
2 background and they don't want it to  
3 be publicized, then they just can  
4 decline the appointment.

5 Right?

6 MS. SAPP:

7 Right. Because, Mayor,  
8 we don't even have any kind of  
9 sanction put into play anyway if  
10 someone did have something. They  
11 might have done something when they  
12 were 16 or 17 or in college, you know,  
13 as a kid. They shouldn't be held for  
14 certain things. So I just think we  
15 need to look into it a little bit  
16 more. Although I signed it, I'm not  
17 --- once it's for political gain, I  
18 changed my mind.

19 MS. KUHN:

20 Okay.

21 Well, are you  
22 comfortable, Deputy Mayor, with having  
23 it be that the solicitor would receive  
24 the criminal background check and  
25 being that it's privileged

1 information, he --- he would lose his  
2 license if he gave that information  
3 out. And mayor and council then will  
4 not know who has a criminal background  
5 and what for.

6 MS. SAPP:

7 Yeah. I think that  
8 sounds more safe, as I've said before.  
9 However, what --- and I'm just asking.  
10 So hypothetically, what if we decided  
11 to terminate an associate. Then what  
12 do with those, what do we do with  
13 that? Do we start all over again. Do  
14 we re-run the criminal checks or  
15 demand to give us that information  
16 back? I think we should just table  
17 this for executive session.

18 MS. KUHN:

19 Well, this really isn't  
20 up for vote.

21 MS. SAPP:

22 Right.

23 MS. KUHN:

24 This is just a report.  
25 So that is the only things that people

1 are thinking about and talking about.

2 MS. SAPP:

3 But it's already ---  
4 since it's already a resolution ---.

5 MS. KUHN:

6 We'll see what happens  
7 with that. But like I said, I do  
8 think it's a good policy.

9 MS. SAPP:

10 Yes.

11 MS. KUHN:

12 Number one. Number two,  
13 I don't want people to be embarrassed  
14 and have everyone give out their  
15 personal business. But, number three,  
16 like I said, if you have a criminal  
17 background, you normally know. If you  
18 know that it's a requirement, that  
19 it's going to be checked, then why  
20 would you put yourself in the position  
21 to ---.

22 MS. SAPP:

23 And instead, Mayor, if  
24 someone did have something come back  
25 on their criminal background, what

1 determines what's permissible and not  
2 permissible?

3 MS. KUHN:

4 We would have to figure  
5 that out.

6 MS. SAPP:

7 We don't have anything  
8 set up anyway.

9 MS. KUHN:

10 We'd have to incorporate  
11 in the resolution exactly what the  
12 municipality is determining what  
13 actually would be a criminal  
14 background. It would give reason not  
15 to support that.

16 MS. SAPP:

17 Right, right.

18 MS. KUHN:

19 Is that all right?

20 MS. SAPP:

21 Yes. I think that, you  
22 know, we should have those --- we  
23 should have that more itemized.

24 MS. KUHN:

25 And that way ---

1                   MS. SAPP:

2                   Admit what was ---.

3                   MS. KUHN:

4                   --- we are getting the  
5 information if it's a criminal. And  
6 like I said, most people if they know  
7 that they have a criminal background  
8 and know that now they will be checked  
9 for that, then they should --- and  
10 they really shouldn't.

11                   MS. SAPP:

12                   I'm just saying to ---  
13 because, you know, someone in college,  
14 you know, smoked marijuana and you  
15 went to jail ---.

16                   MS. KUHN:

17                   Right. That's why I say  
18 in the resolution, we would need to  
19 state what exactly constitutes ---.

20                   ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

21                   For instance, the school  
22 code that's set, there are certain  
23 reportable offenses that ban you from  
24 being a teacher for up to ten years.  
25 For certain offenses --- there's

1 offenses that ban you from being a  
2 teacher up to five years. And there  
3 are certain offenses that would ban  
4 you --- for instance, if you get your  
5 second DUI within a three-year  
6 period ---

7 MS. KUHN:

8 Right

9 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

10 --- that, you know,  
11 that's the lowest tier that gets you  
12 under the ban in the school code for a  
13 period of three years. You know,  
14 reportable offenses for crimes against  
15 children and things like that, you  
16 face a ten-year ban.

17 You had --- Mayor, you  
18 had indicated that felonies under the  
19 Homewell Charter will, in fact ---

20 MS. KUHN:

21 Right.

22 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

23 --- it's independently  
24 in the constitution also. So nowhere  
25 in Pennsylvania can an elected

1 official --- if you're elected and you  
2 happen to have a felony, you can't be  
3 seated.

4 MS. KUHN:

5 Right. And that's why I  
6 say the people that we employ,  
7 especially different Zoning Hearing  
8 Board, you know, the planning  
9 commissioners and that, they should  
10 have to abide by the same that council  
11 does, because of the fact they do make  
12 judgment calls, you know.

13 So I think that we  
14 definitely need to have it in place,  
15 and Craig, maybe you can get some of  
16 those by the school district ---

17 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

18 Sure.

19 MS. KUHN:

20 --- or our community,  
21 what they actually have in theirs, and  
22 then that information can be given to  
23 Mayor and Council, and we could go  
24 from there.

25 Is that good?



1                   MS. SAPP:

2                   That's a great idea,  
3 Mayor. And I want to apologize to the  
4 audience for taking that time, but  
5 this is where we do it, so thank you  
6 for being patient with us.

7                   MS. KUHN:

8                   Now, as far as  
9 Councilman Petrucci's comments on the  
10 fireworks. I know that it's very  
11 costly to have this decibel, you know,  
12 finder, and we had gone through that  
13 several times.

14                   MR. PETRUCCI:

15                   That's the noise  
16 ordinance.

17                   MS. KUHN:

18                   But I am in total  
19 agreement, something has to be  
20 actually in place so that our police  
21 have something that supports them if  
22 they go and someone's abusing the  
23 situation of the fireworks.

24                   First of all, the fire  
25 --- I don't think fireworks should be

1 three days before the 4th of July and  
2 two days afterwards. I mean, and a  
3 lot of people do that. They abuse the  
4 situation.

5 So I think it's --- that  
6 we need to make some type of time  
7 freeze resolution as to what the  
8 fireworks are permitted --- when  
9 they're permitted.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Right.

12 And it tells you ---

13 MS. KUHN:

14 And like I said ---

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 --- in the noise

17 ordinance.

18 MS. KUHN:

19 --- too, fireworks don't  
20 really have any purpose to be set off  
21 at midnight.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 No.

24 MS. KUHN:

25 You know, I know you

1 have children going to sleep and stuff  
2 like that, and so I think --- I think  
3 it's a good idea, and I think we just  
4 need to work on exactly what we're  
5 going to put into it, so that it does,  
6 in fact, work.

7 The other that you gave,  
8 John, --- where's all my papers? The  
9 state of emergency, I don't want to  
10 offend anyone, but the state of  
11 emergency, Penn Hills was on top of  
12 immediately. It was the manager and  
13 Diane Fitzhenry, Chuck, our fire  
14 marshal, they contacted the Mayor  
15 around 10:20 that morning.

16 And we were in constant  
17 contact with FEMA; correct, Scott?

18 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

19 Our staff --- our EMS  
20 director and our fire marshal, they  
21 were on a real time basis, monitoring  
22 what was happening. They were both  
23 certified EMA coordinators, so they  
24 were well aware of the provision.

25 MS. KUHN:

1                   Now, we have what is  
2                   called emergency ---

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   Management personnel.

5                   MS. KUHN:

6                   --- management. And  
7                   that's exactly what it is, it's for  
8                   when there's an emergency and the  
9                   municipality, we have a management  
10                  group that handles it. You don't just  
11                  get this appointed to you.

12                  Our manager who is the  
13                  number one, he had to go to classes to  
14                  get certified.

15                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

16                  That's correct.

17                  MS. KUHN:

18                  So that he actually knew  
19                  what had to be done, when it had to be  
20                  done, and the actual criteria for a  
21                  call of state of emergency.

22                  When he spoke to the  
23                  different --- FEMA and state, what  
24                  have you, he gave the information that  
25                  Penn Hills was under. Penn Hills was

1 told we don't even come close to the  
2 criteria for a state of emergency, so  
3 Penn Hills and the municipal staff,  
4 didn't just lay back and say well, we  
5 don't qualify.

6 There was a second storm  
7 that there was a possibility that was  
8 coming in at four o'clock that  
9 evening.

10 Our manager, Diane  
11 Fitzhenry, and Chuck.

12 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

13 Miller. Miller.

14 MS. KUHN:

15 Miller. Who are our  
16 emergency management personnel. They  
17 were proactive. They got all the  
18 forms that had to be filled out, and  
19 we had to call for a state of  
20 emergency.

21 The forms were filled  
22 out, the Deputy Mayor signed them, so  
23 that if and when that second storm  
24 hit, and it did put Penn Hills in a  
25 position where they could go forward

1 with this state of emergency, it was  
2 all done.

3 They prepared themselves  
4 for the worst and hoped for the best.  
5 So it was very upsetting to me, as  
6 Mayor, when there were postings on  
7 social media that Penn Hills wasn't  
8 doing their job, a state of emergency  
9 should have been called.

10 A flooded basement does  
11 not get under the criteria of a state  
12 of emergency. Well, people were late  
13 for work because the roads were  
14 closed. And that doesn't go under the  
15 criteria as a state of emergency. And  
16 in reality, Penn Hills roads were not  
17 closed.

18 The roads that were  
19 closed in Penn Hills were state and  
20 county, not Penn Hills' roads. The  
21 county didn't declare a state of  
22 emergency. All the municipalities and  
23 boroughs throughout the county, two  
24 stated a state of emergency.

25 So this is what is

1       upsetting to Mayor and Council who  
2       gives their time, all their energy,  
3       that work so hard that someone wants  
4       to use a situation that is devastating  
5       to someone --- to some people and they  
6       want to make it out that --- well,  
7       let's put on social media X, Y and Z  
8       wasn't done.

9                       Now, all they had to do  
10       was call the manager, or call the  
11       Mayor or one of the council people and  
12       ask exactly what was done. But you  
13       see it's better if they create a  
14       situation without facts, without any  
15       backing, to make the municipality  
16       staff, administration, council look  
17       bad. And that's very sad.

18                      And the worst of it is,  
19       is there was one person who e-mailed  
20       the municipality stating these, oh, we  
21       could give money for our solar  
22       projects.

23                      State of emergency does  
24       not give money for infrastructure  
25       solars. So I called this person

1 immediately, and I spoke to this  
2 person for over 20, 25 minutes  
3 explaining in detail everything that  
4 the municipality, staff, management,  
5 Mayor and Council have done.

6 I was told, very nicely  
7 and politely, my information was  
8 appreciated and it would be included  
9 in this statement that this person was  
10 putting on social media.

11 Well, how disappointed  
12 do you think I was? I don't do  
13 Facebook or social media, but I've had  
14 several calls, the person's letter  
15 that were sent to the municipality was  
16 put on, but there was not one remark  
17 on the information that I gave to this  
18 person.

19 This is what I say, I  
20 don't understand that type of  
21 behavior. But when you present  
22 something, it would be nice if you put  
23 the facts in and not just  
24 sensationalize it for one's own  
25 benefit.



1 And that's the ---.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Mayor Kuhn? Mayor,  
4 Mayor.

5 MS. KUHN:

6 The sidewalks, and now  
7 we also have the political signs. And  
8 I agree that there should be something  
9 because of the fact you can ride  
10 through the municipality a year after  
11 election, especially if it's county  
12 and state and those signs are still  
13 up.

14 So that's why --- I  
15 mean, if they have the people and the  
16 time to put them up, come on, take  
17 them down. So I agree with that.

18 All right, John.

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 Thank you. Okay.

21 On 6/21/19 I had a  
22 conversation with Russ Peterson owner  
23 of a company named Carload, Carload  
24 Express. Mr. Peterson owns the train  
25 tracks that went alongside Allegheny

1 River Boulevard.

2 Before I tell you about  
3 this conversation, I want to tell you  
4 that there's no one in this  
5 municipality that wants to see Rails  
6 for Trails come to Penn Hills more  
7 than I do.

8 My family has owned  
9 property on Allegheny River Boulevard  
10 since the 1970s, and that property was  
11 handed down to me. I've been at every  
12 meeting for Rails to Trails, MAGLEV,  
13 and the establishment of parks on  
14 Allegheny River Boulevard.

15 I personally rent to a  
16 company called Transportation Control  
17 Systems that builds parts for MAGLEV.  
18 They were sure that we were getting  
19 MAGLEV to rent of me.

20 But at the last economic  
21 development meeting, a young lady  
22 named Courtney Mahronich from Friends  
23 of the Riverfront, spoke of the  
24 wonderful Rails for Trails idea again.

25 She pointed out that

1 they were doing, on the other side of  
2 the river, and it would be nice to  
3 come through Penn Hills on the  
4 Allegheny River Boulevard side, but  
5 there was a hang up, Mr. Peterson.

6 So I thought, let me  
7 appeal to Mr. Peterson's sense of  
8 emotion. I was interested to bringing  
9 the park back to the delta and Sandy  
10 Creek. In case you don't remember,  
11 there used to be --- years ago, there  
12 used to be a park, Bob Sand Creek, it  
13 was probably '50s, '60s.

14 I remember my  
15 grandfather talking, they had  
16 beachfront there. They could wash  
17 cars, they had picnics, they had  
18 fishing.

19 So a year ago I brought  
20 this same idea up after we came back  
21 from the alum. So I thought to  
22 myself, well let's try this one more  
23 time. So this was once tried --- my  
24 idea once tried by Howard Davis and  
25 Planning, it was never established ---

1 never established because of Mr.  
2 Peterson.

3 So I had this  
4 conversation with Mr. Peterson, and I  
5 started out by telling him about my  
6 park idea. I then said we would  
7 donate the park in the memory of him  
8 or a loved one he lost.

9 He told me he was very  
10 flattered by the idea, but he doesn't  
11 need that and he's not that type of a  
12 person, but he appreciated my offer.

13 I tried to convince him  
14 of the economic impact that it would  
15 have on Penn Hills. And he came out  
16 and said, John, there's no way  
17 anyone's ever going to be allowed on  
18 my tracks or alongside my tracks. And  
19 besides, I own a good portion of the  
20 delta you spoke of.

21 Mr. Peterson, gave me  
22 numerous reasons why he wasn't going  
23 to let people near his tracks or along  
24 his tracks.

25 Apparently there's an

1 activist that cut trees down over his  
2 fences. What they do is they cut a  
3 tree down, the tree smashes the fence,  
4 and then they get back onto his  
5 railroad tracks.

6 Carnegie Mellon ran on  
7 the tracks and he's constantly yelling  
8 at them. General vandalism. He had  
9 to start his own railroad police  
10 department. He mentioned that he  
11 personally patrols the property and  
12 tells folks to get off his land and  
13 they give him the finger.

14 He then told me a story  
15 about a commuter train. Now, a long  
16 time ago he put \$3 and a half million  
17 of his own money into this commuter  
18 train idea. And I remember going to  
19 meetings about that also.

20 And what it was, we were  
21 going to take a --- the commuter train  
22 was going to go from Oakmont to Penn  
23 Hills all the way downtown, it was  
24 going to go into the U.S. steel mill,  
25 turn around and come back.

1                   He owned all the tracks  
2 down there. So he puts \$3 and a half  
3 million into it, he gets everybody  
4 from the Department of Transportation  
5 in Washington D.C. to come to this  
6 meeting downtown.

7                   Mr. Peduto never showed  
8 up to the meeting and nixed the whole  
9 idea. So that commuter train never  
10 came in. Today we could have had a  
11 commuter train, if it wouldn't have  
12 been for Mr. Peduto.

13                   So he holds a lot of  
14 PennDOT anger because of that. He  
15 lost \$3 and a half million, plus all  
16 the aggravation that's happened with  
17 the tracks and all these activists.

18                   I understand where he's  
19 coming from. He's just tired. He's  
20 63 years old and he's just tired.  
21 Tired of the aggravation.

22                   So you see, no matter  
23 what, anyone tells you about building  
24 on the riverfront, it's never going to  
25 happen. I wish it would, but it's

1 not. And as far as the other side of  
2 the river, Courtney Mahronich and I  
3 met again, and she explained the other  
4 side will not be completed for 30  
5 years, minimum, and that Norfolk  
6 Southern Railroad on the other side of  
7 the river, will not let them on the  
8 property, either, which will cause a  
9 big gap in the trail.

10 And also, PennDOT  
11 stopped them on the other side of the  
12 bridge, so this project is at a  
13 standstill until they come up with a  
14 solution. Maybe a bridge in the  
15 water, around the railroad was  
16 mentioned, so unfortunately, this is  
17 not going to happen.

18 Like I said, I'm one of  
19 the people in this municipality who  
20 wish it would happen, because I own a  
21 lot of property done there.

22 After numerous calls to  
23 the state and county authorities, it  
24 has been determined that the trails  
25 and Allegheny River Boulevard along

1 with the state and the property  
2 adjacent to them is owned by the  
3 county.

4 What does this mean?  
5 Well, Penn Hills has been cutting the  
6 grass at these locations for quite  
7 some time now, and it's time to stop.  
8 That's --- the taxpayers of Penn Hills  
9 have foot the bill for this grass too  
10 long. The state will be cutting the  
11 grass from now in.

12 So I just wanted to let  
13 you know, I was in touch with a  
14 gentleman, and they're going to start  
15 cutting the grass down there, so we  
16 can tell them to stop.

17 MR. BLACKWELL:

18 Mr. Petrucci, can I just  
19 interject before you ---. I just want  
20 to say a couple things about the  
21 trail.

22 And on Tuesday, the  
23 23rd, that's next Tuesday, there's  
24 going to be a meeting here. What you  
25 alluded to before was a feasibility



1 study or a trail from --- basically  
2 from Oakmont to the zoo. And we did  
3 that in 2003 and passed by your  
4 property, and Mr. Peterson has been a  
5 real thorn in any kind of possibility  
6 of having any trail there.

7 However, in this room on  
8 Tuesday, the 23rd, I'm working on  
9 another feasibility study, which makes  
10 a trail from the Allegheny River  
11 Boulevard, Oakmont to Boyce Park.

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Right.

14 MR. BLACKWELL:

15 And again, these are  
16 feasibility studies that as planner we  
17 do short range planning, we also do  
18 long range planning, as the person you  
19 said it may be, long after we're gone  
20 these trails are completed.

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Right.

23 MR. BLACKWELL:

24 But I just want to point  
25 out that even though there are those

1 road blocks, we continue to pound away  
2 and try to get these things done.

3 And so --- but we ---  
4 last year Mayor/Council approved  
5 funding for our portion of a grant.  
6 We're working with Broad and Oakmont,  
7 Plum and Penn Hills together. And  
8 it's interesting, some of those are  
9 the same folks that I worked with  
10 together on an original feasibility  
11 trail, and there was really no chance  
12 --- no one had interest in trying to  
13 --- just to tried to shove that  
14 through to get that through.

15 So then, the --- this is  
16 a new --- the county is very  
17 interested, because Allegheny County  
18 wants to join all the parks, all the  
19 county parks, so they have a real  
20 interest in ---.

21 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

22 Are you dealing directly  
23 with the county?

24 MR. BLACKWELL:

25 Yes, I am. Yeah, we

1 have the active Allegheny grant.

2 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

3 Okay.

4 What director are you  
5 dealing with?

6 MR. BLACKWELL:

7 Actually, all.

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 I just talked to one of  
10 the directors of the parks, and he had  
11 no idea what you were talking about,  
12 and I asked him about this meeting.  
13 None whatsoever.

14 MR. BLACKWELL:

15 So --- and that's what  
16 I'm telling you about it now. That  
17 it's a feasibility study, so we ---  
18 you approved the resolution to fund  
19 the money. This is the first we hired  
20 a consultant, an environmental  
21 planning design, and this is the first  
22 meeting to bring it up.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 From Boyce Park all the  
25 way down through Penn Hills Park, went

1 down through --- you know, that was a  
2 year ago that I think that came across  
3 our desk.

4 MR. BLACKWELL:

5 That's right. You  
6 approved the resolution and then we  
7 hired somebody. And so this is the  
8 first opportunity we've actually had  
9 somebody to --- in a proposed group.

10 And then --- but all  
11 those, but you remember --- you may  
12 recall, we receive \$450,000 to build a  
13 park at the delta in Sandy Creek, and  
14 Mr. Peterson put an end to it.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 This is the second time  
17 I talked to Mr. Peterson. He's not  
18 giving up.

19 Okay?

20 MR. BLACKWELL:

21 Yes. But I think that  
22 --- I think that this --- this sect  
23 --- this new effort now to try to go  
24 from Boyce to Oakmont, I think is a  
25 good thing. And then I think once you

1 have that trail also, it may even  
2 assist us in trying to go further over  
3 the river, other places or to the zoo.

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 But you're going to have  
6 to cut through Mr. Peterson's  
7 property.

8 MR. BLACKWELL:

9 Well, maybe not.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 We'll see. We'll see.

12 MR. BLACKWELL:

13 But also the fact that  
14 like some county --- the county  
15 representative doesn't know the  
16 project we're working on, I don't know  
17 if that reflects on me or ---.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 He has no idea, because  
20 I talked to him last week.

21 MS. SAPP:

22 I have a question ---

23 MR. BLACKWELL:

24 Sure.

25 MS. SAPP:

1                   --- about the grass down  
2 there. What did we say about that?  
3 We're going to have Nicolotti stop  
4 cutting it?

5                   MR. PETRUCCI:

6                   Nicolotti cuts the grass  
7 on both of the turns. Right now we're  
8 paying about \$700 for that. So the  
9 county --- I talked to the state, and  
10 the state's willing to cut the grass.

11                  MS. SAPP:

12                  Well, we're under a  
13 contract, right, with them to cut that  
14 grass? Or they're just cutting it out  
15 of the kindness of their hearts as a  
16 compliment to the municipality, Scott.

17                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18                  No, it's part of the  
19 landscaping contract. They cut about  
20 30 municipal properties, so if they're  
21 --- I don't know who you talked to at  
22 the state, but ---.

23                  MR. PETRUCCI:

24                  Senator Hahn.

25                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

1                   Hahn? Well, if someone  
2 is saying, at the state, that they're  
3 going to cut it, we're going to have a  
4 discussion.

5                   MS. SAPP:

6                   Yeah. Because you can't  
7 cut a contract and just say we're not  
8 going to have him cut the grass  
9 anymore. We have to talk about that  
10 first. You can't just cut out a  
11 contract just because.

12                  MR. PETRUCCI:

13                  Well, the state is  
14 cutting the grass now, so I don't know  
15 what they're willing to cut they're  
16 going to go down there and start  
17 cutting.

18                  MS. SAPP:

19                  No, I think that's  
20 something that, Scott, you need to  
21 handle and not any of us, because  
22 we're under a contract with them. And  
23 you deal directly with that contract.

24                  Right?

25                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

1                   What I'll do is, I'll  
2 reach out to Nicolotti and your  
3 contact just to make sure that ---.

4                   MR. PETRUCCI:

5                   Right. I'll give you  
6 all the information.

7                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8                   If it doesn't get cut,  
9 it ---.

10                  MS. SAPP:

11                  Then it will be back  
12 onto him, so I don't think it's --- no  
13 one should go. We should not be going  
14 to Nicolotti to say we're not cutting  
15 the grass anymore, the state is  
16 cutting the grass. That can't happen.

17                  MR. PETRUCCI:

18                  We don't own the  
19 property.

20                  MS. SAPP:

21                  It doesn't matter, we're  
22 in a contract.

23                  MR. PETRUCCI:

24                  Well, technically, we're  
25 trespassing.



1                   MS. SAPP:

2                   No.

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   Yes.

5                   MS. SAPP:

6                   We were in a contract.

7                   MR. PETRUCCI:

8                   Because I just went  
9 through this will Bill up here. And  
10 if you let me finish, I'll tell you  
11 what else happened down there.

12                   I can put a sign ---.

13                   MS. SAPP:

14                   Well, no, you can't  
15 just ---.

16                   MR. PETRUCCI:

17                   These are things that  
18 the council and the state authority,  
19 he will get permits to renew for these  
20 sites so they can plant flowers and  
21 stuff down there. They need permits  
22 for all that.

23                   I mean ---.

24                   MS. SAPP:

25                   All I'm saying is,

1 Scott, you as the business manager,  
2 you're the only one who can say that,  
3 what they're approved for as Mayor and  
4 Council.

5 You can't just go to ---  
6 a council person can't go to a vendor  
7 and say stop cutting the grass.

8 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9 I'm just hearing this  
10 for the first time, so I'm going to  
11 --- I'm going to have to look into  
12 that. Appearing under a contract with  
13 somebody to cut grass, and now I'm  
14 hearing that we might not even own the  
15 grass that we're cutting.

16 MR. PETRUCCI:

17 We don't.

18 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

19 So I'd like to look at  
20 the contract. I'd like to see the  
21 circumstances behind the contract, on  
22 why we have that and figure out why  
23 we're cutting grass that we don't own.

24 MS. SAPP:

25 Okay.

1                   And how long have we  
2                   been cutting it?

3                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4                   Do we have an  
5                   intramunicipal agreement? Do we have  
6                   some sort of agreement with the state  
7                   that requires to do that?

8                   MR. BLACKWELL:

9                   No. The municipality  
10                  has been involved in that site for a  
11                  long time, with the CDC and different  
12                  organizations. And I had personally  
13                  taken a mower down there many years  
14                  ago. Howard Mason did. People did  
15                  that.

16                  I think what happened,  
17                  is that the municipality started  
18                  cutting --- there was some sort of  
19                  arrangement where they said that they  
20                  would help out as part of the  
21                  beautification.

22                  There's a welcome to  
23                  Penn Hills sign there, so I think it  
24                  was an effort to the municipality to  
25                  contribute to the welcome to Penn

1 Hills sign, the beautification of that  
2 sign.

3 It's just been under 25  
4 years ago. I think it was 20 years  
5 ago.

6 MS. SAPP:

7 And if we're paying him,  
8 we had to go into a contract.

9 MR. BLACKWELL:

10 Yeah, but I think it was  
11 something --- it was the  
12 municipality's contribution to the  
13 beautification of that site that  
14 prompted it, cutting grass that we  
15 don't own.

16 MS. SAPP:

17 Yeah, so that would have  
18 to be voted on. One person can't ---  
19 not any one of us up here can just go  
20 to that contractor, that vendor and  
21 say stop cutting that grass. We don't  
22 have that authority.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 The next item on my list  
25 is the --- I spoke about The Progress

1        --- I'm going to pass these up. Pass  
2 that up, please.

3                        Now, if you notice, once  
4 you get these, item C, it will tell  
5 you that 6,600 folks in our community  
6 does not get The Progress. 14,000  
7 did. And they're proposing that item  
8 C, option C would be the best way to  
9 go about that, and that would be doing  
10 some kind of leaflet --- like, a  
11 newsletter put into The Progress and  
12 also to the 6,600 people. But this  
13 --- this isn't going to work either.

14                        Scott had given us  
15 another one that was for a Hometown  
16 --- Hometown Express, which isn't  
17 going to work, because here's the  
18 thing. You need --- you need to give  
19 people information on a weekly basis.  
20 You can't just give it to them twice a  
21 year.

22                        I think the testing  
23 program that I initially said before,  
24 from a phone, will be brought --- the  
25 proper way to get information out to

1 the municipalities, the residents,  
2 just like in a time of crisis. But  
3 we're trying to spend the money and go  
4 through trip media, I don't think it's  
5 worth it, I really don't. I mean,  
6 it's there for you to review. The 17  
7 cents, as they're saying --- if we  
8 take it to the post office, it's going  
9 to cost 17 cents apiece. And you're  
10 paying it for 6,600.

11 Just remember, if we put  
12 it out twice a year, you're only  
13 putting out what's happened on one  
14 half of the year and on the second  
15 portion you put out on what's happened  
16 on --- on the second portion, you  
17 wouldn't have cancellations or road  
18 closures or anything on it so ---. I  
19 think the texting idea is much better.

20 And I believe Scott  
21 brought an idea that if we put it into  
22 the water bills that we're going to  
23 start a texting program from an app  
24 like Savvy Citizen, everybody would  
25 get it. And this way we all get all

1 the information ---.

2 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

3 Our IT department has  
4 been looking around at some options.  
5 I know some of our neighbors have a  
6 similar program, where they could send  
7 a text out to a big group of people,  
8 some information of road closures,  
9 perhaps a link to a story, things of  
10 that nature. He's looking into that.

11 I think somebody  
12 mentioned Citizen Savvy and they  
13 looked at that, too, I actually went  
14 on the website and looked for that. I  
15 know Jesse's looking into some of the  
16 --- some of the ---.

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 What we were looking at  
19 before.

20 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21 Yeah.

22 MR. UNDERWOOD:

23 I think there was an app  
24 for services.

25 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

1 I don't know that.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 We looked at Savvy  
4 Citizen that was, what, a year ago,  
5 Catherine?

6 MS. SAPP:

7 They were really  
8 reasonable. I think we calculated  
9 something that it was maybe \$1,200 a  
10 year.

11 But when does the school  
12 board --- what does the school  
13 district do when they send it out to  
14 the parents? Is there it like option  
15 C or something like that. Wouldn't  
16 that be sufficient?

17 If not a two-way  
18 communication, and it gives all the  
19 parents ---?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Yeah, it's like Savvy  
22 Citizen.

23 MS. SAPP:

24 So maybe --- yeah, we  
25 can look at what the school district



1 is doing and just kind of piggy-back  
2 off of --- off of their communication,  
3 because all of those parents are being  
4 notified.

5 But Savvy Citizen was  
6 very reasonable, if I remember  
7 correctly?

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 Yes, it is.

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 Jesse, is looking at  
12 different vendors to supply that kind  
13 of technology. You know, we have to  
14 purchase the policy that --- you know,  
15 to find a good --- you know, the best  
16 deal.

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Okay. All right.

19 I'm going to try to move  
20 on here. On July 8, 2019 we had  
21 sewage analysis that I requested. I'd  
22 like to thank Scott Andrejchak again  
23 for addressing my request. Thank Rick  
24 Minsterman for --- his presentation.  
25 It was excellent.

1                   Thank the Mayor for her  
2 interview on the history of the sewage  
3 and you are welcome to that  
4 information and don't forget to thank  
5 the former Mayor if you see him for  
6 his interviews.

7                   I hope all of you have  
8 some idea of what the history of the  
9 sewer system is and where we are  
10 today.

11                   As the old saying goes,  
12 the sins of our fathers follow us past  
13 administration and put us where we are  
14 today, and nobody look ahead to the  
15 future. It was the politically  
16 incorrect imposed sewer fee, and now  
17 we're stuck paying for their mistakes.

18                   We must look to the  
19 future of Penn Hills and see what  
20 would benefit the community,  
21 regionalization or remodernization  
22 (sic) of our plants and treating our  
23 own sewage. We have learned from our  
24 mistakes. Any options should be  
25 placed on the ballot for people to

1 vote on. It's a decision that the  
2 community must make as a whole.

3 On June 20th I attended  
4 the economic development meeting ---  
5 the economic development meeting, I  
6 wish more people would attend. They  
7 do a wonderful job.

8 They had a couple  
9 keynote speakers there. There's an  
10 organization called New Sun Rising.  
11 New Sun Rising is a non-profit  
12 501(3)(c) (sic). It's a community  
13 development organization with a  
14 mission to revitalize communities  
15 throughout the Commonwealth.

16 What they're doing is,  
17 they're coming in, they're did some  
18 work in Millville and the economic  
19 development team reached out to them.  
20 And we're trying to get them to come  
21 in and help us out with the economic  
22 development out of our town itself.

23 But that --- and we had  
24 entered --- introduction of a new  
25 member, Alan Waldron. And we want to

1 welcome Alan Waldron to the economic  
2 development team.

3 On July 3rd, I met with  
4 Brittany Norris, Joe Costa, Chief  
5 Burton and Scott Andrejchak about the  
6 new dog kennels that we're getting  
7 donated. Brittany Norris and her team  
8 raised \$3,200 in donations so that  
9 they could purchase these new kennels  
10 for the municipality, and we are  
11 getting one large kennel for the  
12 outside and two kennels for the  
13 inside.

14 Thank you Brittany and  
15 your team for all your hard work.

16 Basically again, it's  
17 the same as the Mayor echoed before.  
18 I'd like to acknowledge manager Scott  
19 Andrejchak. Diane Fitzhenry and Chuck  
20 Miller on handling the storm of July  
21 11. They did an outstanding job  
22 assessing multiple situations that  
23 were brought by a storm.

24 I would also like to  
25 thank the first responders to the fire

1 department that are handling  
2 everything from pumping basements to  
3 flooded roads, I personally thank you.  
4 To the police officer that handled  
5 traffic control on part of the roads  
6 and answered hundreds of calls in the  
7 pouring rain. I personally thank you.

8 And Mayor Kuhn for  
9 overseeing the community as always,  
10 thank you. I was called many times  
11 that day to get updates and answer  
12 calls and texts.

13 You have to remember,  
14 this is an act of nature, and you  
15 cannot stop nature. You just let her  
16 do her thing and hope for the best.  
17 I, too, had water damage, and just a  
18 little bit of input. I have 284 feet  
19 of French drain around my house and a  
20 sump pump in my basement, so if you  
21 see, no matter what you do to prevent  
22 something like that, sometimes it  
23 fails.

24 Mother nature prevailed  
25 and she was strong that day. The

1 pipes couldn't take the amount of  
2 water that was falling from the sky,  
3 and the water had to go somewhere.

4 The same thing happened  
5 throughout Penn Hills. The pipes  
6 couldn't take the water, and so there  
7 was flooding that occurred. The  
8 creeks couldn't take any more water,  
9 the creeks over flooded.

10 And now, I was thinking  
11 --- I was also thinking about how  
12 about the holding tanks, the sewage, I  
13 don't know why I started thinking of  
14 that, but right now they have to be  
15 overflowing, and how is this going to  
16 affect our sewage system, so that's  
17 kind of the problems we had with that  
18 day. And again, everybody did a  
19 wonderful job.

20 That's all I have.

21 MS. KUHN:

22 Before we have the  
23 residents comment at the town meeting  
24 on the sewage our representative from  
25 Gateway had made a comment that some

1 people, obviously, must have taken not  
2 as he wanted the presentation to be  
3 taken.

4 So he had asked that at  
5 this meeting that he could put it on  
6 record and for the tape for everyone  
7 to see the actual comments he made and  
8 what he was referencing.

9 Rick, I'll give it to  
10 you.

11 MR. MINSTERMAN:

12 Thank you, Mayor.

13 Yes, thank you.

14 Apparently some of the comments, as I  
15 went through a dialogue about  
16 regionalization may have confused some  
17 folks. So that is my fault for not  
18 being clear.

19 So I wanted to clarify  
20 some of the statements I made at that  
21 meeting related to system  
22 regionalization.

23 I wanted to be clear  
24 that I'm not recommending Penn Hills  
25 give up sewers to the ALCOSAN through

1 this program. At the presentation, I  
2 tried to present both sides of the  
3 issue to inform residents of the  
4 program, and even provide some general  
5 pros and cons of the ALCOSAN program.

6 I discussed that Penn  
7 Hills was --- will still maintain the  
8 debt of the system, and do we want to  
9 continue to pay for sewers that we  
10 don't own anymore? Just posing a  
11 question.

12 Based on what ALCOSAN  
13 has presented Penn Hills so far, it is  
14 not beneficial to Penn Hills to  
15 relinquish sewer lines to ALCOSAN.

16 Mayor and council have  
17 been fighting and will continue to  
18 fight to improve the terms of the  
19 proposed agreement to give up Penn  
20 Hills sewers to ALCOSAN. So that the  
21 residents of Penn Hills will benefit  
22 from such a transaction.

23 It still remains to be  
24 seen if ALCOSAN will accept the terms  
25 presented by Penn Hills for Penn Hills



1 to consider giving up the sewers to  
2 ALCOSAN.

3 So that was all I really  
4 wanted to summarize and say so that at  
5 least my position was clear on the  
6 subject.

7 MS. KUHN:

8 Thank you, Rick. I  
9 appreciate that.

10 Are there any more  
11 reports from council?

12 MS. SAPP:

13 Mayor Kuhn?

14 MS. KUHN:

15 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

16 MS. SAPP:

17 I have a short report,  
18 because I know that the citizens are  
19 ready to have their turn.

20 I performed the report  
21 --- on the date of our storm before  
22 the last one, I don't have the date in  
23 front of me, there was a down tree and  
24 I'm so sorry, the Chief left already,  
25 because I wanted him to take this

1 report back to his officers.

2 But if you could, Scott,  
3 make sure that the officers get the  
4 recognition that I'm about to give  
5 them.

6 So Officer Josh  
7 Martinelli and Officer Jacob Smith,  
8 who our Mayor just installed on March  
9 11th, they both took their time in a  
10 rainstorm --- there was a resident  
11 that tree fell down on a house, and  
12 there were live wires as well. It was  
13 a dangerous situation.

14 The homeowner that the  
15 tree fell on was not happy; however,  
16 those officers were very concerned  
17 about this tree blocking the  
18 resident's home, in the event there  
19 would be an emergency, they asked for  
20 a chainsaw, and they actually came out  
21 and they chopped up that tree  
22 themselves.

23 The resident should have  
24 got out and chopped the tree, that was  
25 his own tree. Nevertheless, in the

1 rain, all the sawdust and everything  
2 else, they stood there in the rain  
3 without the proper rain gear on, took  
4 the weather, chopped up the tree and  
5 made sure that that resident was safe.

6 So I just thought that  
7 was very commendable, because they  
8 didn't have to do that, and I just  
9 want to make sure that they know that  
10 I saw it, I definitely give them the  
11 praise and the honor because they  
12 didn't have to do that. They went  
13 above and beyond their call of their  
14 duty, but that just goes to show you  
15 how Penn Hills officers really do care  
16 about our residents.

17 So if you could, Scott,  
18 please just give that recognition to  
19 Officer Josh Martinelli and Officer  
20 Jacob Smith. It was very commendable.

21 Got out in the rain, the  
22 lightning and made sure everyone was  
23 safe and even made sure that that  
24 resident, who should have been  
25 chopping up his own tree, they took

1 that and --- thank you.

2 MS. KUHN:

3 That's a really  
4 wonderful way to end our meeting on  
5 such a high note, showing how our  
6 police officers go the extra mile,  
7 so ---.

8 Any other reports?

9 Okay.

10 One of the residents who  
11 chose to be asked --- rather, asked to  
12 be on the agenda this week is not  
13 going to be here tonight. So we have  
14 a resident Mary Ruth Aull.

15 MS. AULL:

16 It's past my bedtime. I  
17 want to talk about the traffic  
18 situation on Idlewood Road. The speed  
19 limit's 25 miles per hour.

20 Residents on Idlewood  
21 Road have lived with this issue of  
22 speeding on our street for many years.  
23 It has become increasingly worse,  
24 especially over the last two years.  
25 Drivers just drive on our road like it

1 was a highway.

2 Twenty (20) some years  
3 ago, I complained to the, then, Mayor  
4 who imposed a 25 mile per hour speed  
5 sign across the street from my house,  
6 but no enforcement of the law. There  
7 are many signs on the road that say 25  
8 miles per hour.

9 Now, in the past six  
10 months --- six to nine months, we have  
11 had a head-on collision of the 400  
12 block, car crashing into the post as  
13 part 149 Idlewood Road and towed away.  
14 Two hit and runs; one in front of 135  
15 and the residents chased down the car  
16 to get the driver.

17 And recently, a hit and  
18 run in the 400 block, which two of the  
19 residents on Idlewood Road also came  
20 tonight to support this issue.

21 The one may not have  
22 been here tonight, because he lost his  
23 dog right where the hit and run driver  
24 drove by. And was going so fast that  
25 he knocked --- he or she knocked the

1 car that was in the resident's  
2 driveway into the lawn.

3 I personally have almost  
4 been hit at the bend of the road in  
5 front of 149 times two. Both times  
6 the driver --- both times I yelled at  
7 the driver that this is a 25  
8 mile-per-hour speed zone. And both  
9 drivers said fuck you, bitch and shut  
10 up, bitch.

11 One of the driver's  
12 almost ran head-on into an oncoming  
13 car. We deserve to have enforcement  
14 of the law on Idlewood Road. We pay  
15 taxes and deserve service.

16 We shouldn't be  
17 terrified to walk on Idlewood Road.  
18 Many of us walk our dogs on the road  
19 and school children walk to and from  
20 school and should be able to ride  
21 their bikes and some elderly just like  
22 to get exercise and walk, but there's  
23 a danger of being hit.

24 I shouldn't have to  
25 drive somewhere to walk my dog, and I

1 shouldn't be in terror of pulling out  
2 of my driveway for fear of being hit  
3 by a speeding car.

4 I live on a straightaway  
5 from the stop sign at Collins and  
6 Idlewood, and also the end of the bend  
7 of the road, with both areas are  
8 speeding areas.

9 I reported to the police  
10 and he said he would give my  
11 information to the traffic cop when he  
12 came in. I gave him my contact  
13 information and requested a reply as  
14 to what was going to be done. And he  
15 said he would give it to the traffic  
16 cop. I have heard nothing.

17 I submitted license  
18 plate numbers and car models and  
19 colors of the speeding cars that I  
20 witnessed to the police. This is not  
21 right, but I didn't even get a  
22 response back about what was going to  
23 be done, or nothing was going to be  
24 done. I feel we are living in  
25 lawlessness.

1 I attended the library  
2 police coffee event about six weeks  
3 ago and brought it up to the chief,  
4 who was there, and he said he would do  
5 some --- he would do something about  
6 it. Nothing's been done.

7 I'm afraid we're going  
8 to wait until someone gets killed on  
9 that road, because I myself have been  
10 almost hit with my dog when I was  
11 walking on that bend. It's just  
12 awful.

13 Thank you.

14 MS. KUHN:

15 Excuse me, what date did  
16 --- the date that you had spoke with  
17 the chief?

18 MS. AULL:

19 Oh, I didn't keep a  
20 record of that. It was --- oh, it was  
21 --- well, you could find out from the  
22 library. They had this coffee meeting  
23 with the police and the chief was  
24 there.

25 MS. KUHN:



1                   Okay.

2                   I would ask the manager  
3 if he will relate this statement that  
4 you made to my --- to our chief.

5                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

6                   Will do. Thank you for  
7 your patience.

8                   I saw the letter, I  
9 wasn't sure what the issue was. I had  
10 taken the letter up this afternoon. I  
11 wasn't sure whether it was speeding or  
12 what it was related to. It didn't say  
13 in the letter.

14                   But obviously, you can  
15 call our office at any time about  
16 these issues. I know that when it  
17 comes to speed enforcement they make  
18 decisions on where to put speed  
19 enforcement based on empirical  
20 evidence. So the fact that you're  
21 saying you know there's been accidents  
22 there, and it sounds like you have a  
23 record of that, you know, at least we  
24 didn't have any problem with this  
25 speed enforcement there, but I will

1 absolutely --- I will relay, not only  
2 the police department but the traffic  
3 safety committee and let them know  
4 about it.

5 It's something we take  
6 seriously, because we've had a lot of  
7 --- we have a lot of unfortunate  
8 incidents with car versus pedestrian,  
9 car versus car, we're all aware of  
10 this. Everybody needs to slow down.  
11 We've been saying it.

12 We actually installed  
13 some channelized devices to try to  
14 calm traffic in certain spaces. I  
15 don't know whether that's feasible  
16 there, but there's different things we  
17 can look at. But this is the first  
18 time I'm hearing of it, but I will  
19 absolutely bring it up to the police  
20 department.

21 So thank you for your  
22 patience.

23 MS. AULL:

24 I don't know why a  
25 police cruiser can't sit on the road

1 and stop a couple cars. If word would  
2 get around ---.

3 MR. SANTANA:

4 The police  
5 department ---.

6 MS. AULL:

7 Warn them that the speed  
8 limit is 25 miles an hour.

9 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10 It's a determination  
11 that they make based on crash data and  
12 such. We get a lot of requests --- I  
13 get calls a lot for --- you know,  
14 requests for the police to sit in a  
15 circle. They just don't have the  
16 resources to do it. That isn't to say  
17 that they're not going to start. And  
18 they can't be everywhere at one time.  
19 They can't be ---.

20 MS. AULL:

21 Well, they don't have to  
22 be there all the time. If they just  
23 did it two or three times word would  
24 get around, don't speed on Idlewood.

25 MR. SANTANA:

1                   This is an area --- this  
2 is an area that is very, very  
3 dangerous.

4                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5                   Can you come up to the  
6 mic?

7                   MR. SANTANA:

8                   Absolutely.

9                   MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10                  And just state your  
11 name.

12                  MR. SANTANA:

13                  I'm sorry to interrupt.  
14 My name is Angel Santana, and I live  
15 at 351 Idlewood Road. Okay? My wife  
16 --- my wife was sitting in the living  
17 room and her car that was, I'd say  
18 about two foot into our driveway, was  
19 smashed into a pole the day before  
20 Memorial Day from a vehicle, okay,  
21 that we had previously complained  
22 about, license plates, make and model,  
23 it's repeat offenders all the time.

24                  I don't know if it's  
25 drug traffic coming from the

1 townhouses down near Orchard or what,  
2 but it's the same people over and  
3 over. Trying to drive on that road.

4 How do you walk around a  
5 bend, okay, when you can't see because  
6 there's bushes, but you only have one  
7 choice, to go around the cars that are  
8 illegally parked, okay, that sit on  
9 the side of the road, so it cuts it  
10 down into one lane. Someone's going  
11 to die.

12 There's going to be a  
13 head-on collision. Somebody's going  
14 to get hit. I don't walk my dogs on  
15 that road. I don't dare. I don't  
16 dare.

17 Like I said, I own a  
18 business, I own a home. And I don't  
19 feel safe to walk my dogs. It's  
20 crazy.

21 So we've complained  
22 before, nothing's been done. We need  
23 action, please.

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 This is the first time I

1 heard it in this room, so give us a  
2 chance to react to it and we'll be in  
3 touch.

4 MS. KUHN:

5 I'm very familiar with  
6 that bend. You're talking about a  
7 bend that goes down Orchard and you go  
8 down to get onto ---.

9 That bend, as you say,  
10 is taking your life into your own  
11 hands because of the fact that there  
12 is no good view from there. So if you  
13 could contact the chief, and also if  
14 you can see exactly how many accidents  
15 have taken place, because that would  
16 give us more leverage on it, too, but  
17 it's a safety factor, and it needs to  
18 be addressed.

19 And we ask our residents  
20 to bring information to us and to take  
21 down license plates, cars and what  
22 have you. So we can't ask for that  
23 --- for them to give us that  
24 information and then not act on it.

25 So if you could get some

1 type of report from the chief and if  
2 you have the phone number, I'd like  
3 you to make sure that you contact the  
4 residents even if it's not a positive  
5 way, they still should be contacted  
6 when they present something at a  
7 council meeting.

8 So like I said, if you  
9 could contact the chief, ask him to do  
10 some research on it, and that way we  
11 can get back to the residents. I  
12 don't want it to be that the residents  
13 come up to speak and give information  
14 and are never contacted.

15 MS. SAPP:

16 Mayor Kuhn, may I ask a  
17 question again?

18 MS. KUHN:

19 Go ahead.

20 MS. SAPP:

21 Did you say that there  
22 was a head-on collision already?

23 MS. AULL:

24 Yeah. There's been two,  
25 a hit and run and a ---.

1                   MR. SANTANA:

2                   The hit and run was  
3 where my wife's vehicle was involved,  
4 because the woman who came around that  
5 bend, her tires were squealing, and my  
6 wife just happened to look out our  
7 living room window, and smack.

8                   So 7:30 in the morning  
9 she spills her coffee on the couch and  
10 runs out onto the porch while this  
11 woman tries to put her car into drive  
12 and her front end is pushed in.

13                   MS. SAPP:

14                   Is that the head-on  
15 collision you're talking about?

16                   MR. SANATA:

17                   No.

18                   MS. SAPP:

19                   No? Okay. All right.

20                   Okay.

21                   MR. SANTANA:

22                   That's another one.

23                   MS. SAPP:

24                   Okay.

25                   How long ago was the



1 head-on collision, is what I want to  
2 know.

3 MS. AULL:

4 Huh?

5 MS. SAPP:

6 How long ago was the  
7 head-on collision? Was it this year,  
8 last year?

9 MS. AULL:

10 This year.

11 MS. SAPP:

12 This year, head-on  
13 collision, okay.

14 So Scott, is there any  
15 way that maybe traffic safety maybe  
16 can consider a speed bump? I don't  
17 know that --- I don't know what all  
18 goes into that. Well, I don't know  
19 what all goes into it, but if there's  
20 any way possible, maybe we can get a  
21 speed bump on there, and that could  
22 definitely handle the situation.

23 But I'm not promising  
24 anything, I'm just trying to come up  
25 with a solution.

1                   MS. KUHN:

2                   Cathy, I just wanted to  
3 ask, are speed bumps illegal?

4                   MR. SANTANA:

5                   Yes.

6                   MS. SAPP:

7                   I'm sorry.

8                   MR. BLACKWELL:

9                   They do have something  
10 called speed humps, which is a lesser  
11 amount bump.

12                   MS. SAPP:

13                   Okay.

14                   A speed hump, let me  
15 change that verbiage. I didn't know  
16 there was a difference between a hump  
17 and a bump.

18                   But anyway, yes ---.

19                   MR. SANTANA:

20                   When it snows, a truck  
21 has to lift the blade up, then go over  
22 and then come back ---.

23                   MS. SAPP:

24                   Plum has those on ---.

25                   MR. SANTANA:

1                   So it really would  
2 really cut it.

3                   MS. SAPP:

4                   Well, I know that --- I  
5 was going a little fast in Plum, and I  
6 didn't realize that they didn't have a  
7 speed hump. And I bet you I slowed  
8 down before I got to that next one.  
9 So ---.

10                  MS. KUHN:

11                  The only reason --- the  
12 only reason --- the only reason that I  
13 mentioned that is because a few years  
14 past it came up that we wanted to put  
15 speed bumps ---

16                  MS. SAPP:

17                  Okay.

18                  MS. KUHN:

19                  --- and our solicitor  
20 had told us that you're legally not  
21 permitted. I don't think they're even  
22 permitted in the shopping centers.

23                  MR. BLACKWELL:

24                  Well, this is referring  
25 to Idlewood Drive, so I'm not worried

1 about that.

2 MS. AULL:

3 They have them in other  
4 neighborhoods. They had them in Penn  
5 Hills shopping centers.

6 MS. SAPP:

7 So we'll look into a  
8 speed hump maybe.

9 MS. AULL:

10 Right.

11 MS. SAPP:

12 We'll get to that and  
13 then our business manager or the Mayor  
14 will get back with you.

15 MR. SANTANA:

16 Even stop signs? That  
17 would definitely slow everybody down.

18 MS. AULL:

19 They speed through the  
20 school campus like crazy, too.

21 MR. PIPER:

22 Hi, my name is Richard  
23 Piper, I live next to Mr. Santana, and  
24 I just want to say the morning that  
25 his wife's car was hit, I was ready to

1 step out of my driveway to walk my  
2 dog. If I had been a minute earlier I  
3 would have definitely hit or killed,  
4 or worse yet my dog.

5 There's always speeders  
6 up and down all the time. I went to  
7 Penn Hills Police Department the day  
8 before his car got hit and gave them  
9 information, plate numbers, cars,  
10 descriptions of the people, the whole  
11 nine yards.

12 I talked to a sergeant  
13 up there at court for a good hour, I  
14 gave him all this information, had it  
15 written down.

16 Also, there is cars that  
17 are illegally parked on the side.  
18 When you're going to go down Collins  
19 Street --- you're Idlewood, you're  
20 going to go down Collins, you have to  
21 wait for cars because of one side of  
22 the street is blocked.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 Are there no parking  
25 signs up?

1                   MR. PIPER:

2                   Yes, there is. They're  
3 all the time. It makes it a real pain  
4 to get around.

5                   And one more comment,  
6 please. I can't understand why it's  
7 so obvious that the 400 block of  
8 Idlewood Road is full of drugs and  
9 drug traffickers. There's drug deals  
10 going on all the time. I see it when  
11 I walk my dogs up the road ---.

12                   MR. PETRUCCI:

13                   Is that where the  
14 duplexes are?

15                   MR. PIPER:

16                   Yes. Yes. And this is  
17 going on all the time. It's so  
18 obvious. I cannot understand why the  
19 police --- what, they don't have Drug  
20 Task Force go in or something. It's  
21 so obvious.

22                   You can go up there 24  
23 hours a day, 7 days a week and buy  
24 drugs. No problem.

25                   MR. PETRUCCI:

1                   Weren't they all vacant  
2                   at one time, and then she threw  
3                   everybody out, because we did the  
4                   eviction notices on that through the  
5                   sheriff's office.

6                   MR. PIPER:

7                   I'm not sure.

8                   MR. PETRUCCI:

9                   Threw everybody out and  
10                  now everybody's back again, is that  
11                  what happened?

12                  MR. PIPER:

13                  I've lived there ---  
14                  I've owned my home for two years. My  
15                  brother just moved out, because he  
16                  couldn't take it anymore. He bought a  
17                  house somewhere else. My father-in-  
18                  law, he's leaving, because he can't  
19                  take it anymore.

20                  And it's just --- it is  
21                  obvious. That's where the problem  
22                  comes through. They use it through a  
23                  cut way. They come off universal,  
24                  they do about 50, okay? It's like a  
25                  NASCAR track.

1                   They come around the  
2 turns, they squeal tires, it's  
3 ridiculous. It's two o'clock in the  
4 morning, I can't sleep.

5                   MR. PETRUCCI:

6                   Talk to the chief about  
7 the drug activity, the 400 block.

8                   MR. AULL:

9                   My neighbors have  
10 residents that live in the duplexes  
11 who are good people and they were  
12 complaining about drugs there. And I  
13 said to my friend, why don't they call  
14 the police, they said because the  
15 police won't do anything about it.

16                  MS. SAPP:

17                  Well, we will --- Mayor  
18 and council will certainly --- we  
19 thank you, one, for coming out,  
20 because we don't know if you don't  
21 tell us.

22                  You know, there's only  
23 five of us, and Penn Hills is a huge  
24 municipality, so thank you for coming  
25 out and speaking to us, letting us



1 know, so we thank you for doing so.  
2 And I can rest you assure that the  
3 Mayor and council will definitely be  
4 looking into it for you.

5 MS. AULL:

6 Thank you.

7 MR. SANTANA:

8 I don't understand why  
9 people can get caught selling drugs,  
10 they're still living there. I think  
11 there's laws in public housing that  
12 why --- you know, when people got drug  
13 convictions and this and that, why are  
14 they still living there? I don't get.

15 I honestly don't understand.

16 You were saying about  
17 your litter program, I think that's a  
18 wonderful idea. It is. But when I  
19 drive by there, there's mattresses out  
20 and it's Thursday night ---

21 MS. AULL:

22 It's horrible.

23 MR. SANTANA:

24 --- and it stays there  
25 for a week. A box TV, for a week, it

1 sits outside.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Who's putting that out,  
4 the landlord?

5 MR. SANTANA:

6 I have no idea. I have  
7 no idea. I guess it's the residents.  
8 I'm not sure.

9 MS. SAPP:

10 While you're here  
11 tonight, see our business manager,  
12 Scott Andrejchak. His office is  
13 always open. His phone rings, he  
14 picks it up and he will call you back.  
15 And as the Mayor stated --- I'll give  
16 it to you in one second --- as the  
17 Mayor stated you will get a phone call  
18 back from someone, she'll make sure of  
19 that.

20 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21 I don't know what the  
22 appropriate answer is to it. I mean,  
23 obviously there's a lot ideas that  
24 we're talking about. Some may be  
25 better than others, but it is

1 something we'll follow up with the  
2 police department about, and we'll  
3 find the right answer for it.

4 MS. AULL:

5 What's your phone  
6 number?

7 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8 There might be more than  
9 one answer. It's 412-342-1086. And I  
10 have your phone number, so just give  
11 me a little time, and I'll be getting  
12 back to you. I'll call you, because  
13 your name is on here. You can let  
14 your neighbors know.

15 It doesn't sound like  
16 it's a problem that doesn't have a  
17 solution.

18 MS. AULL:

19 Right.

20 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21 It's just a matter of  
22 finding the right answer to it.

23 MS. AULL:

24 Thank you.

25 MS. KUHN:

1 Thank you for coming.

2 MS. JAVIA:

3 My name is Nicole Javia,  
4 I live on Highland, and I first want  
5 to thank --- they're not my direct  
6 neighbors, but my Penn Hills neighbors  
7 for bringing this to the forefront.

8 One of the effects of  
9 social media --- I know that Mayor,  
10 you've respectfully have mentioned it  
11 in the meeting that there can be  
12 problems with information, people  
13 wanting to cause, for lack of a better  
14 word, drama.

15 But I knew about this  
16 meeting, I knew about that other  
17 neighbors were having issues with  
18 traffic because of social media. Not  
19 Facebook, but other methods.

20 And I think that one of  
21 the reasons why people go to social  
22 media is because we're not here ---  
23 you guys are only a few members of our  
24 community. So taking that on at an  
25 app, as Councilman Petrucci had

1 mentioned, would be very helpful.  
2 There'd be increased transparency, it  
3 would also let us know, hey, you are  
4 seen, we know you, it's not a state of  
5 emergency, calm down. But that is  
6 what is happening.

7 So I am definitely on  
8 board with that.

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 There is an app, just to  
11 let you know.

12 MS. JAVIA:

13 Yes, there is. I'm  
14 aware of the app.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 There's one that's one  
17 that's on this table to do. There is  
18 an app that's run by a volunteer.

19 It gets a lot of the  
20 stories out and so on.

21 MS. JAVIA:

22 There's an Next Door app  
23 that I was aware of, but I also ---.

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 This is Penn Hills.

1                   MS. JAVIA:

2                   This is Penn Hills?

3                   MR. PETRUCCI:

4                   It's its own app, and it  
5 is updated pretty frequently. There's  
6 a lot of information on it. So it is  
7 free and this is Penn Hills.

8                   MS. JAVIA:

9                   And that's wonderful.  
10 But it was mentioned about trash  
11 issue. On Highland we have people  
12 that cut through that neighborhood and  
13 speed very, very fast. I would say up  
14 to 60, sometimes 70 miles per hour,  
15 and then one straightaway.

16                   I have lived there 20  
17 years. My children right now are  
18 teenagers, but I could never let them  
19 play anywhere near the streets, not  
20 that they would play on the street,  
21 but even in our front yard for fear of  
22 that.

23                   It is not acceptable  
24 that someone does that on our road.  
25 Any of our roads.

1                   When our neighbor called  
2 we were told we could not put a speed  
3 bump because of the snow plows. I  
4 find that not a good answer. There  
5 has to be an answer. We were told you  
6 cannot have a speed hump or bump  
7 because there's a traffic speed limit  
8 sign.

9                   Well, obviously, if  
10 someone wants to speed they're not  
11 going to say, oh, it's 25 miles, I  
12 need to stop. They're going to speed  
13 if they're not speeding.

14                   So I do want --- I don't  
15 know if cameras would be acceptable.  
16 I understand that the police have  
17 other things that they need to deal  
18 with. There's a higher priority,  
19 obviously, with other felonies being  
20 committed.

21                   But it is not acceptable  
22 that we cannot walk in our  
23 neighborhoods because people are  
24 speeding.

25                   So that's my first

1 thing. I just want to thank the  
2 neighbors who left.

3 The second issue I  
4 wanted to address is the fireworks.  
5 The noise ordinance is to keep --- the  
6 noise is a nuisance, but my main  
7 concern is that the proximity to  
8 buildings.

9 Being the fireworks that  
10 are being let off in our neighborhood  
11 is primarily on Janice, which is  
12 parallel to Highland. They are being  
13 let off in a much smaller proximity  
14 than 150 feet, which I believe is the  
15 mandate from the state. And please  
16 correct me if I have that incorrect.

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 You're right.

19 MS. JAVIA:

20 It is in their backyard  
21 near over the trees, well within 150  
22 feet of my home, within 10 feet of the  
23 building next door.

24 And we can call the  
25 police, but by the time they'd get



1       there, the fireworks have been  
2       discharged already. So that is an  
3       issue that I think needs to be  
4       addressed.

5                       I'm not saying we need  
6       to get a decibel counter, just enforce  
7       what is already there. I don't know  
8       if it's public education, but that is  
9       --- that is a huge issue that I think  
10      needs to be addressed.

11                      MS. WILSON:

12                      I agree.

13                      MS. KUHN:

14                      Thank you.

15                      Just so everyone  
16      understand, the comments that are made  
17      of reports and that by council that  
18      really aren't to be discussed at the  
19      --- by the audience. They are to ---  
20      they need to be put on the agenda in  
21      order to make a comment.

22                      But as my position has  
23      been as Mayor, is if you take the time  
24      to come to a council meeting, I'm not  
25      going to silence you.

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MS. WILSON:

Hi. Roslyn Wilson, 128 Woodgate Road, I just wondered has there ever been any consideration of enlarging the recycling cans? You only do it every other week, and the cans are so small, I think it really hinders people doing anything --- you know, trying to --- you know, with our environment and what's going on, I think probably people would recycle more if the cans were larger or it was every week.

So I didn't know if there had ever been any consideration of a larger can?

MR. BRODNICKI:

I just want to tell you, there had not been considered a larger can. Well, we considered a larger can, a rolling can, but it would have been a large --- a huge expense to the municipality, if you're talking about getting them for every homeowner, something like that.

1                   But I will tell you  
2                   that, I personally purchased my own  
3                   rolling can, and it's much larger than  
4                   what we have now, and --- and you  
5                   know, the republic picks up, like ---  
6                   it's blue with the recycling symbol,  
7                   and they'll take it.

8                   So I know it puts a  
9                   burden on you to purchase it, but I  
10                  think it was like \$29 from Home Depot  
11                  or something.

12                  MR. ANDREJCHAK:

13                  What he's basically  
14                  saying is if we included a large  
15                  container for everyone in Penn Hills  
16                  as part of our contract, ---

17                  MR. BRODNICKI:

18                  Yah, it's a couple  
19                  hundred thousand ---.

20                  MR. ADNREJCHAK:

21                  --- we would be paying  
22                  more than the million dollars more  
23                  than we're already paying is the  
24                  situation.

25                  MR. BRODNICKI:

1 Right

2 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

3 It sounds like, if you  
4 use a larger container, they'll  
5 service that container.

6 MR. BRODNICKI:

7 That's correct.

8 MS. WILSON:

9 Okay. Thank you.

10 MS. KUHN:

11 Do I have a motion for  
12 adjournment?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Mayor, I motion for  
15 adjournment.

16 MS. KUHN:

17 Wow.

18 MS. SAPP:

19 Second.

20 MS. KUHN:

21 Motion made and  
22 seconded. This meeting is adjourned.  
23 Thank you again for attending.

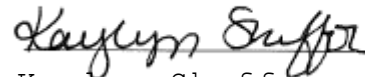
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