

BEFORE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
PENN HILLS

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IN RE: MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

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BEFORE: SARA JAYNE KUHN, Mayor
GARY N. UNDERWOOD, Member
JOHN PETRUCCI, Member
MARK A. BRODNICKI, Member
SCOTT ANDREJCHAK, Manager
CRAIG ALEXANDER, Solicitor
SHEREE STRAYER, Financial
Director
RICK MINSTERMAN, Engineer
CHRISTOPHER C. BLACKWELL,
Planning Director
MAUREEN SORCE, Managers'
Secretary

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1 HEARING: Monday, August 19, 2019

2 7:18 p.m.

3 LOCATION: Penn Hills Administration

4 102 Duff Road

5 Pittsburgh, PA 15235

6 WITNESSES: Vince Lauder, Chief Howard

7 Burton, Tamim Choudhury,

8 Bill Jeffcoat, Bill Motts,

9 Pauline Calabrese, Kevin

10 Sydella, Brandi Whitecloud

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MAYOR KUHN:

Good evening, everyone.

It's so nice to see a full house at our council meetings, what we all hope for, because we represent you, the people, and we feel that you all should have the information and knowledge of what your Mayor and Council are doing.

There are going to be several changes to the agenda tonight. They're not really --- we're just rearranging some things.

First of all, we're going to have --- number one, will be the approval of the agenda.

And then number two is the Pledge of Allegiance.

Number three will be roll call.

Number four swearing in the Penn Hills police officers.

Number five, recognition of Penn Hills police officers.

1 Six, recognition of
2 firefighters.

3 Seven, the Mayor's FYI,
4 for your information.

5 And eight, a small
6 business administration presentation
7 pertaining to the flooding situation
8 that Penn Hills had to endure through
9 July.

10 There will be an added
11 under agreements. Number three is
12 added, and that is to approve contract
13 addendum with Keystone Collection Group
14 to allow for installment payments on
15 real estate taxes. So I hope that's
16 not too confusing, but the agenda will
17 stand as I presented it.

18 If we could please stand
19 for our Pledge of Allegiance?

20 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 As you know, we have the
23 annual SummerFest Festival, and our
24 parks and recreation director did a
25 fabulous job as he always does. Is

1 John in the audience? John?

2 All right.

3 If the manager just could
4 relay to him it was a wonderful job
5 that he did and each year it grows.
6 And that is so good for Penn Hills,
7 because of the fact that the size of
8 our municipality we should have
9 functions that people even other than
10 our own residents attend.

11 So we do have a short
12 video that we wanted to show to let
13 everyone see some of the highlights.

14 MR. LAUDER:

15 Thank you very much,
16 Mayor Kuhn and Council. I'm Vince
17 Lauder, with B.B. Productions. We
18 started a couple months ago, as a lot
19 of you have seen us here and our crew
20 doing your broadcast of your council
21 meetings.

22 So we're excited to
23 announce that --- we kind of
24 experimented with it last month as many
25 of you know. Tonight we are ---

1 actually started it officially,
2 livestreaming the event. So I want to
3 look at the camera here and say we want
4 to welcome everybody watching at home,
5 and on their mobile devices tonight
6 anywhere in the world, so --- and that
7 is on YouTube.

8 If you go to YouTube and
9 type in municipality of Penn Hills,
10 you'll see all the videos that we've
11 done. And you can actually see this
12 livestream on the air right now,
13 so ---.

14 And I want to thank
15 Manager Scott and John Petrucci, who
16 really had the vision to --- as well as
17 the council here to bring us in. And
18 Mayor, thank you very much, so ---.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Thank you.

21 MR. LAUDER:

22 So in addition to
23 covering the council meetings, we have
24 been asked by some of the different
25 departments and Manager Scott to start

1 to cover some of the events that Penn
2 Hills --- you guys are doing some great
3 events here and really accentuate and
4 show some of the fun, positive things
5 going on here in Penn Hills.

6 Get them up on the
7 internet, get them on YouTube and that
8 way when people do Google searches,
9 it's really going to be really good to
10 see some of these positive videos
11 mixing in with all the other news and
12 events and stuff that's happening in
13 the municipality.

14 So we did this video.
15 We've covered --- along with Jessie
16 and my production team, went out and
17 covered your SummerFest. We thought
18 we'd just do like a five-minute video.
19 So hopefully it plays okay. I hope you
20 enjoy. Here it is.

21 ---

22 (WHEREUPON, VIDEO WAS PLAYED.)

23 ---

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 It was a great event.

1 And just like Light Up Night, it grows
2 every year. And as John stated on the
3 tape, it is such a positive thing for
4 our community. And everyone had a good
5 time, no problems.

6 With that, let me see.

7 Roll call?

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mr. Brodnicki?

10 MR. BRODNICKI:

11 Here.

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Deputy Mayor Sapp? Mr.

14 Underwood?

15 MR. UNDERWOOD:

16 Here.

17 MS. SORCE:

18 Mr. Petrucci?

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 Here.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Mayor Kuhn?

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Here.

25 Okay.

1 Next, it is our pleasure
2 to swear in three of our new police
3 officers. So if I could please have
4 James Johe, I hope I don't mispronounce
5 your name. If he could come up to the
6 front. Benjamin Druskin and Ryan
7 Terek.

8 Mayor Council --- I mean,
9 if Council would like to come down with
10 the Mayor while I swear in these young
11 men, you are more than happy to.

12 Here's our chief. Come
13 on, Howard. We have had so many of our
14 police officers retire, and as we lose
15 one, we bring one in. And each time,
16 as I swear an officer in, which is a
17 great privilege for me, I express they
18 keep looking younger and younger and
19 younger.

20 Okay.

21 How I will do this --- do
22 I do all three at once? Okay. I'll do
23 all three at once. And when I say I,
24 you just say your name and then you
25 repeat the oath, and I will go very

1 slowly so that you don't have a
2 difficult time.

3 Okay.

4 Municipality of Penn
5 Hills, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
6 oath of office. Raise your right hand.

7 ---

8 (WHEREUPON, OFFICER JAMES JOHE, OFFICER
9 BENJAMIN DRUSKIN AND OFFICER RYAN TEREK
10 WERE SWORN IN.)

11 ---

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 You will find that the
14 people of Penn Hills are very open,
15 very kind and very family oriented, and
16 they respect our police officers
17 because of the fact they've never given
18 us reason not to.

19 That being said, as a
20 mother and a grandmother, which I could
21 be both to all three of you --- now,
22 Howard, that doesn't include you --- we
23 all want you to perform your duties to
24 the best of your ability, but we also
25 don't want any of you taking any

1 unnecessary chances because of the fact
2 your families want you to come home
3 every night just like everyone else.

4 And the environment that
5 we're in at this point in time, you
6 have to be extremely careful. So don't
7 be careless, do a good job and always
8 be aware of your surroundings.

9 Thank you.

10 Would Council like to say
11 anything?

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Just be safe.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Okay.

16 Be safe is what he said.

17 Now, I don't know if you
18 have family members or friends who
19 would like to take photos. They're
20 more than welcome to come up and take
21 them. And I will get rid of the mic
22 and give you your ---.

23 Everyone, please welcome
24 our newest police officers. We still
25 have others. It's been a fun night.

1 All good positive things.

2 ---

3 (WHEREUPON, AN OFF RECORD DISCUSSION
4 WAS HELD.)

5 ---

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Mayor and Council, our
8 manager and our chief are privileged to
9 award a certificate of recognition to
10 Officer Preston Peterson and Sergeant
11 David Wilkinson. Could both of you
12 come up front?

13 He thinks because of the
14 fact we grew up together that he can
15 tell the Mayor what to do and when to
16 do it. At least we don't disagree.

17 Chief Howard Burton will
18 give a presentation on the exact things
19 that these two officers have done for
20 one of our residents and how important
21 they were, in not only saving her life,
22 but also saving her leg.

23 So he will describe,
24 exactly, the conditions.

25 CHIEF BURTON:

1 Thank you.

2 Yeah, actually the
3 recognition is --- pretty much states
4 what happened, but I'd like to give a
5 little background. This actually
6 occurred on July 9th --- or July 17th,
7 about 7:50 at night.

8 Now, what happened is the
9 officer got a call --- and I'm reading
10 directly from Officer Peterson's
11 report. Now, we can't mention any
12 names or anything of that nature
13 because of HIPAA rules and regulations.
14 However, I'll take parts out to give an
15 idea of what happened.

16 It was reported that a
17 person had been hit by a train --- this
18 is Officer Peterson's report. As I
19 arrived on scene, Sergeant Wilkinson
20 was on scene and making his way down
21 hillside toward the individual struck
22 by the train.

23 I went down the hillside
24 and both Sergeant Wilkinson and I
25 arrived at the female together. The

1 female was lying on the ground near the
2 shoulder of the railroad tracks, was
3 crying out in pain. I began emergency
4 response procedures. We observed that
5 the victim's right leg was severely
6 disfigured and bleeding.

7 Sergeant Wilkinson took
8 out his tourniquet, handed it to me and
9 he held direct pressure on the wound
10 until I applied the tourniquet to the
11 right leg. I then took over
12 responsibility of keeping pressure on
13 the wound.

14 About 757 hours, Penn
15 Hills EMS and fire and rescue arrived
16 on scene and took over the medical
17 treatment responsibilities. Stabilized
18 the patient and transferred her to the
19 local hospital.

20 At follow-up, the next
21 day, Diane Fitzhenry, the director of
22 our EMS division, contacted the
23 hospital to follow up on this young
24 lady, having had no idea what the
25 status was.

1 In response, not reciting
2 all the medical terms, I couldn't
3 pronounce them anyway, but they said
4 I've been asked by trauma staff to
5 thank you and your team, both EMS and
6 PD for the care provided prior to
7 arrival.

8 That care was a dominant
9 factor in his patient's survival. In
10 addition, it states and the recognition
11 here will state the officers not only
12 saved her life, but they actually saved
13 the leg. She is going through a lot of
14 rehab naturally and a lot of plastic
15 surgery to put the leg together, but
16 they did save the leg also and due to
17 the quick actions of these two
18 officers, EMS and fire.

19 So that's why we're here
20 tonight, to give recognition.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Mayor and Council manager
23 and our chief are privileged to award a
24 certificate of recognition to Officer
25 Preston Peterson and Sergeant David

1 Wilkinson. Whereas Officer Preston
2 Peterson and Sergeant David Wilkinson
3 had rendered outstanding service as a
4 police officer to the Penn Hills
5 community and deserve special
6 recognition.

7 Whereas their dedication
8 and great deal of pride and hard work
9 have earned for both Officer Preston
10 Peterson and Sergeant David Wilkinson
11 the respect of their fellow workers.

12 Now, therefore on behalf
13 of Mayor and Council and all of our
14 citizens, I am pleased to give the
15 certificate of recognition to both
16 Sergeant David Wilkinson and Officer
17 Preston Peterson with our sincere
18 thanks for their dedication, service
19 and outstanding efforts in Penn Hills
20 helping to keep our citizens and
21 community safer.

22 Both Officer Preston
23 Peterson and Sergeant David Wilkinson
24 responded to an injured woman on the
25 train tracks in North Penn Hills. They

1 were instrumental in not only saving
2 her life but saving her leg as well.

3 This took place July of
4 2018 --- '19, sorry. In witness
5 whereof, I have here unto set my hand
6 and cause to be affixed the seal of the
7 Municipality of Penn Hills on this 19th
8 day of August, 2019. It's my privilege
9 to sign your certificate. Thank you so
10 much.

11 We all thank you. I
12 mean, this is over and above what your
13 job descriptions are. So thank you for
14 making Penn Hills safe and looking so
15 proud.

16 CHIEF BURTON:

17 I would like to mention
18 just very quickly, that we have an
19 awful lot of help from our firemen out
20 there, and from EMS. Mrs. Fitzhenry
21 does a tremendous job with our people.
22 So it wasn't just us alone. We had a
23 whole group of people who all came
24 together for one cause, and that was to
25 save that young lady's life, and we

1 were fortunate enough that it all
2 worked out.

3 So we do appreciate your
4 help from the firemen and the EMS. So
5 you're not going unnoticed. Thank you.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 This is a great honor for
8 myself. My firemen are well aware of
9 what they mean to me. It is my
10 privilege and honor to recognize Penn
11 Hills Voluntary Fire Company and our
12 volunteer firefighters.

13 Mayor and Council take
14 great pride in acknowledging everything
15 our volunteer firefighters do and have
16 done throughout the years.

17 As their Mayor, I never
18 miss an opportunity to remind each and
19 every resident of their service,
20 dedication and the risk each of them
21 take in order to keep our residents and
22 community safe from harm.

23 This was never more
24 evident than our past fire that was so
25 devastating, caused such destruction,

1 it caused injury to those who are
2 volunteers, came out answering the
3 call, placing their personal safety
4 aside. Performing their job as they
5 were trained to do.

6 Unfortunately, this call
7 caused injury to four of our long-term
8 firefighters, and we were fortunate
9 there weren't more.

10 As Mayor of Penn Hills,
11 I'm requesting management to include in
12 the 2020 budget some form of additional
13 funding for our volunteer fire
14 companies.

15 If the budget is unable
16 to find the needed revenue, then my
17 question is, how will we find the
18 revenue if we would have to pay for
19 firefighters and not have our
20 volunteers.

21 Mayor and Council's
22 gratitude and appreciation is also
23 extended to our EMS director Diane
24 Fitzhenry.

25 Are you here, Diane? No.

1 I've known Diane since she was 18. She
2 has probably participated in every
3 possible decision in this municipality,
4 and as our officer was so kind, she
5 does have heart for this town and the
6 residents in it.

7 We also want to recognize
8 our fire marshal, Chuck Miller. Come
9 on, Chuck, stand up. Don't be bashful.
10 Our manager, Scott. Stand up, Scott.
11 Our chief of police. Did he leave?
12 And all police officers who assisted in
13 this tragedy.

14 Every opportunity that I
15 have, I express to the public how
16 fortunate we are to have the volunteer
17 fire companies and the volunteer
18 firemen that we have.

19 These volunteers who give
20 so much and ask for so little, their
21 interests do not present self-loathing.
22 What they do have is the utmost honor
23 and integrity. If only we all could
24 follow their leads.

25 I also want to

1 acknowledge and thank our neighboring
2 communities and their volunteer fire
3 companies. I believe it was Oakmont,
4 am I correct, and Verona who came to
5 the assistance and helped our volunteer
6 firemen.

7 So we thank you who
8 always make Penn Hills proud. I do
9 have recognition. My solicitor is
10 saying Monroeville and the City of
11 Pittsburgh also participated.

12 Is that correct?

13 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

14 Many. Many stations.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Okay.

17 I don't want to forget
18 anyone, because that's what neighbors
19 do. They come out, they assist and
20 they help when they they're needed.

21 If the chiefs of each of
22 our six volunteer fire companies could
23 come up. I know you don't like this
24 part of it. I see John sitting there
25 saying what is the Mayor doing. But we

1 need to recognize it.

2 All right.

3 John, you're up. A good
4 firemen, good chief and a good friend,
5 John Capone.

6 MR. JEFFCOAT:

7 Bill Jeffcoat. Thank
8 you, guys, very much.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 We want to thank you.
11 But I do want the audience and those
12 who will watch this on the videos to
13 put a face to the name of those who
14 protect us on a --- voluntarily.
15 There's no monetary value given to
16 them. Come on now.

17 MR. RHINE:

18 Allen Rhine, Station 224.
19 Thank you very much.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 And that's Point Breeze?

22 MR. RHINE:

23 Yes, ma'am.

24 MR. MCNICKENS:

25 Gerald McNickens, Station

1 225. Thad Stevens.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Thad Stevens.

4 MR. RAGER:

5 Russ Rager, I'm the
6 assistant chief, I'm standing in for
7 Dave Stanford, who is the chief for
8 Station 222, Rosedale.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Rosedale.

11 MR. RAGER:

12 Thank you.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 All right, sweetheart.

15 Look how young you are.

16 MR. GRIFFIN:

17 Ken Griffin,
18 representative of 221, filling in for
19 Devon.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 This is what we need, not
22 that I am in any way dismissing the
23 years of knowledge that our firemen
24 have, but unfortunately, the volunteers
25 for firemen are down, not just in Penn

1 Hills or Allegheny County, but
2 throughout our country.

3 So it's always wonderful
4 to see a young man giving his time and
5 attention to his community.

6 All right, gentlemen.
7 Each of them --- each of them have the
8 exact same wording. The Municipality
9 of Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, the County
10 of Allegheny proclamation, whereas, the
11 Penn Hills Volunteer Fire Service
12 protects the residents of Penn Hills
13 and keeps our residents and property
14 safe and deserves our special thanks
15 and gratitude. Whereas, their
16 dedication, pride and hard work has
17 earned the Penn Hills volunteer fire
18 service their respect of their
19 neighbors, co-workers and peers.
20 Whereas, the Penn Hills volunteer fire
21 service perform acts of great heroism
22 and bravery on the evening of July
23 29th, 2019 and deserves the thanks and
24 recognition of the entire community.

25 Now, therefore, I, Sara

1 Kuhn, as Mayor of Penn Hills, the
2 municipality, Commonwealth of
3 Pennsylvania does hereby proclaim
4 Tuesday, August 20th, 2019 is Penn
5 Hills Volunteer Fire Service Day in
6 Penn Hills, Pennsylvania.

7 Please join me and the
8 Council of Penn Hills in recognizing
9 these remarkable individuals for their
10 bravery and service. Support them
11 today and every day as a community by
12 donating, getting involved in helping
13 in any way we can. Dated and signed
14 Monday, August 19th, 2019.

15 Now, before I let them
16 sit down, I say this at the parades, I
17 say this no matter where I am at, these
18 volunteer firemen send out cards or
19 letters requesting donations. They
20 might start at \$30, go up to \$100. It
21 is not just a comment that I make when
22 I say --- unfortunately, they don't get
23 40 percent back.

24 So we all just take it
25 for granted that when something

1 happens, you'll see the fire truck
2 coming. If you can't afford \$30, \$40,
3 \$50 a year to support your fire
4 companies and firefighters, I have no
5 idea how you think you'd ever be able
6 to afford a paid fire company.

7 We all need to wake up
8 and realize what we have, what they do
9 and what we can do to help. It's very
10 sad that our firemen have to stand out
11 on the streets at a red light with a
12 boot asking everyone who passes by to
13 donate.

14 They do enough. They
15 shouldn't have to do that to protect
16 this community. Please give them a
17 hand. They are wonderful.

18 Let me --- so far
19 everything that was presented and
20 everything that was done was showing a
21 positive view of our community and of
22 our residents at this particular
23 meeting to this point.

24 Okay.

25 Next we have a

1 presentation by a small business
2 administration in regards to the
3 flooding that our community has
4 witnessed throughout July and August.

5 John, do you want to
6 introduce him?

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Yeah. Just, Mayor, I'm
9 going to read a brief statement from
10 the press release. SBA declares
11 disaster for July 21st, 22nd storms,
12 offering low interest rate loans.

13 Pittsburgh --- the U.S.
14 Small Business Administration, SBA, has
15 declared disaster in Allegheny County
16 for storm and flash flood damage
17 sustained July 21st and 22nd, 2019.
18 This designation will make financial
19 relief available to residents and
20 business owners in the form of low
21 interest disaster loans.

22 This is great news for
23 the residents and businesses that were
24 severely impacted by storms and flash
25 floods in July. And we are grateful to

1 Governor Wolf and the PA Emergency
2 Management Agency for their work to
3 make that SBA designation happen.

4 We have one of the
5 representatives here today that I
6 reached out to. They're over at the
7 Renton Fire Hall. And I went up there
8 and spoke to some of the people up
9 there, and they may come here. We'll
10 present our presentation and tell you
11 about the SBA.

12 Yes, sir. Please come
13 up.

14 MR. CHOUDHURY:

15 Honorable Mayor,
16 Councilmen, officials, thank you for
17 having me. I am Tamim Choudhury from
18 the U.S. Small Business Administration,
19 and as Councilmen Petrucci mentioned,
20 we are here because of the flash floods
21 that took place from July 21st to 22nd.
22 We are the only disaster assistance
23 federal agency that's here. So I think
24 it's --- that everyone who has been
25 affected, at least take a look at our

1 programs .

2 We offer low-interest,
3 long-term loans for homeowners,
4 renters, businesses and non-profits
5 that have been affected by the
6 flooding.

7 Oftentimes, people hear
8 the word loan and they get scared off,
9 but this is something to consider
10 because these loans, they go up to 30
11 years. Starting off with homeowners
12 and renters, both groups may receive an
13 interest rate as low as 1.9 percent.
14 For homeowners, if you had any source
15 of damages, you're capped at \$200,000.

16 For homeowners and
17 renters, you will receive up to \$40,000
18 for personal property damages. When I
19 say personal property, I'm also
20 including vehicles. And I'm sure a lot
21 of us know --- and I was reading the
22 news it said about a bunch of vehicles
23 being swept away. That's where this
24 comes in. These loans are the federal
25 government's primary method of

1 assisting for disaster relief.

2 Moving on to businesses
3 and non-profit managers. I've also
4 visited several businesses in the area.
5 These groups may receive up to \$2
6 million for any sort of damages or
7 physical damages to the business, real
8 estate, inventory, equipment, that sort
9 of thing. The interest rate is as low
10 as --- could be as low as four percent.
11 And for non-profits, it could be as low
12 as 2.75 percent.

13 Now, when I say
14 non-profit, I'm including churches in
15 this as well. So if anyone knows of a
16 business owner or churches, I'm sure I
17 have not been able to hit everyone in
18 Allegheny County or in the municipality
19 of Penn Hills, please just pass on the
20 word.

21 We started operations
22 here on August 9th and tomorrow's our
23 last day of operations. As Councilmen
24 mentioned, we're at Renton Volunteer
25 Fire Department, 1996 Old Mine Road.

1 So tomorrow's our last day. We open at
2 9:00, close at 4:00.

3 But this doesn't mean
4 that the program ends. Anyone wanting
5 a loan can go to diasterloan.sba.gov to
6 look at an application online. If you
7 need help --- because oftentimes we
8 assume that everyone's computer
9 literate, that's not the case. Just
10 call our 1-800-659-2955 number.
11 Someone can mail in an application to
12 you. If you need help with just, like,
13 an online application, we do have help
14 available over the phone.

15 So I would ask anyone
16 affected to just consider it.
17 Basically these loans, they don't have
18 any application fees or any closing
19 costs. The interest rate is a simple
20 interest rate and applicants who are
21 approved get up to four months
22 deferral, or a payment. So it's an
23 option to consider. If your insurance
24 settlement is more than enough, you can
25 always decline the loan if it's not

1 satisfactory to you.

2 If the insurance
3 settlement is almost enough, you can
4 request a lesser amount than what's
5 been offered. But what we don't want
6 to see is someone just not even
7 considering it and wondering if this
8 loan could have made them whole again,
9 your business, your non-profit or your
10 home.

11 Currently, that does
12 stand on October 7th. And I forgot to
13 mention, we also have economic injury
14 loans. And that's a line --- I was
15 speaking to this one manufacturer. And
16 he just had to shut down his operation
17 in his county. Because just due to the
18 flooding, he just couldn't operate. So
19 he had a payroll to make, that's where
20 a low loan comes in. You have an
21 economic injury level that your
22 business was just suffering because of
23 the floods, we also offer that.

24 That's basically my
25 overview. I'd be happy to answer any

1 questions any of you may have.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 First of all, I want to
4 thank you for coming on such short
5 notice for the presentation. And I
6 want to thank Councilman Petrucci for
7 finding you. I don't really have any
8 questions, but I didn't know if you had
9 perhaps cards that you could put up so
10 that everyone in the audience who
11 thinks they could use your
12 services ---.

13 MR. CHOUDHURY:

14 I can most definitely do
15 that.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Because of the fact that
18 a short presentation is fine, and
19 believe me, we didn't want you going on
20 and on, but they might have some
21 questions that they could present to
22 you one-on-one if that would be
23 acceptable.

24 MR. CHOUDHURY:

25 Certainly. I will give

1 --- actually to all of you, in case I
2 missed anything, it explains the whole
3 program. And I will leave a set of
4 flyers that basically have the number
5 there, the customer service, that
6 basically even if we're not here,
7 residents here can receive.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Does on anyone on Council
10 have any comment? No? John?

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Would you mind hanging
13 out in the hallway so people could ask
14 you some questions if they have them?

15 MR. CHOUDHURY:

16 I can do that. That's
17 fine.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 I appreciate that. Thank
20 you.

21 MR. CHOUDHURY:

22 Thank you all.

23 MR. BLACKWELL:

24 Mayor, can I ask a
25 question, Mayor? I don't know if this

1 is on. Can I ask you a question?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Go ahead, sir.

4 MR. BLACKWELL:

5 When we first read the
6 article, I was surprised that you
7 offered this type of loan. And I was
8 just wondering how this came about? Is
9 this something that you do ---?

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Craig?

12 MR. BLACKWELL:

13 Yes.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Speak into the mic.

16 MR. BLACKWELL:

17 It's not on? Okay.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Yes, it is.

20 MR. BLACKWELL:

21 When I first read about
22 this, when we first saw this offer from
23 Small Business Administration, I was
24 really surprised that I never heard of
25 this type of loan before. And I was

1 just wondering, how this came about.
2 Is this a one-time thing for this kind
3 of disaster or is this something that
4 you do all the time?

5 MR. CHOUDHURY:

6 This is something we do
7 all the time. That's part of my job.
8 That basically --- the Office of
9 Disaster Assistance, it's very much not
10 known. People see SBA and they just
11 say, ugh. But I'll tell you this, 80
12 to 90 percent of our applicants are
13 homeowners and renters who are hurting
14 right now.

15 MR. BLACKWELL:

16 Okay. Thank you.

17 MR. CHOUDHURY:

18 Thank you all.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Thank you again.

21 Next we have Bill
22 Jeffcoat. And he's going to make a
23 comment on increased calls, low
24 volunteers and future needs for Penn
25 Hills Volunteer Fire Department. Bill,

1 you couldn't have picked a better
2 night. You need to give your name and
3 address.

4 MR. JEFFCOAT:

5 My name is Bill Jeffcoat,
6 1140 Glass Boulevard. I'm also the
7 Fire Chief of Penn Hills Number Seven.
8 On behalf of the six fire companies
9 present tonight, I would like to say
10 thank you for the acknowledgement. And
11 I had a chance to speak before with you
12 guys this evening to echo just a few
13 facts of how amazing Penn Hills Fire
14 Department really is.

15 Penn Hills Fire
16 Department is comprised of six
17 volunteer fire companies that cover
18 19.36 square miles. Don't have to tell
19 you guys, but it's the second largest
20 municipality second to the City of
21 Pittsburgh.

22 2017 your Penn Hills
23 Volunteer Fire Departments answered
24 2,715 calls for service. In 2018 we
25 answered 3,187 calls for service. Fast

1 forward to 2019, July 11th, 2019, Penn
2 Hills area was hit with four inches of
3 rain in less than a few hours resulting
4 in the six volunteer fire companies
5 answering 56 flood-related calls for
6 service in less than 16 hours. Some of
7 those individuals unselfishly leave
8 work, their loved ones, to help a
9 neighbor as well as other members of
10 the community.

11 July 21st to July 22nd,
12 2019, again, the municipality of Penn
13 Hills found themselves in the cross
14 hairs of Mother Nature. In a 24-hour
15 time period, the Penn Hills area
16 received over eight inches of rainfall.
17 Once again, Penn Hills volunteer fire
18 companies answered over 60
19 storm-related calls and rescued around
20 ten individuals stranded on the top of
21 their motor vehicles from rising flood
22 waters.

23 July 28th, 2019, all six
24 of your volunteer fire companies, with
25 the assistance of 18 neighboring

1 volunteer fire companies, fought a
2 natural gas commercial construction
3 fire on Frankstown Road for about 12
4 hours.

5 Seven of those
6 firefighters were injured. Of those
7 seven, four were injured when a room
8 that was filled with natural gas
9 suddenly ignited. And the result was a
10 violent explosion trapping two
11 firefighters under debris from the
12 building and injuring two others.
13 Affected firefighters were transported
14 to local trauma burn centers. Some of
15 those firefighters will carry their
16 physical and emotional scars the rest
17 of their lives.

18 The entire Penn Hill
19 Volunteer Fire Company has been working
20 extremely hard to better themselves.
21 Despite an alarming high decline in
22 donations, and lack of volunteerism, in
23 2016, it was announced that the
24 municipality was looking for a new
25 government center. Representatives

1 from the volunteer fire department
2 approached the municipality for
3 feasibility of a fire academy at the
4 site.

5 Over time, with
6 assistance from Mayor and Council, the
7 volunteer fire departments were
8 allotted space and funding for six
9 non-burnable training containers that
10 are currently located right over the
11 hill.

12 Within the next 30 days,
13 the first phase of modifications will
14 be completed at the fire academy.
15 Entryways will be cut open, from
16 container to container allowing stair
17 access from the first floor all the way
18 to the rooftop, as well as the
19 additional windows throughout the
20 building. This project was partially
21 funded by donations and fundraising.
22 The remaining balance of this project
23 was funded by each of the six volunteer
24 fire companies.

25 Our hard work is paying

1 off. Penn Hills Volunteer Fire Company
2 currently holds the highest known level
3 three. One being the best, ten being
4 worst. It's estimated there are around
5 2,400 volunteer fire companies in
6 Pennsylvania. We share an ISO level
7 three with about 115 others.

8 Now, with the addition of
9 the fire academy and constant ongoing
10 training, the volunteer fire
11 departments are well on our way to an
12 ISO level two on our next evaluation.

13 Now, as the end of 2019
14 rapidly approaches, the fire chief and
15 accompanying officers seated behind me
16 are constantly preparing for the future
17 and what lies ahead. The six volunteer
18 fire companies currently receive
19 \$52,500 per year. The Penn Hills
20 Volunteer Fire Department is
21 respectfully asking for a five percent
22 increase into the fire suppression
23 budget, bringing the total, yearly
24 disbursement, per station, to \$55,125.

25 From 2016 to 2019, the

1 fire suppression budget also included a
2 yearly payment for self-contained
3 breathing apparatus, the devices we
4 wear into smoky structures that allow
5 us to breath.

6 2019 marked the final
7 payment on that loan. The Penn Hills
8 Volunteer Fire Departments are
9 respectfully requesting that that line
10 item of \$107,000 be continued into the
11 2020 budget and beyond.

12 Over the past three
13 years, calls for service have increased
14 by 23 percent, each year, township
15 wide. More calls for service will
16 equally increase wear-and-tear on
17 apparatus and equipment resulting in
18 decreased service life. NFPA 1851
19 recommends that our personal protective
20 equipment, the gear that we wear, be
21 replaced every ten years. With our
22 increased call volume, we are
23 unfortunately discovering that
24 firefighters PPE is needed to be
25 replaced every five to seven years.

1 If the municipality of
2 Penn Hills continues that line item in
3 the 2020 budget and beyond, the Penn
4 Hills Volunteer Fire Departments would
5 like to allocate those funds
6 specifically for firefighters PPE.

7 Those funds will allow
8 for 24 complete sets, jacket, pants,
9 boots, gloves, 24 complete sets of
10 personal protective equipment going to
11 four complete sets for each station.

12 The Penn Hills Volunteer
13 Fire Department would also like to
14 discuss with Mayor and council about a
15 future apparatus replacement plan.
16 Many communities around the Penn Hills
17 area already participate in such plans.
18 The municipality of Monroeville, full
19 replacement. The Borough of Verona,
20 full replacement. The Borough of
21 Oakmont, full replacement. The
22 Township of Wilkins, full replacement.
23 The Municipality of Murrysville, full
24 replacement. Plum Borough, partial
25 funding to the tune of \$400,000 to

1 \$500,000.

2 So in closing, NFPA 1911
3 recommends that our front line
4 apparatus be replaced every 25 years.
5 With the cost of fire apparatus and
6 equipment increasing every year, we are
7 dangerously close to making brand new
8 fire apparatus unobtainable without
9 municipal help.

10 Whether it's 3:00 a.m. or
11 3:00 p.m., raining or snowing, your
12 volunteer fire company answers the call
13 and provides the assistance needed to
14 rectify the situation. Please answer
15 our call. Thank you.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 I'm sorry, I did not
18 mention at the beginning of the meeting
19 that Mayor and council did hold an
20 executive session prior to the meeting
21 pertaining to legal matters and
22 contracts. I apologize for not
23 bringing that up at the start of the
24 meeting.

25 Next on the agenda, I

1 don't know --- I hate to blindsides my
2 council members, but I have had
3 requests for the shade tree
4 appointments. And I know we have had
5 them in our packet. Now I do realize
6 that I generally give the appointments
7 in advance so that you have an
8 opportunity to read the resume. But
9 these three appointments, they are
10 already on, so I'm just re-appointing.
11 So you should be familiar with who they
12 are and what they can do. So I'm
13 asking council if it would be
14 permissible for me to reappoint these
15 three positions. Is that okay? All
16 right?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Yes.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 All right.

21 Do I ask for a motion or
22 do I just appoint? Okay.

23 Do I have a motion to
24 appoint three ---

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 I'll make a motion.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 --- seated?

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 I'll make a motion for
6 the shade tree motion.

7 MR. UNDERWOOD:

8 I'll second it.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Okay.

11 Thank you. The people
12 --- and believe me, they have sent in
13 an offer to make attendance when their
14 appointments are going to be made.
15 Unfortunately, it falls on me, I
16 delayed it too long. And the manager
17 did not have time to let them know that
18 the appointments were going to be
19 tonight. So it's not that they just
20 did not want to acknowledge the fact
21 that they are being reappointed.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Would you like to stand
24 up?

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Please stand up. How
2 nice. Now, see, if I'd have seen you
3 back there, I wouldn't have had to let
4 the public know that I was delayed in
5 making the appointment. All right.

6 So John, you did make the
7 motion?

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 Yes, I did.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 And it was seconded by
12 Gary. The name of the appointees in
13 the motion, John?

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 I don't have the paper.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Sandy Fenner, stand,
18 yours is for a two-year term. Tory
19 DeJohn, yours is for a
20 two-year term. And Rick Duncan, one-
21 year term. Do I have any comments from
22 the council on the appointees?

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 Just thank you for what
25 they do.

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MAYOR KUHN:

Comments from council?

Roll call.

MS. SORCE:

Mayor Kuhn?

MAYOR KUHN:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Petrucci?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Yes.

MAYOR KUHN:

Thank you, gentlemen. I appreciate the fact that you went along with my request. Thanks.

Do I have a motion for July 15th, 2019 council meeting

1 minutes?

2 MR. UNDERWOOD:

3 Mayor Kuhn?

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Councilman Underwood?

6 MR. UNDERWOOD:

7 I'd like to make a motion
8 to approve the minutes of the July
9 15th, 2019 which, obviously, our
10 council minute minutes.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Do I have a second?

13 MR. BRODNICKI:

14 Second.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Second.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Motion made and second.

19 Are there any comments from anyone in
20 the audience regarding the minutes?

21 Comments from council?

22 Roll call?

23 MS. SORCE:

24 Mr. Underwood?

25 MR. UNDERWOOD:

1 Yes.

2 MS. SORCE:

3 Mr. Petrucci?

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 Yes.

6 MS. SORCE:

7 Mayor Kuhn?

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Yes.

10 MS. SORCE:

11 Mr. Brodnicki?

12 MR. BRODNICKI:

13 Yes.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Do I have a motion for
16 expenditures for August 19th, 2019?

17 MR. BRODNICKI:

18 Mayor Kuhn?

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Councilman Brodnicki?

21 MR. BRODNICKI:

22 I'd like to make a motion
23 that we approve expenditures for August
24 19th, 2019. One journal voucher for
25 \$640,915.99, 25 CD requisitions for

1 \$42,733.02 and master of 44157 to 4444
2 for \$3,143,685.07 for a total of
3 \$3,827,337.08.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Do I have a second?

6 MR. UNDERWOOD:

7 Second.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Motion made and second.

10 Any comments from the audience?

11 Comments from council?

12 Maureen, roll call?

13 MS. SORCE:

14 Mr. Brodnicki?

15 MR. BRODNICKI:

16 Yes.

17 MS. SORCE:

18 Mayor Kuhn?

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Yes.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Mr. Petrucci?

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 Yes.

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mr. Underwood?

2 MR. UNDERWOOD:

3 Yes.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Generally, the mayor
6 presents her FYI, which is for your
7 information, prior to the meeting. But
8 with all of the presentations that we
9 had, I didn't want to take the time up
10 and have our firemen and everyone have
11 to sit and wait. So if don't mind, I
12 will present the mayor's FYI at this
13 time.

14 First, sell of former
15 municipal building. The manager and
16 planning met with a group based in New
17 Jersey, the Michael Organization. They
18 had an interest in the building, but
19 they did not want to purchase. They
20 were proposing for the municipality to
21 hold a 30-year note on the building and
22 then they would attempt to line up tax
23 credits, financing and grants, which
24 could take up to three years.

25 After meeting with the

1 manager and with planning, they
2 presented to council that they didn't
3 think this would be really a good fit
4 for the municipality, and I agreed with
5 the decisions. That being said, we do
6 have some other possibilities and we're
7 hoping for the best.

8 Penn Hills Library,
9 Lincoln Park Branch also, they have
10 implemented a two weekly story-time for
11 babies and toddlers. A new play place
12 has been incorporated into children's
13 library. It includes tray tables,
14 magnets, towels, blocks and puzzles for
15 young children to engage in
16 imagination.

17 They also have a youth
18 community advisory board recognizing
19 community's youth, what their needs,
20 wants and interests are.

21 Two teen advisory boards
22 are in place. First age 12 to 15,
23 second age 16 to 24. These youth then
24 present to the board feedback
25 explaining what current trends and

1 interests are. Then those programs and
2 services are offered based on the
3 feedback.

4 We are very fortunate to
5 have such a beautiful library. And the
6 reason I really wanted to bring this up
7 is so that everyone realizes how many
8 activities are at our library. And
9 we're fortunate to have and it is used.
10 I just want everyone to know that
11 there's generally something for
12 everyone at any age.

13 Now, this is what a lot
14 of people have been looking for. Mayor
15 and council, the manager and Councilman
16 Petrucci, I believe, has brought to our
17 attention Savory Citizen.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Savvy Citizen.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Okay.

22 And what they represent
23 is solving the communication problem.
24 I just want to make everyone aware that
25 Mayor and council listens to what the

1 residents ask for.

2 They know our
3 comprehensive notification system is
4 designed to keep residents informed on
5 news, arrests, reminders and alerts on
6 their own mobile internet devices. And
7 they are --- they try to improve the
8 overall resident's communication and
9 civic engagement. Examples, if there's
10 a trash pick-up delay, a road closure,
11 community event, they also send out
12 emergency alerts.

13 I'm certain my manager
14 and council will be able to go into
15 much more details in the reports.

16 Illegal dumping, such a
17 success, we have installed cameras
18 throughout the areas that have the most
19 illegal dumping. And again, I will let
20 the manager give any detailed
21 information on just how many we have
22 been able to cite and sent to the
23 magistrate office for fines. And it's
24 really a huge success. And we are
25 hopeful that as this goes into place

1 more and more, the word will get out to
2 those who thought they could always
3 just go to certain areas of Penn Hills
4 and dump things. So that's another
5 order of change.

6 This is somewhat a
7 personal comment. I don't do social
8 media. If you want to say something to
9 me, you know where I'm at. Say it to
10 my face and we can debate the issue.
11 But there were comments made in regards
12 to our finance director, Ed
13 Schrenkengost's last day of work.

14 First of all, Ed wasn't
15 just the financial director. He was my
16 dearest friend. Ed was publicly
17 acknowledged for his 50 years of
18 service to Penn Hills. He did receive
19 a plaque of recognition. Mayor and
20 council invited his family to the
21 meeting unbeknown to Ed. And when Ed
22 came into the chambers and saw them, he
23 came over to me and said, what did you
24 do? And that was because of the fact
25 Ed was a very private person and he did

1 not like to be put on display in any
2 way, shape or form.

3 And we on council
4 acknowledged his contribution to this
5 municipality on a regular basis at
6 council meetings. It wasn't like, oh,
7 he's leaving, so let's do something
8 nice now. Ed was recognized by this
9 Mayor and council for the work that he
10 did and the service he provided for
11 over 50 years.

12 I always made the comment
13 we will need five employees to do the
14 job that Ed did alone. He will be
15 missed. And this Mayor and council
16 would never have insulted him in any
17 way. I just wanted that for the record
18 because it was upsetting to me that
19 someone would place such a non-positive
20 comment about the relationship that Ed
21 had with this Mayor and council. Okay.

22 Now we go to agreements.
23 Do I have a motion to approve an
24 agreement to participate in East Hills
25 DUI task force?

1 MR. PETRUCCI:

2 Yes, Mayor. I'll make
3 the motion to approve agreement to
4 participate in East Hills DUI task
5 force.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Do I have a second?

8 MR. BRODNICKI:

9 Second.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Motion made and second.

12 Any comments from the audience?

13 Comments from Council?

14 Roll call?

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Mr. Petrucci?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Yes.

19 MS. SORCE:

20 Mayor Kuhn?

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Yes.

23 MS. SORCE:

24 Mr. Brodnicki?

25 MR. BRODNICKI:

1 Yes.

2 MS. SORCE:

3 Mr. Underwood?

4 MR. UNDERWOOD:

5 Yes.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Do I have a motion to
8 appoint --- how do you say this one?

9 Maher Duessel as
10 municipal auditor for 2020 through to
11 2022 and authorize municipal manager to
12 sign engagement letter on the
13 municipality's behalf?

14 MR. BRODNICKI:

15 Mayor Kuhn?

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Councilman Brodnicki?

18 MR. BRODNICKI:

19 Yes. I'd like to make a
20 motion that we appoint Maher Duessel as
21 Municipal Auditor for 2020 to 2022 and
22 authorize Municipal Manager to sign
23 engagement letters on the
24 municipality's behalf.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Do I have a second?
2 MR. UNDERWOOD:
3 Second.
4 MR. PETRUCCI:
5 Second.
6 MAYOR KUHN:
7 Motion made and second.
8 Any comments from the audience?
9 Comments from Council?
10 Roll call?
11 MS. SORCE:
12 Mayor Kuhn?
13 MAYOR KUHN:
14 Yes.
15 MS. SORCE:
16 Mr. Brodnicki?
17 MR. BRODNICKI:
18 Yes.
19 MS. SORCE:
20 Mr. Underwood?
21 MR. UNDERWOOD:
22 Yes.
23 MS. SORCE:
24 Mr. Petrucci?
25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Yes.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Do I have a motion to
4 approve agreement beginning August
5 19th, 2019 through June 20, 2020 with
6 SHACOG --- is that how you say it?

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 That's right.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Purchasing Alliance for
11 purchase of rock salt.

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Madam Mayor, I'll make a
14 motion to approve the agreement
15 beginning August 19th, 2019 to June 20,
16 2020 with SHACOG Purchasing Alliance
17 for the purchase of rock salt.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Do I have a second?

20 MR. UNDERWOOD:

21 Second, Mayor.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Motion made and second.

24 Any comments from the audience?

25 Comments from Council?

1 Roll call?

2 MS. SORCE:

3 Mr. Brodnicki?

4 MR. BRODNICKI:

5 Yes.

6 MS. SORCE:

7 Mr. Underwood?

8 MR. UNDERWOOD:

9 Yes.

10 MS. SORCE:

11 Mr. Petrucci?

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Yes.

14 MS. SORCE:

15 Mayor Kuhn?

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Yes.

18 This is another great
19 positive direction that the mayor and
20 council has taken. Do I have a motion
21 to approve a contract addendum with
22 Keystone Collection Group to allow for
23 installment payments on real estate
24 taxes?

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Madam Mayor, I'll make a
2 motion to approve a contract addendum
3 with Keystone Collection Group to allow
4 for installment payments on real estate
5 taxes.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Do I have a second?

8 MR. UNDERWOOD:

9 Second.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Motion made and second.

12 Any comments from the audience? Please
13 come up and state your name and your
14 address.

15 MR. MONTS:

16 My name is Bill Monts. I
17 live at 1335 Maple Avenue in Renton,
18 PA. My question is on these
19 installment programs, will there be a
20 service fee added to that? Should you
21 use the installment program?

22 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23 Yeah. I think the school
24 district does it now. You're allowed
25 to make up to three payments. But I

1 think there was a minor fee if you want
2 to make installment payments.

3 MR. MONTS:

4 Do you have any idea what
5 that fee might be?

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 It's actually in the
8 document. It's in the contract that's
9 being approved.

10 MR. MONTS:

11 Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

13 I want to say it's \$1.50.

14 MR. MONTS:

15 \$1.50?

16 MR. PETRUCCI:

17 It was \$1.50. When we
18 asked Rose about the fee, she said it
19 was going to be around \$1.50 and that's
20 counting postage and the paperwork.

21 Right?

22 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23 Correct. In the packet
24 it's listed --- in the contract
25 addendum itself it's listed. I'm just

1 looking through it here. Give me one
2 moment. Yeah, it's \$1.50.

3 MR. MONTS:

4 Thank you.

5 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

6 And the school's been
7 doing that so ---.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Any other comments from
10 the audience?

11 Comments from Council?

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Madam Mayor, I also want
14 to include that they give a ten percent
15 discount --- seniors get a ten percent
16 discount on their municipal taxes.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 And also, John, if I'm
19 not mistaken, they are --- that's also
20 if they use the payment plan.

21 Is that correct? The
22 discount is also ---.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 Yes.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Yes? Okay.

2 I think it's a very, I
3 think, good solution for a lot of
4 people. Any other comments from
5 Council?

6 Roll call?

7 MS. SORCE:

8 Mayor Kuhn?

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Yes.

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Mr. Brodnicki?

13 MR. BRODNICKI:

14 Yes.

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Mr. Underwood?

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 Yes.

19 MS. SORCE:

20 Mr. Petrucci?

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Yes.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Do I have a motion for
25 Ordinance Number --- I'm sorry. This

1 was what we had amended for the
2 agreement.

3 Do I have a motion to
4 approve a contract addendum --- do I
5 have a motion to approve an agreement
6 to accept 2020 minimum municipal
7 obligations?

8 MR. BRODNICKI:

9 Mayor Kuhn?

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Councilman Brodnicki?

12 MR. BRODNICKI:

13 I'd like to make a motion
14 we approve the agreement to accept 2020
15 minimum municipal obligations.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Do I have a second?

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Second.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Motion made and second.

22 Any comments from the audience?

23 Comments from Council?

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Scott, can you explain

1 this?

2 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

3 Sure. What we're doing
4 is, we're obligated by law in the last
5 day in September to let the Mayor and
6 council know what next year's pension
7 bills are going to be. So essentially,
8 we have two pension plans. We have a
9 police pension plan and a non-police
10 pension plan.

11 And each of those plans
12 has a financial obligation that has to
13 be met every year. It's called MMO.
14 It's basically the minimum municipal
15 obligation. It's the amount of funding
16 that we have to include in our budget
17 next year to maintain solvency in the
18 funds.

19 So what this represents
20 is where our pension bills for those
21 two plans will be next year so that it
22 is incorporated in our budget.

23 The good news is that we
24 didn't experience an increase in either
25 plan going into next year. But this is

1 a big part of our budget every year.
2 Because essentially, it's about \$3
3 million for policemen and about \$300
4 --- I'm sorry, \$3 million for the
5 policemen, about \$300,000 for the
6 non-policemen.

7 So this is basically
8 based on our actuary advice that we
9 get. It's a calculation that Mock and
10 Nott Services does along with our
11 finance office. So that's what this
12 is.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 Does that suffice, John?

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Yes, ma'am.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Roll call?

19 MS. SORCE:

20 Mr. Underwood?

21 MR. UNDERWOOD:

22 Yes.

23 MS. SORCE:

24 Mr. Petrucci?

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Yes.

2 MS. SORCE:

3 Mayor Kuhn?

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Yes.

6 MS. SORCE:

7 And Mr. Brodnicki?

8 MR. BRODNICKI:

9 Yes.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Do I have a motion for
12 Ordinance Number 2019-052?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Mayor Kuhn?

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Councilman Underwood?

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 I'd like to make a motion
19 to approve Ordinance Number 2019-051,
20 an ordinance of the municipality of
21 Penn Hills, County of Allegheny,
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. No
23 parking on Highland Road.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

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MR. BRODNICKI:

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MAYOR KUHN:

Motion made and second.

Any comments from the audience?

Comments from Council?

Roll call?

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Petrucci?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mayor Kuhn?

MAYOR KUHN:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

Yes.

MAYOR KUHN:

Do I have a motion for

1 Resolution Number 2019 --- there we go.
2 All right. Thanks.

3 Do I have a motion for
4 Ordinance Number 2019-052?

5 MR. BRODNICKI:

6 Mayor Kuhn?

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Councilman Brodnicki?

9 MR. BRODNICKI:

10 I'd like to make a motion
11 we approve Ordinance Number 052 of
12 2019. An Ordinance of the municipality
13 of Penn Hills amending Ordinance
14 2567-2636 of 2014 --- 2018, the Penn
15 Hills Vacant and Abandoned Property
16 Ordinance which provides measures for
17 addressing deterioration and blight in
18 the community and prescribes
19 registration, maintenance and security
20 requirements.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Do I have a second?

23 MR. UNDERWOOD:

24 Second.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Motion made and second.

2 Any comments from the audience?

3 MS. CALABREESE:

4 My name is Pauline
5 Calabreese, 142 Crescent Hills Road. I
6 just wanted to clarify what the phrase
7 security requirements means.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 If I'm not mistaken, do
10 we have the representative in the
11 audience, Scott?

12 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

13 Yeah, we do. Mr. Sydella
14 was kind enough to come to the meeting.
15 We've been working with this company
16 for quite some time.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 If you would want to come
19 up and you probably could give a much
20 more professional answer than I know I
21 could.

22 MR. SYDELLA:

23 Of course. Thank you,
24 Mayor, and thank you members of the
25 council for having me here. My name's

1 Kevin Sydella. I'm with Pro Chance,
2 I'm the Director of Sales. We manage
3 your --- we're proud to manage your
4 vacant and foreclosure registry
5 program.

6 Basically, what we're
7 trying to do here, what we're
8 recommending while we work with your
9 staff on putting in front of you is the
10 typing up of the legislation.

11 What you have before, we
12 basically inherited. There's a lot of
13 different things that we've learned
14 over the years on ways to make sure
15 that you're registering more properties
16 that are at risk of being a source of
17 neighborhood blight. That's what this
18 language represents.

19 So to speak specifically
20 to the security requirements, they're
21 basically requirements that we put
22 through the language on the responsible
23 party who's registering the property.
24 In most cases, it's a bank. So the
25 bank's basically required to provide

1 property maintenance when the home is
2 in a state of foreclosure. That's
3 really what this language speaks to,
4 part of what the language speaks to.

5 But the main thing that
6 this language does is this requires
7 semi-annual registration. Because what
8 we find is over the course of a year, a
9 lot of these homes change hands, a lot.
10 And that's what we're trying ---.

11 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

12 And not to interrupt,
13 when we said security requirements,
14 those words security means a lot of
15 different things. It's really speaking
16 to keeping the building secure. Not so
17 much a surety. It's more or less
18 fencing, making sure that the building
19 can't be accessed to people breaking in
20 and so on and so forth. So it means
21 security rather than surety. If that
22 makes sense?

23 MR. SYDELLA:

24 Correct.

25 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

1 Would I be correct in
2 basically saying that we've been using
3 this service for some time, we've had a
4 lot of success with it. And really two
5 of the big changes that we're seeking
6 in this new amendment is to require the
7 banks to register the property twice a
8 year. We found that a lot of banks
9 sell these mortgages and sell these
10 finance vehicles so that bank A might
11 have registered the property in
12 January, by December it's in another
13 bank's name.

14 So one of the changes
15 we're requiring the banks to register
16 the properties twice a year. And the
17 other issue is that we're trying to
18 register all vacant properties, not
19 ones that are just bank-owned. It's a
20 tall order, obviously, Chris and I
21 talked about it. There are some vacant
22 properties that we could not find and
23 the owner is certainly --- we're not
24 taking service for --- but we're going
25 to try to register and make it a

1 requirement for all vacant properties.

2 And that's something that
3 this company does on their own. They
4 have a method of finding out which ones
5 they are. So to the extent that they
6 can, that's a good thing. And we have
7 tried to find the houses.

8 MR. SYDELLA:

9 We're very proud of the
10 work that we've done so far here in
11 Penn Hills. We've registered 475
12 properties for you since we took over
13 in January. But like Scott said, every
14 once in a while, we'll register a
15 property in January, by October
16 everything changed. Because they
17 changed hands from bank-to-bank
18 overnight and they don't always tell
19 us.

20 We're only allowed to go
21 to the registered property once a year
22 at this point. That's your law. We
23 abide by that. So this gives us more
24 ability to go in and stay on top of
25 those properties to make sure you know

1 who to talk to when there's a problem.

2 But it's a service
3 that's come to Penn Hills at
4 absolutely no cost. We never sent you
5 a bill. As a matter of fact, I think
6 it's over \$140,000 collected in fees
7 on your behalf by us since we started.
8 We're very proud of working there.
9 We're grateful for the opportunity.

10 Any other questions?

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Was your question
13 answered to your satisfaction,
14 Pauline?

15 MS. CALABRESE:

16 Yes. Thank you very
17 much. That was my question. As the
18 manager pointed out, I want to see the
19 distinction.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Thank you. Any other
22 questions?

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 I'd like to explain just
25 for the audience's sake, I understand,

1 but how the money was generated, what
2 the registration fee is, what
3 percentage goes back to you, what
4 percentage goes back to the
5 municipality, just so the audience
6 can, you know, understand how this
7 works.

8 MR. SYDELLA:

9 Of course. So our
10 company has a contract with the
11 municipality to retain \$100 of every
12 fee that we collect. So we basically
13 don't make money unless we're getting
14 registrations. So I like to say we
15 sing for our supper.

16 The fee is \$400 total.
17 So \$300 gets sent back for
18 municipality registration. \$100 goes
19 to us. We send them a check every 30
20 days on the 15th of each month.

21 MR. BLACKWELL:

22 It's the other way
23 around. We get the \$100. You get the
24 \$300.

25 MR. SYDELLA:

1 No.

2 MR. BLACKWELL:

3 That's right. That's
4 right.

5 MR. SYDELLA:

6 So you're negotiating?

7 MR. BLACWELL:

8 No, that's right. I'm
9 sorry. I'm sorry.

10 MR. SYDELLA:

11 That's what we do for
12 every municipality we work for.

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Thank you.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Any other questions?

17 Roll call.

18 MS. SORCE:

19 Mr. Petrucci?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Yes.

22 MS. SORCE:

23 Mayor Kuhn?

24 MAYOR KUHN:

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MS. SORCE:

Mr. Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Yes.

MAYOR KUHN:

Do I have a motion for
Resolution Number 2019-034?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Mayor Kuhn?

MAYOR KUHN:

Councilman Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

I'd like to make a
motion to approve Resolution Number
2019-034 approving the contract for
two years with Nick's Auto,
Incorporated for the maintenance
repair of municipal vehicles.

MAYOR KUHN:

Do I have a second?

MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Second.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Motion made and second.

4 Any comments from the audience?

5 Comments from Council?

6 Roll Call.

7 MS. SORCE:

8 Mayor Kuhn?

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Yes.

11 I'm sorry. I abstain
12 being that Don Autobody had put a bid
13 in also. So I'm abstaining on the
14 vote.

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Okay. Mr. Brodnicki?

17 MR. BRODNICKI:

18 Yes.

19 MS. SORCE:

20 Mr. Underwood?

21 MR. UNDERWOOD:

22 Yes.

23 MS. SORCE:

24 Mr. Petrucci?

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Yes.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Do I have a motion for
4 Resolution Number 2019-035?

5 MR. UNDERWOOD:

6 Mayor Kuhn?

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Councilman Underwood?

9 MR. UNDERWOOD:

10 I'd like to make a
11 motion to approve Resolution Number
12 2019-035 approving a minor budget
13 amendment to the Commonwealth
14 Development Block Grant budget for
15 years 43 and 44.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Do I have a second?

18 MR. BRODNICKI:

19 Second.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Motion made and second.

22 Any comments from the audience?

23 Comments from Council?

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Mayor Kuhn?

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Councilman.

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Can we have Mr.
5 Andrejchak explain a little bit of
6 this?

7 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8 I'm going to differ to
9 Mr. Blackwell.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Mr. Blackwell, could you
12 explain a little bit of this?

13 MR. BLACKWELL:

14 Sure, absolutely. If
15 you look at the counts that were taken
16 from some of our sort of
17 housecleaning, there's \$457 --- I
18 mean, sorry, \$575.56 from the senior
19 service center vehicles. Those are
20 activities where those vehicles have
21 been purchased and these are the funds
22 that are left over. And they need to
23 be expended and reallocated to
24 something else.

25 Then you also see that

1 there's the same thing with general
2 program administration. Those years
3 have past. There's the 2017 and 2018.
4 I believe this is actually '16 and '17
5 general program administration.
6 Again, there's funds left there that
7 we think that we can reallocate to
8 other places.

9 And then you'll also see
10 there's program income. In the
11 budget, we estimated \$35,000 of
12 program income and we received a
13 considerable amount more. We received
14 \$55,105. So there's --- I'm sorry.
15 But it leaves \$37,143 that needs to be
16 reprogrammed because we received
17 \$37,143.96 more program income than we
18 anticipated. That's --- program
19 income comes from residents that pay
20 back rehab loans. We have our single
21 family rehab program. And these are
22 proceeds that come back to the
23 municipality.

24 So then you'll see down
25 below here, I've got street

1 improvements. We have street paving
2 for this year has been bid out. We
3 have not been able to award it because
4 we don't have CD funds. And we
5 anticipate them coming before your
6 September meeting. However, we did
7 get bids. We received good bids.
8 However, they are higher than the
9 funds that we had available. So this
10 budget amendment now is I'm trying to
11 get prepared, so that when the street
12 paving contract comes before you for
13 award, the money's there.

14 I think that we got some
15 really good bids. The Public Works
16 Department puts out a package that has
17 alternates. This will be able to bid
18 out the base bid, plus the alternates.

19 And then the William
20 McKinley Center, we've been
21 experiencing flooding there, you know,
22 in their basement. We have a project
23 ongoing there. And in my letter to
24 you, you'll see that I anticipate a
25 change order. On-site we're seeing

1 some issues that we didn't anticipate.
2 And actually, as a result of the flood
3 that occurred, the --- it was sort of
4 fortunate, in fact, that it
5 overwhelmed the system perhaps the way
6 it was designed. So we're looking at
7 some other things out there.

8 And we also have some
9 other issues that have arisen since
10 then. I believe that Andrew may have
11 told you that there's a sinkhole in
12 the ballfield, in the soccer field.
13 So again, we don't have time to divvy
14 these things out for this meeting.
15 But I'm anticipating that we're going
16 to need some money, so I'm putting
17 funds there.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Thank you.

20 MR. BLACKWELL:

21 That's about it.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Any other comments?

24 Come up. Give your name and your
25 address.

1 MS. WHITECLOUD:

2 I'm Brandi Whitecloud.

3 I'm at 216 Emrose Drive. I just had a
4 quick question when Mr. Blackwell was
5 --- about the funds that you guys have
6 available for street paving. If you
7 guys had a notice on our street, on
8 216 Emrose, you guys did a partial
9 paving from one end, stop at one end
10 of the street and it's crumbling.
11 I've been there ten years. It's
12 literally crumbling and grass is
13 growing in-between the cracks of the
14 street.

15 So these funds that you
16 might have possible available for the
17 2020 budget, is there a list that you
18 guys have that you're adding streets
19 on for pavement for the new year
20 coming for September, because that
21 street, along with that street
22 crumbling, it's starting to be a
23 street where we've had a lot of
24 overflow from Beulah Road. And I was
25 just home for a whole vacation, a

1 whole week, and people are going down
2 that street 70 miles an hour. And
3 it's starting to wear and tear from
4 all of the overflow of people trying
5 not to go to the top of Beulah and cut
6 off on Emrose Drive.

7 So the street, it's
8 literally crumbling and falling into
9 the sewers, and just crumbling from
10 people driving on it constantly. So
11 is there any money along with what you
12 said you might have possible funds for
13 this pavement to be done on the
14 street? And how would we go about
15 showing you guys that were coming down
16 actually seeing how this street
17 actually looks?

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Are you familiar with
20 the street that she's questioning?

21 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

22 I'm not specifically
23 familiar with Emrose Street. What
24 we're doing is we have multiple
25 sources of money that we use for

1 paving. So some of the money that
2 Chris is alluding to can only be spent
3 in certain budgets.

4 MS. WHITECLOUD:

5 Okay.

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 So in addition to that,
8 we also have a local municipal paving
9 program. We just last month approved
10 a contract with Liberoni to pave a
11 number of roads. I think about
12 \$600,000 I want to say.

13 In addition to that, we
14 also have a \$4 million paving program
15 that we're going to begin in 2020
16 that's going to probably last three
17 years, two to three years. So it
18 could very well be that that road is
19 either on the list to be paved this
20 summer with the Liberoni contract. I
21 don't have the list of roads in front
22 of me.

23 MS. WHITECLOUD:

24 Okay.

25 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

1 It's also possible that
2 it isn't. It may be on one of those
3 future projects that we are --- we're
4 finalizing the contract with PennDOT
5 to include the specific roads that we
6 --- what we're calling Multimodal
7 Transportation Fund Grant.

8 MS. WHITECLOUD:

9 Okay.

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 We were awarded a grant
12 last year for \$3 million.

13 MS. WHITECLOUD:

14 From the state?

15 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

16 From the state. We have
17 to put up \$900,000. But it's \$3
18 million over three years. And our
19 \$900,000 is over three years. So
20 we're going to be --- we are going to
21 be ramping up our paving program in
22 2021, '22. So I would have to
23 determine to find out whether that's
24 on the list. It sounds like it should
25 be if it's that bad. I don't claim to

1 --- I haven't seen it specifically. I
2 don't recall getting calls about it,
3 but we can talk to our public works
4 director and find out if that's on the
5 list. Can you give me your number?

6 MS. WHITECLOUD:

7 I can. And I just have
8 one more follow-up question. Along
9 with the street being repaved, again,
10 we have --- I was home for a whole
11 week and people are doing like 60. I
12 mean, you can literally hear them.
13 It's like the Indy 500 down on our
14 street. And people are doing like 60
15 miles an hour.

16 We have one slow sign
17 that's probably been down there for
18 probably before I lived there. Is
19 there any way there can be some
20 additional signs on that street?
21 Because again, literally, you can hear
22 people burning rubber down that street
23 because it is like --- again, if you
24 don't want to sit at that light on
25 Beulah, I mean, at the top of Beulah

1 to go to Frankstown, you cut off down
2 that street.

3 If there were radar guns
4 down there, I mean, you guys would
5 make a boatload of money. I'm just
6 telling you. It's ridiculous. That's
7 how many people are --- I'm not even
8 trying to be funny. It's literally
9 every day.

10 Like if I'm trying to
11 get in my driveway, people are right
12 on me just so they can get past me.
13 And they don't even care. Like if
14 they speed past you, if you're walking
15 across the street, it's that bad.

16 But there's one sign
17 literally probably halfway past my
18 house. And that's a sign that's
19 probably been there for over 20 years,
20 I would imagine. I've been there ten.
21 If we could get some signs to try and
22 slow these people down. I'm actually
23 going to purchase some signs myself
24 just to put in my yard, because I
25 think it's at the point where it's

1 getting dangerous where if you're
2 coming down that street, you're ---
3 somebody's going to get hurt. And we
4 don't want to see people getting hurt
5 down there.

6 And it's just --- people
7 just have no regard that it's a
8 residential area and they need to slow
9 down if they come down the street.
10 They think it's a gateway to get off
11 of Beulah. And so they take their
12 opportunity to speed down there
13 because they know there's no police on
14 the street. It's residential. It's
15 very quiet.

16 And so they're doing, I
17 can guarantee you, about 60, 70 miles
18 an hour. And it's a two-way. Very
19 small, but it's a two-way. So if we
20 can get some street signs down there,
21 it would be fantastic. I bought a
22 couple to put just in my yard just to
23 try, and you know, get people's
24 attention if they come around the bend
25 to like slow down. It's ridiculous.

1 So on top of that, I
2 mean, if you guys can consider that as
3 somebody can come down, take a look
4 and see if they can get a couple more
5 signs to kind of slow these people
6 down.

7 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8 There's a couple things
9 the municipality can do. It's a
10 complaint that we get it seems more
11 frequently in residential areas.
12 We've had some tragedies, too.

13 Every situation's a
14 little bit different. Sometimes it
15 could be a signage issue. We also
16 have some electronic signs that show
17 people how fast they're going.

18 MS. WHITECLOUD:

19 Yeah, we have one.

20 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21 You have that?

22 MS. WHITECLOUD:

23 We had one last year and
24 the sign did not ---.

25 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

1 It didn't do anything?

2 MS. WHITECLOUD:

3 It didn't deter anyone,
4 no. As a matter of fact, the sign was
5 on and people were going even faster.
6 It really didn't even make a
7 difference to those people who come
8 down the street. But they don't live
9 in the area.

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 Well, then there's also
12 enforcement, too, is another thing.

13 MS. WHITECLOUD:

14 Yeah. That would ---
15 something.

16 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

17 And that might be what
18 has to happen. But what I can do is I
19 can talk to our police department and
20 also our traffic safety committee.

21 MS. WHITECLOUD:

22 Okay.

23 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

24 They sometimes make a
25 recommendation, too. It's a difficult

1 problem that we have in some places.
2 Penn Hills is mostly residential.

3 MS. WHITECLOUD:

4 Right.

5 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

6 And it's a concern that
7 we've heard here in this room. We've
8 gotten some calls. There are things
9 we can do, but we don't have unlimited
10 options. You know, we have better
11 signage, enforcement. It depends on
12 the circumstance. We're able to
13 install stop signs in certain places
14 to try to slow traffic. But certainly
15 I will call the right people's
16 attention to it.

17 MS. WHITECLOUD:

18 Appreciate it.

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 And also check on the
21 paving situation, too.

22 MS. WHITECLOUD:

23 And it's okay for me as
24 a resident to put a sign? Like I
25 bought a mini one.

1 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

2 One ---?

3 MS. WHITECLOUD:

4 Yeah. Like one of those
5 little sign that you can put in your
6 yard. They sell placards.

7 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8 I've not had a complaint
9 about it.

10 MS. WHITECLOUD:

11 Okay. I'm just trying
12 to, you know, like I said, try and you
13 know, get some attention to people to
14 try and slow down. That would be
15 nice.

16 MR. BLACKWELL:

17 Wait 'til we pave it.

18 MS. WHITECLOUD:

19 Say again?

20 MR. BLACKWELL:

21 I said wait until we
22 pave it.

23 MS. WHITECLOUD:

24 Oh, okay.

25 MR. BLACKWELL:

1 Then they'll really go
2 flat.

3 MS. WHITECLOUD:

4 We hope not. Thank you.

5 MR. BLACKWELL:

6 When we were having
7 sewer work done on ---.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Scott, just to --- if
10 conditions are that bad for
11 residential area in Penn Hills, I
12 don't think it's an answer stating
13 that there's not much we can do about
14 it. So if you could do some personal
15 investigation on your own, and then
16 any amount of police presence would
17 perhaps lessen the problem that's
18 there.

19 And then I don't know
20 the legalities. But is there any way
21 that you could put a sign just like
22 with the area --- between Penn Hills
23 and Penn Center, they have 25 miles an
24 hour speed limit, because people were
25 always coming through there.

1 So it needs to be
2 addressed and looked into because of
3 the fact that residents should not
4 have to live under that condition,
5 people breaking the law right in front
6 of their house every day. It's up to
7 the municipality to use everything
8 they can possibly do to make the
9 situation safer. So I don't know.

10 Like I said, I'd like
11 you to look at it yourself and then
12 perhaps get the chief involved to see
13 if he has any information. And if you
14 have to, maybe a Traffic Safety Board
15 to go over and look at the condition.
16 But the condition has to be addressed.

17 Okay. Thank you. Okay.

18 Do I have a motion for
19 Resolution Number 2019-035? Is that
20 the wrong motion?

21 MS. SORCE:

22 We just need a roll
23 call.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Oh, I'm sorry. I

1 apologize. I was --- no comments from
2 council. Roll call.

3 MS. SORCE:

4 Mr. Brodnicki?

5 MR. BRODNICKI:

6 Yes.

7 MS. SORCE:

8 Mr. Underwood?

9 MR. UNDERWOOD:

10 Yes.

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Mr. Petrucci?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Yes.

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Mayor Kuhn?

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Yes.

19 Do I have a motion for
20 Resolution Number 2019-036?

21 MR. UNDERWOOD:

22 Mayor Kuhn?

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Councilman Underwood.

25 MR. UNDERWOOD:

1 I'd like to make a
2 motion to approve Resolution Number
3 2019-036 awarding for remaining
4 structures of the demolition round 12
5 project to the second lowest bidder,
6 Lutterman Excavation after failing to
7 perform from the first lowest bidder,
8 Jadell Minniefield Construction.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Do I have a second?

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Second.

13 MR. BRODNICKI:

14 Second.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Motion made and second.

17 Any comments from the audience?

18 Comments from Council?

19 Roll call.

20 MR. BLACKWELL:

21 Mayor, can I just add
22 one thing to this?

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 I'm sorry, Chris. What?

25 MR. BLACKWELL:

1 I just want to add one
2 comment. On the 12409 Frankstown
3 Road, there's been discussion of a
4 large tree that fell on that property.
5 And we are working to take care of
6 that. I know there's been some
7 concern at this house that's being
8 demolished, there's also a large tree
9 that fell in the time they've been
10 waiting. And our intent is to take
11 care of that tree at the same time.
12 Thank you.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 Any questions from
15 Counsel? Roll call.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mr. Underwood?

18 MR. UNDERWOOD:

19 Yes.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Mr. Petrucci?

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Yes.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mayor Kuhn?

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MAYOR KUHN:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

Yes.

MAYOR KUHN:

Do I have a motion for
Resolution Number 2019-037?

MR. PETRUCCI:

I make a motion for
resolution of the municipality of Penn
Hills, County of Allegheny,
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
authorizing the manager to be a
designated official to sign and
complete all documents and agreements
with the Pennsylvania Department of
Transportation Multimodal
Transportation Fund Grant Application.

MAYOR KUHN:

Do I have a second?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Second.

MAYOR KUHN:

1 Motion made and second.
2 Any comments from the audience?
3 Comments from Counsel?

4 MR. BRODNICKI:

5 Mayor Kuhn?

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Councilman Brodnicki?

8 MR. BRODNICKI:

9 Could Scott explain this
10 and what we're getting from here?

11 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

12 Yes. This is sort of a
13 --- this is another Hail Mary pass, if
14 you will. We sat out there the past
15 last year. And we were really
16 fortunate to get the largest award in
17 the state for paving money, which we
18 were describing.

19 That money came from
20 PennDOT. This is essentially the same
21 program, only it's not from PennDOT.
22 It's through the State Department of
23 Community and Economic Development.

24 So we worked with a
25 consultant last year on maybe getting

1 that application in. We were
2 successful. So this opened up and
3 we're going to put an application in
4 for this. Quite honestly, we may get
5 it, we may not. But we haven't even
6 --- we haven't even signed the PennDOT
7 contract yet for that first \$3
8 million. So you know, we may get it,
9 we may not. But if we don't, we can
10 always dust off the application next
11 round, or the next round after that,
12 so ---.

13 MR. BRODNICKI:

14 Thank you.

15 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

16 That's basically what it
17 is.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Any other comments?

20 Roll call.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Mr. Underwood?

23 MR. UNDERWOOD:

24 Yes.

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mr. Petrucci?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Mayor Kuhn?

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Yes.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mr. Brodnicki?

10 MR. BRODNICKI:

11 Yes.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Do we have any items for
14 consideration?

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Mayor Kuhn?

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Councilman Petrucci, was
19 that you?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Yes, ma'am. Over the
22 last year, we have talked extensively
23 about our sewage and the problems that
24 face our community. On 9/13 of '18
25 during a conversation with Thomas

1 Brady, director of water pollution,
2 the need for establishment of a sewer
3 authority was discussed. Mr. Brady
4 said it was long overdue of our
5 community and could benefit the
6 community in many ways.

7 At this point in time,
8 I'm proposing that the management do
9 an analysis to start the sewer
10 authority in Penn Hills, and to see if
11 it's possible. Possibly that may be
12 our salvation of the sewer problem
13 that we have now. So I'm submitting
14 this to the management.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Regarding the sewer
17 authority, back probably in, oh,
18 possibly late '70s or early '80s, the
19 administration at that time did do a
20 background search and had a motion in
21 place to have a sewer authority.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 So I understood.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Yes. And it was passed.

1 MR. PETRUCCI:

2 I understood that, too.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 Right. And

5 unfortunately, the one councilmember
6 who voted for it, for whatever reason,
7 after the meeting, the very next
8 morning very early, he called and
9 rescinded his vote. So after that,
10 there was --- didn't seem to be any
11 interest for the sewer authority. I
12 know Plum Borough ---

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Yes.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 --- had one for years
17 and years and years. So I think it is
18 well worth looking into to see if it
19 could alleviate some of the problems
20 and go from there. So I think it's a
21 very good subject to look into.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Yeah. I believe it is
24 also, especially when I spoke with Mr.
25 Brady about that. And he did mention

1 it's long overdue. And Scott and I
2 have talked about it on numerous
3 occasions and it could be very
4 beneficial to the community.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 I mean, something is
7 always good to look into. It doesn't
8 do any harm to try to move in a
9 different direction on some things.
10 So I think that would be good. And
11 Scott, you could just present to Mayor
12 and Council any findings that you
13 have.

14 Are there any other ---

15 MR. BRODNICKI:

16 Mayor Kuhn?

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 --- considerations to
19 bring to be put into place?

20 MR. BRODNICKI:

21 Mayor Kuhn, yes. I've
22 had several residents just asked me if
23 we could just move the citizens to
24 address council back to the beginning
25 of the meeting because they sort of

1 feel that this way ---.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 I know that --- I don't
4 recall exactly when that was
5 implemented. But I have no problem
6 with that because of the fact that
7 it's very hard to wait to the end of
8 the meeting.

9 MR. BRODNICKI:

10 Yeah.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 And unfortunately, you
13 don't have the amount of people who
14 are in. But of course, that being
15 said, with it being televised, that
16 helps a great deal because of the fact
17 that anyone who is interested is able
18 to see exactly what is going on. So
19 that was, if I'm not mistaken, agreed
20 upon by all Council.

21 MR. BRODNICKI:

22 Yeah. I'm just saying
23 that people asked me about that.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Right. No. I'm just

1 saying I don't want the public or
2 media to think that that was not a
3 unanimous vote to have it moved to the
4 end of the meeting. So that can very
5 well be looked into. I have no
6 problem with it in any way, shape, or
7 form.

8 MR. BRODNICKI:

9 Okay. Thank you.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Do we have any other
12 items for consideration of the board?

13 Introductions of
14 ordinances and resolutions. Anyone?

15 Municipality, Mayor and
16 Council, back in I believe it was late
17 December or early January had voted on
18 a resolution for background checks for
19 anyone who is wanting to be appointed
20 to a board or to those who are already
21 seated at the board.

22 It was done in a public
23 meeting and it was discussed. It was
24 advertised. And naturally, as with
25 everything, the audience was asked if

1 they had any comments, and none were
2 presented. So the general opinion of
3 Mayor and Council was and the
4 environment that unfortunately our
5 country is in at this point in time,
6 we have to be extremely aware, and we
7 also have to be cautious in every
8 aspect because of the fact that the
9 violence is extreme. You cannot be
10 careless anymore. So that was the
11 reason for presenting the ordinance,
12 which is in place.

13 Now, since the ordinance
14 was voted on, there seems to be some
15 questions on exactly what can and
16 cannot be done if someone does not
17 provide a background check.

18 So Mayor, Council and
19 Solicitor have looked into this again.
20 And we as a unit have addressed what
21 we think needs to be specified
22 clearer. And so we are not going to
23 rescind the ordinance. But we are
24 going to amend it to put the exact
25 language that needs to be done.

1 So I just wanted to make
2 everyone aware of that because I
3 understand there has been a lot of
4 chatter on the background checks. And
5 it's going to be commonplace because
6 of the fact that I've had Mayors from
7 other communities contact me and say
8 that they are looking into presenting
9 the same type of ordinance or
10 resolution because of the fact that we
11 have to know who we are putting in
12 places.

13 Mayor --- you can't run
14 for Mayor or Council if you have a
15 felony. So some of our boards are
16 boards that vote on issues that affect
17 the entire community. So we felt that
18 this is a necessary step to take. So
19 you will be seeing an amendment to
20 that ordinance. So I just wanted
21 everyone to understand it's not that
22 we're making another one. We're just
23 adding language to the one that's in
24 existence.

25 Does anyone else have

1 any ordinances or resolutions?
2 Reports?

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Mayor Kuhn?

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Councilman Petrucci.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 I have two issues I'd
9 like to discuss or two reports that I
10 want to talk about.

11 First, I'd like to
12 salute the brave men and women
13 firefighters that worked all night at
14 the fire at Churchill Center. You
15 went beyond, above and beyond their
16 duties to fight that fire. All our
17 volunteers do not get paid, and if you
18 see one of them, thank them for their
19 services. And please donate to your
20 local fire company in your area for
21 these brave men and women in our
22 community.

23 And thank you as well
24 first responders, the police and EMS.

25 Another volunteer that I

1 have to applaud is a young lady named
2 Jane Rumbaugh and all the volunteers
3 that served and donated the spaghetti
4 dinner that served and --- the
5 firefighters in July after the fire to
6 show the community appreciation along
7 with numerous cookies they delivered
8 to all the fire stations. Jane
9 Rumbaugh also delivered cookies and
10 cases of water to the following fire
11 stations and departments, Churchill,
12 River's Edge, Braddock Edgewood,
13 Forest Hills, Monroeville, Monroeville
14 Number Four, Monroeville Number Six,
15 Holiday Park, Oakmont, Wilkins,
16 Munhall, Millersville Medical One.
17 And I think it was a wonderful thing
18 that she did.

19 Other issue, I had a
20 fantastic time at the Penn Hills
21 Summerfest at Turner-Friendship Park,
22 what a great event. So many fun
23 activities for our family, friends and
24 family. I'd like to thank Parks and
25 Recreation, and the park and rec

1 committee for all the hard work
2 putting the event together.

3 Additionally, I'd like
4 to thank all the municipalities,
5 municipal departments who supported
6 the events, the festival, the
7 Summerfest festival, including DPW,
8 Penn Hills Police, Penn Hills EMS and
9 more. Thank you. Thanks to everyone
10 for making it a success. And thanks
11 to all the residents that came out.
12 We hope to see all of you next park
13 event, which will be Autumn in the
14 Hills this fall. Thank you to Melissa
15 Walker for all her hard work.

16 Brittney Norris and her
17 group PAWsitive went to the
18 municipality on August 10th. They
19 built the dog kennels for the outside
20 and they did a wonderful job and
21 deserve a big thank you for all the
22 accomplishment, for all they have
23 accomplished with the municipality and
24 the animals that are lost. Thank you.

25 And I'm just going to

1 read a brief description. The indoors
2 kennels are comprised of a powder
3 coated seal with a lock the doors and
4 drop through floors to keep the dogs
5 clean in case they have an accident in
6 a cage. The outdoor kennels feature
7 more space with a large dog house,
8 it's sanitary for eco-friendly in-
9 ground septic tank and a heavy duty
10 canvas roof to help give them shade in
11 warmer seasons.

12 This was --- Penn Hills
13 is happy to announce the addition of
14 three new kennels to be used for
15 short-term holding of stray dogs.
16 These kennels were made possible by
17 the fundraising efforts of Penn Hills
18 local animal advocacy group, PAWsitive
19 Voice. So that was something that was
20 positive for the community.

21 We started rebranding
22 the garbage cans that I donated with a
23 new Keep the Penn Hills Beautiful
24 logo. The response of the community
25 to the like of this logo was

1 outstanding. Many residents have
2 wanted the logo sticker for their own
3 garbage cans and recycling units. We
4 are taking orders for them, for the
5 logo stickers. And they will be \$10.
6 Just to let you know, \$8 goes towards
7 the stickers, and \$2 will be put
8 towards purchasing a new can that will
9 be placed in different locations
10 throughout the community.

11 Our first can will be
12 placed at Frankstown and High Point.
13 Frank Housen has agreed to empty it.

14 Remember, we need volunteers to empty
15 those, so if you request one specific
16 location, there must be someone to
17 empty them. Anyone wanting a Penn
18 Hills Beautiful logo sticker can
19 instant message Tyler Consium or
20 myself. The sticker must be paid in
21 advance before purchase. So that is
22 that.

23 I want to talk a little
24 bit about our economic development
25 team. The mission statement is the

1 increase the effectiveness of
2 non-profit sector, which as a
3 response, capacity building and
4 intermediate funding. Programs are
5 developed through the NSR vibrant
6 communities framework that starts with
7 150-plus non-profit and small business
8 leaders each year, while connecting
9 them with over two million funding and
10 finance.

11 In short, this group
12 here has helped in the revitalization
13 of Millville and some others in the
14 surrounding communities. When we did
15 this --- I guess when they did, not
16 we, they did --- they went out and
17 they reached out to a gentleman in
18 charge of it, and they brought it into
19 our community. And he's going to have
20 a workshop on --- I believe it's the
21 29th. It is the 29th. And they're
22 going to have a gathering of different
23 professionals and residents throughout
24 the community to talk about how we can
25 improve some of the things in Penn

1 Hills.

2 So the 29th meeting is
3 going to be at the library. It will
4 be at the library on the 29th. Some
5 of the people that will be coming will
6 be Usis Palmis, Amy Alexander, Kathy
7 Anchor, Shawn Shim, Joy Segers, Jason
8 Lee, Jason Moore, Faith Belazzo, Kathy
9 Yates and Tamara Roach. These folks
10 here will be --- were picked out of a
11 large pool and will be talking about
12 how we can do some things in Penn
13 Hills.

14 Another thing they were
15 talking about at the economic
16 development was taxes. Walmart
17 executives are coming to survey the
18 property up on Saltsburg Road on the
19 Penn Hills, Plum border. If we can
20 offer an incentive to move here, that
21 would be wonderful. Also, Starbucks
22 was contacted and they have interest
23 to set up a store in Penn Hills and
24 possibly the PNC on Saltsburg Road.
25 If you're not familiar, PNC is

1 leaving. They are merging with the
2 one on ---. And that building will be
3 empty. And the economic development
4 team reached out to them and they said
5 they'd be glad to take a look at it,
6 because they're looking for a place to
7 move into Penn Hills. So that will be
8 Starbucks.

9 I'd like to thank Kathy
10 Sutton on the economic development
11 team for her lead in the Attorney
12 General's Office possibly purchasing
13 the old municipal building. Kathy
14 works for the AG's office and she knew
15 they were looking for a new place and
16 immediately advised them of our old
17 municipal building. So that would
18 have 200 agents at that location. And
19 they're going to take a look at that.
20 I also have a meeting with a developer
21 this week that is interested in
22 purchasing the old building. So
23 hopefully we can get a sale done
24 sooner on that property. We're
25 starting to get some more and more

1 people interested in property.

2 One thing I did see
3 mentioned is that I've seen that we
4 still have the political signs around.
5 Some say DeFazio, some say Fitzgerald,
6 some say McCarthy. Many of them going
7 down the road. My proposal at the
8 last meeting of owners to address this
9 issue. Signs up in our municipality
10 are not only liter, but disrespect the
11 community as a whole. I see the
12 vice-chairman's here of the Democratic
13 Party. Maybe, Pauline, you can give
14 him a call and see if you can get
15 these signs picked up and properly
16 disposed of, please.

17 We had our first case
18 this morning. Well, this was back on
19 August 15th. This morning, the local
20 magisterial district judge, Anthony
21 DeLuca, Jr. found the person that was
22 dumping guilty. They gave him a
23 judgement of \$2,000 plus the cost of
24 cleanup, which was \$2,800. We are
25 pleased with the judgement. However,

1 we are well aware he will appeal in
2 Common Pleas Court. Judge Rocas will
3 hear the case. So that's something
4 positive also.

5 Savvy Citizen, the mayor
6 mentioned this. We had looked at this
7 back in 2017, I believe. Was it 2017,
8 Mayor?

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Yes.

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 About 2017. And Penn
13 Hills residents, the municipality
14 wants to communicate with you.
15 Download the free Savvy Citizen app
16 and get real-time updates on what's
17 happening in your area. These
18 notifications include helpful
19 information, community and family
20 events, road closures, safety updates,
21 and much more. And I believe we're
22 going to put some kind of notification
23 in the water bill.

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 Yeah, that's correct. I

1 know the Mayor had asked me to make
2 mentioned of it. I can do that now.

3 We were talking for a
4 long time about finding better ways to
5 communicate with residents and get
6 certain things out there. That's one
7 reason why we have the meetings
8 videotaped. I don't know whether you
9 see the production that we get from
10 Mr. Lauder, but he does a pretty good
11 job for us. Even did some other
12 things such as promotional videos.

13 Our IT department spent
14 a lot of time looking at the best app
15 that we could find that's out there
16 talking to people. Looking at not
17 only pricing, but also what other
18 communities' experiences are with
19 these. You can actually download
20 Savvy Citizen right now. There's not
21 going to be anything on it for Penn
22 Hills yet because until Savvy Citizen
23 gets paid a little bit later this
24 week, we won't be able to put anything
25 on there. But we're hoping to use it

1 to send direct text messages to
2 residents that sign up. You download
3 the app and you tell the app how you
4 want to be contacted and how often you
5 want to be contacted. You can get
6 contacted by email or you can get
7 contacted by text message.

8 What we're going to use
9 it for is to get alerts out to the
10 public, especially when there's road
11 closures, things of that nature.
12 There's going to be a calendar of
13 events. So things like Summerfest,
14 people can find out about it if
15 they're signed up for the app. The
16 app's only going to be as helpful as
17 the number of people that sign up for
18 it. So if no one signs up for it,
19 then it's not going to be very
20 effective. We're going to try to get
21 information out and give it in a water
22 bill, giving people information to
23 sign up that way. There's going to be
24 information on our Facebook page
25 another way.

1 So you can actually
2 download it now. Some of our
3 neighbors were using it and you can
4 actually see what's going on in other
5 communities as well, in Wilkins and
6 Plum use it. But you can deselect it
7 if you just want to see Penn Hills.
8 So hopefully in the next couple weeks,
9 you can hear about it. It's Savvy
10 Citizens. You can download it for
11 free. And probably later this week,
12 maybe later --- I wouldn't be
13 surprised by the end of the week, we
14 have our calendar up and running. So
15 we look forward to that.

16 MR. PETRUCCI:

17 Thank you, sir. And
18 lastly, we did get a draft from
19 Manager Andrejchak about the fireworks
20 ordinance. And I think it's a very
21 good one. It's going to cover both
22 fireworks and noise in the same
23 ordinance. And hopefully we'll get
24 this together. And I believe Chris is
25 on board with this also. You saw

1 this, Chris?

2 MR. BLACKWELL:

3 Yes, absolutely.

4 I shared it with Mayor
5 and Council. It's basically a really
6 rough draft. And also, I shared with
7 our staff to get some feedback. I
8 talked to Howard about it today. He
9 thinks that there's some good news
10 about it. But it would definitely
11 meet our needs. So I think probably
12 we have it in September or October.

13 But we think it gives us
14 a good solution. There are a number
15 of reasons. So I'm sure we'll have
16 more discussion about that when it
17 comes. Okay.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Thank you. And that's
20 all I have, Mayor. Thank you.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 And we will move to
23 citizens to address Council. The
24 first is Pat Neiser. Pat Neiser?
25 Okay.

1 And next is Pauline
2 Calabrese on flooding and ethics.

3 MS. CALABRESE:

4 Thank you, Mayor. Thank
5 you, Council, for letting me speak
6 just briefly on flooding. Certainly,
7 we have limited sewer system,
8 including the pumps and so forth.

9 But I've had some folks
10 that tell me about things like I've
11 been --- that there's a creek behind
12 the old road, there's a shopping cart
13 there. Certainly, this weekend, anyone
14 who was at the pop concert at the park,
15 you saw the creek, the damage that ---
16 on the creek and down to the Penn Hills
17 Park.

18 My understanding of
19 federal laws, and I'm certainly not
20 here to tell anyone how to do their
21 job. But just I --- we need to take
22 advantage of other resources. If we
23 could ask --- my understanding is that
24 that's a federal issue. We, frankly,
25 need more trenching.

1 There should not be a
2 shopping cart in a creek, those sorts
3 of things. So I'd just --- I would
4 suggest that we take advantage of
5 federal resources and do more drain
6 --- trenching and do so more often.

7 The second issue is
8 ethics. I applaud Councilman Brodnicki
9 for --- I believe it was under items of
10 consideration. He wanted to have the
11 ethics legislation put in place. That
12 was mentioned, but it never went
13 anywhere.

14 I do hope that that is
15 because you're all considering the
16 language. I would love to see the
17 ethics provisions put in place. I
18 found it quite troubling last meeting
19 that we had a towing contractor. I
20 don't have a problem with a towing
21 contract. I don't have a problem with
22 a towing contract, per se.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 It's working.

25 MS. CALABRESE:

1 It's working?

2 I don't have a problem
3 with the tow --- the tow contract, per
4 se. The problem I have is with the
5 process, with the way that it's done.
6 We're often told about the, quote,
7 unquote, laundry list. We hear about
8 when an e-mail goes out, the specific
9 time of day that the e-mail has gone
10 out.

11 And at the last meeting,
12 Councilman Petrucci had a note or some
13 piece of paper, but the public did not
14 get to see it. And Councilman, I
15 believe you said you --- I don't know
16 if you even met with these people in
17 person or you telephoned them.

18 Were they telephone
19 calls?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 They were --- they were
22 calls. Each one of them was
23 individually called. Each person was
24 individually called.

25 MS. CALABRESE:

1 So I put in a
2 right-to-know request, and I was given
3 a copy of the contract. And I was ---
4 I asked for a copy of the document that
5 Council was shown but the public was
6 not shown. When I requested it, I was
7 not denied, but I haven't received that
8 yet.

9 I just think when we
10 think about ethics, not only is it ---
11 we need to talk about also the
12 appearance of impropriety. Everything
13 had been completely above board, but I
14 think the public should get to see
15 those documents. I'd like to know who
16 was called. I would like to know when
17 the calls were made.

18 Were they all made on the
19 same day?

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Really and truthfully,
22 Paulene, every Council person, it is
23 their job that once they receive their
24 agenda, they are to go through
25 everything that is going to be voted

1 on. And they are supposed to research,
2 and they also are supposed to get
3 factual ---.

4 MS. CALABRESE:

5 I understand. But I was
6 just wondering ---.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 No, no, no. You spoke
9 --- I'm just answering what you had
10 said. I'll let you continue.

11 And to ask for --- now if
12 Mr. Petrucci would put his minutes ---
13 I mean, his comments, and ask them to
14 be part of the minutes, then, yes,
15 anyone would have the right to ask for
16 those.

17 But what you're
18 suggesting is if a Council person goes
19 through ten resolutions and ordinances,
20 and writes down what they've said, or
21 what they haven't said, especially in
22 the case that you presented ---.

23 You did not question that
24 when you were sitting in the audience
25 and Mr. Petrucci was reading those.

1 That would've been the time that you
2 could have questioned it. To come up
3 two or three weeks later, what would
4 make anyone think that somebody keeps
5 their handwritten notes after a
6 meeting?

7 So what you're saying
8 then is anything that the Mayor and
9 Council researched on their own, for
10 their own information, you feel that
11 you have a right to ask for their
12 handwritten notes when they are not
13 part of the record.

14 And secondly, waiting as
15 long as you did, I don't --- I don't
16 keep all of my notes that I write down
17 for each meeting. I would have a room
18 full of paper.

19 So I --- I'm very
20 surprised, Paulene, because I know you.
21 I know you very well. And I always
22 have respected you. And to ask this is
23 so disappointing to me, because there's
24 no substance to it. And Paulene,
25 you're much better than that. You're

1 much better than this.

2 MS. CALABREESE:

3 May --- may I speak?

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Go ahead. All because
6 --- we're not --- I saw updates as far
7 as the comments on the zoning contract.
8 So go ahead, keep speaking. But I will
9 answer comments that you make. That's
10 what Council meetings are for, for
11 dialogue between Mayor and Council and
12 the public.

13 MS. CALABREESE:

14 Well --- well, thank you,
15 Mayor. And I do appreciate the --- the
16 respect that you have shown me like
17 that. And your kind words are very
18 much appreciated.

19 I think you misunderstood
20 what I'm asking. I have no idea, nor
21 do the public know, whether or not
22 those are handwritten notes. We have
23 no idea. I don't know if you're taking
24 notes now. I don't know if you take
25 notes when you go home.

1 But I do know, at the
2 last meeting, which was well over three
3 weeks ago, and so this is the first
4 opportunity that I've had to come
5 before this body. Not just for myself,
6 but for anyone in the audience who
7 would like to know.

8 What happened in that
9 meeting was Councilman Petrucci said, I
10 talked to several towing companies, and
11 I got their comps. And then he took a
12 document. He said I have five copies
13 here. And he gave that out to each one
14 of the Council members.

15 I believe that whenever
16 you're voting on something that has
17 --- is involving taxpayer money that we
18 really should get to see the same
19 documents as everyone.

20 Okay?

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Let me --- let me just
23 interject when you make the statement,
24 taxpayers money.

25 Okay?

1 And you're referencing
2 the comments that Mr. Petrucci made
3 regarding my husband's business.

4 MS. CALABREESE:

5 No, just ---.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 No, no, no. I'm just
8 saying ---.

9 MS. CALABREESE:

10 Let me clarify.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 You just said anything
13 relating to taxpayers money.

14 MS. CALABREESE:

15 That's right.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Paulene, do you realize
18 --- did you call the manager? Did you
19 call the Mayor? Did you call anyone on
20 the Board when this was presented, that
21 it was going to be an agenda item?

22 Did you call to give any
23 information? Because if you would, you
24 would see, Paulene, that there is no
25 taxpayers money presented to Don Kuhn

1 Auto Body.

2 MS. CALABREESE:

3 No. I was ---.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Don Kuhn Auto Body's
6 contract, if you would have read it and
7 not just taken pieces of it, you would
8 see there's no funding from the
9 municipality to Don Kuhn Auto Body for
10 his services. He's a service to the
11 --- to Penn Hills police and the
12 municipality. If he tows anyone's
13 vehicle, yours, Frank's, anyone, the
14 municipality does not pay a penny for
15 that.

16 MS. CALABREESE:

17 You say that ---.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 He is --- he is either
20 paid by the insurance company or he is
21 paid by the owner or they abandon those
22 cars on his lot. And he does get \$15
23 from the State for every car that he
24 processes. And so ---

25 MS. CALABREESE:

1 And so ---.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 --- do not make the
4 public think that there's taxpayers
5 money going to Don Kuhn Auto Body.

6 And I will tell you
7 another thing. When Don Kuhn Auto Body
8 sends in his proposals, he attaches
9 anywhere from five to eight different
10 towing companies that he ---. It's not
11 a secret, Paulene.

12 MS. CALABREESE:

13 I understand that, but
14 it's a right to know.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 He attaches --- he
17 attaches ---.

18 MS. CALABREESE:

19 I think that's a right to
20 know, Your Honor. I didn't want ---.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 He attaches --- he
23 attaches so that you can --- he is
24 presenting to Mayor and Council what
25 the other vendors charge compared to

1 what he charges.

2 Okay?

3 You were in the audience,
4 Paulene.

5 MS. CALABREESE:

6 Yes I was, Your Honor.
7 That's why I'm here to speak. I'm not
8 here to argue with you.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 It was brought up, where
11 the contract came up. Were you in the
12 audience?

13 MS. CALABREESE:

14 I'm not here to argue
15 with you. I'm not going to ---.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 No, no. I'm not --- I'm
18 not arguing, but I am not going to
19 permit you to make statements that is
20 going through, being televised to
21 everyone saying that John
22 Petrucci's ---

23 MS. CALABREESE:

24 There's nothing ---.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 --- comment about ---
2 should be presented because it's
3 taxpayers money. Making that
4 statement, Paulene, you're making and
5 alluding to the public that Mr. Kuhn is
6 receiving money from taxpayers.

7 MS. CALABREESE:

8 Let me clarify exactly
9 what was said. Any time the taxpayers
10 --- these are the people who are in the
11 audience ---.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Honey, could you speak
14 directly into the --- if you want to
15 talk to the audience, please turn the
16 mic, so you're speaking into the mic.

17 MS. CALABREESE:

18 Well, I'd like to say
19 that any time anybody in this audience
20 who's a resident, a taxpayer or an
21 interested individual, they have the
22 right to see the documents. That's why
23 we have this --- what we're doing
24 tonight.

25 We have the right to see

1 the document. I don't need to see,
2 they don't need to see nor expect to
3 see any of your handwritten notes.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Well, that's what you're
6 asking.

7 MS. CALABREESE:

8 No, I'm not. If I may
9 --- if I may, Your Honor. I'm just
10 --- let me finish. I'm not here to
11 argue with you. I'm going to make a
12 statement.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 I didn't think we were
15 arguing. I think we were expressing
16 both of our opinions.

17 MS. CALABREESE:

18 Well, it sounds to me as
19 if you're defending Don Kuhn Auto. I
20 don't have a problem with Don Kuhn
21 Auto.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Well, let me tell you
24 something. I am the Mayor of Penn
25 Hills.

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MS. CALABREESE:

I understand that.

MAYOR KUHN:

I defend the residents,
my Board members, my staff and any
business in Penn Hills. So just
because I'm the Mayor, Paulene, that
doesn't mean that I won't defend a
50-plus year business in this
municipality because of the fact he's a
sole proprietor, but he's my husband.
And he's also a business owner in the
municipality of Penn Hills.

And I will defend him
just as I would defend any other
business owner ---

MS. CALABREESE:

And I said ---.

MAYOR KUHN:

--- in Penn Hills from
comments that are not accurate. So am
I defending him because he's my
husband? No, Paulene.

MS. CALABREESE:

I understand.

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MAYOR KUHN:

I'm defending him because he's a business owner of Penn Hills. That's a fact.

MS. CALABRESE:

Your Honor, I think that it would make no difference to me whether you're defending him because he's your husband or a business owner, and I would expect no less.

You missed my point. My point is about the process. My point is that --- is not about the individual who received the contract, or the entity. My point is the process.

I have a right-to-know request submitted. It makes no difference to me whether or not I ever see that document. Because Councilman Petrucci is here to answer the question I have.

My question is, under this process, the only difference it makes that you are the Mayor, the entity that received the contract ---.

1 The only difference is we do not have
2 complete transparency. That it gives
3 the appearance of impropriety.

4 And that doesn't have to
5 be. That's unnecessary. So everything
6 should be above board, not going across
7 it.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 No. So disappointing.
10 So disappointing.

11 MS. CALABREESE:

12 Well, let the record
13 reflect ---.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 For transparency, so that
16 we get what actually you're asking for,
17 Paulene.

18 MS. CALABREESE:

19 What I'm asking for ---.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 No, no. I'm asking you
22 again. Will you tell me specifically
23 what transparency was not presented
24 when Don Kuhn Auto Body put in his bid
25 for the towing contract? Where ---

1 where was the secret that wasn't
2 transparent?

3 MS. CALABREESE:

4 There was a document that
5 was passed around the Council members
6 that was not passed out.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Okay.

9 So you're saying the
10 transparency wasn't Don Kuhn Auto Body?

11 MS. CALABREESE:

12 I don't have a problem
13 with Don Kuhn Auto Body.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 No, you do have a
16 problem.

17 MS. CALABREESE:

18 I do not.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 It's because of the fact
21 --- let me explain this to you. As I
22 said, Don Kuhn Auto Body towing does
23 not receive any funding from the
24 municipality.

25 Number two, the State

1 law, the municipality cannot have to
2 have to bid if the funding is less than
3 \$10,000. Well, I would believe next to
4 zero is less than \$10,000.

5 So the question of why
6 that wasn't bid, it didn't have to be
7 bid. Now, do you want me to show you
8 how many other contracts have been
9 renewed without bidding? Who we just
10 did tonight, for all the times that
11 he's been renewed, it was renewed
12 Paulene, not bid. And he receives a
13 great deal of taxpayers' money.

14 Number two, this ethics
15 that you and Mr. Brodnicki saw fit to
16 put into the meeting, and even though
17 you both were at the meeting and didn't
18 express ---

19 MS. CALABRESE:

20 I don't ---.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 --- and didn't express it
23 at that time, giving the opportunity to
24 give you the facts. Instead, you sat
25 quietly and then both of you went to

1 the media. Mr. Brodnicki, as a
2 Councilman, sat there, and said he does
3 a good job, and he does a lot for us.
4 He voted no.

5 But he didn't say
6 anything that he put into his comments
7 in the paper. Because you see, if he
8 would've presented it to Mayor and
9 Council when the agenda item was up and
10 we say to the audience, is there any
11 questions from the audience? You gave
12 none, Paulene.

13 MS. CALABRESE:

14 I didn't have them at
15 that time. I assumed that ---.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Mr. Brodnicki, the Mayor
18 says is there any comments from the
19 Council? No comments were made. The
20 comments were made when there was no
21 one who could challenge the comments
22 that they made.

23 And the comment that I
24 don't think family members should be on
25 the Board if they have a family member

1 who does business. Let me tell you one
2 thing. I was appointed in 2004 to
3 Council. I was appointed ---.

4 MS. CALABREESE:

5 Well ---.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 I was appointed in 2004
8 by Mayor Anthony DeLuca, Jr. And when
9 he approached me to take the
10 appointment, I said to Anthony,
11 Anthony, you know Don has a contract
12 with the municipality. Won't there be
13 any conflict with me being on the Board
14 and my husband having a contract?

15 My Mayor, who will always
16 be my Mayor, Mayor Anthony DeLuca, Jr.,
17 who's the most honorable young man, and
18 has integrity, said to me, there's no
19 conflict. The only thing you would
20 have to do is not vote on anything
21 pertaining to Don Kuhn Auto Body.

22 While I sat on Planning,
23 and while I sat, Paulene, as Deputy
24 Mayor and Mayor, Don Kuhn Auto Body's
25 contract was renewed six times while I

1 was sitting there.

2 MS. CALABREESE:

3 You missed my point.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Six times, Paulene.

6 MS. CALABREESE:

7 You keep missing my

8 point.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 By different --- by
11 different administrations, Mayors,
12 Councilmen. Six different times. And
13 none of them ever questioned my being
14 on Council and my husband having a
15 towing contract.

16 MS. CALABREESE:

17 I'm not questioning that.

18 You keep missing my point.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 But Paulene, you most
21 certainly did do that. And the article
22 asked Mr. Brodnicki.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 You --- you're missing my

25 point.

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Now, here's a point that
3 I find, that I am so absolutely
4 surprised by. You and Mr. Brodnicki
5 made comments towards my husband's
6 business, making and applying him to
7 the public because making them think he
8 got his contract because his wife's the
9 Mayor.

10 He got this contract in
11 1976. I did not come on Council until
12 2004.

13 Okay?

14 Number one.

15 MS. CALABREESE:

16 Okay.

17 But you're just going to
18 keep prattling on.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Number two, you're saying
21 taxpayers' money, ---

22 MS. CALABREESE:

23 You don't know ---.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 --- which there isn't

1 any. But I didn't hear you, and I
2 didn't read anything Mr. Brodnicki
3 said, about the fact that for 40 years
4 Don Kuhn Auto Body has towed every
5 single police vehicle free of charge,
6 every ambulance free of charge, every
7 senior center vehicles free of charge.
8 Every public works, free of charge.
9 Every Department of Water Pollution,
10 free of charge.

11 So you want to talk about
12 taxpayers money?

13 MS. CALABREESE:

14 No, I don't.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 No, you do.

17 MS. CALABREESE:

18 I don't want to talk
19 about that.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 You made the comment
22 taxpayers' money relative to my
23 husband.

24 MS. CALABREESE:

25 May I --- may I finish?

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Paula, you --- you have a
3 right to speak.

4 MS. CALABREESE:

5 May I speak ---?

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 But Paula, so do I.

8 MS. CALABREESE:

9 May I speak --- may I
10 speak uninterrupted?

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 May you speak what?

13 MS. CALABREESE:

14 Uninterrupted. Every
15 time I speak, you cut me off.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 I don't interrupt. So
18 that --- that's a phrase that people
19 use because of the fact ---. It's not
20 interrupting, Paulene, it's answering.

21 MS. CALABREESE:

22 I'm not asking anything.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 You're presenting
25 comments at this Council meeting to the

1 public. You are asking questions to
2 the public. As the Mayor of Penn
3 Hills, when anyone is making any type
4 of comment, especially derogatory, it
5 is my not only right but my job to
6 answer your comment.

7 You can ask me,
8 Paulene ---

9 MS. CALABREESE:

10 I'm not asking anything.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 --- any comment you want.
13 But I will not permit politics. Because
14 of the fact you're running for
15 Mayor ---.

16 MS. CALABREESE:

17 Excuse me, I came up here
18 and said my name as a resident.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Now ---.

21 MS. CALABREESE:

22 You're the one that's
23 bringing that up. I didn't.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 I'm a resident --- I'm a

1 resident, too, Paulene. Answer my
2 question to you Paulene.

3 MS. CALABREESE:

4 You're sitting there as a
5 Mayor. And I'm standing here as a
6 resident and I would like permission to
7 speak uninterrupted.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Let me tell you
10 something. I'm a resident, Paulene.

11 MS. CALABREESE:

12 Not in that seat, you're
13 not.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 I mean, I'm not a
16 resident. I wouldn't be allowed to be
17 in this seat, Paulene, if I wasn't a
18 resident.

19 MS. CALABREESE:

20 With all due respect, may
21 I finish?

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Go ahead, Paulene. Let's
24 see what you're actually saying.

25 MS. CALABREESE:

1 Yes. Let me speak. May
2 I speak uninterrupted?

3 First of all, I said, as
4 taxpayers, they have the right to come
5 before this body and ask questions.
6 I'm not here about taxpayers. I
7 understood the contract and I read it.

8 I'm here to talk about
9 ethics. You have taken this so far
10 afield. I'm supposing you're saying
11 --- I'm sure you're not saying that
12 there's no monetary value to that
13 contract. I don't think that's what
14 you're saying. Because ---.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Right. All right.

17 Go ahead, Paulene. But
18 you --- you make comments, Paulene,
19 that are so unfactual. You're saying
20 that --- oh, you say there's no
21 monetary value to that contract.

22 MS. CALABRESE:

23 No, this one isn't.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Well, I said there's no

1 taxpayers' money to that contract.
2 Whoever is giving you your script,
3 Paulene, tell them to come up and give
4 it to me face to face.

5 MS. CALABREESE:

6 You know, I didn't come
7 here to be insulted. I come here as a
8 resident to speak.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Well, it has to be ---.

11 MS. CALABREESE:

12 I don't have a script
13 here. I'm going by the documents
14 that's provided to me by this
15 government. There's not one line on
16 here that I am reading.

17 My only question was
18 whether or not the public is going to
19 see this document? I have a
20 right-to-know request in place. It
21 hasn't been denied. It's pending. So
22 I don't know, maybe I will see it.

23 I have no idea what
24 document was passed out to that body,
25 because I haven't seen it. I'm here to

1 say that I'd like to see the ethics
2 move forward with the legislation Mr.
3 Brodnicki proposed. I'd like to see
4 that move forward.

5 Because we have the
6 appearance of impropriety. The
7 difference between this auto body and
8 --- and Kuhn Towing is the Mayor is not
9 married to this auto body.

10 Everything is --- and
11 it's about more than just show.
12 There's no problem. I'm not suggesting
13 there is a problem. I would just like
14 to see everything done above board.
15 It's troubling --- it's troubling
16 whenever a document is passed out to
17 Council for their consideration, just
18 like these documents are. And yet the
19 public doesn't get to see it.

20 I would like to see us
21 move forward, ethically, and without
22 the appearance of impropriety. I'm not
23 saying anything was done improperly.
24 I'm just saying it doesn't look good.
25 It gives the appearance. So I would

1 like to prevent that.

2 I have a right-to-know
3 request pending. And I don't
4 necessarily need to see that document.
5 Mr. Petrucci can answer the question
6 right now. If he chooses not to,
7 that's fine. I'll wait to see if the
8 document comes forward.

9 And if the document
10 doesn't come forward, then I very well
11 may come here again, as a resident, and
12 ask the question again, as I'm entitled
13 to ask.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Okay. Now, when you make
16 the comment --- am I allowed to talk
17 now? I'm not --- I'm not interrupting
18 you.

19 Correct?

20 MS. CALABRESE:

21 You --- are you --- are
22 you trying to argue with me? I don't
23 know if I should ---.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 I asked you a simple

1 question. You said you wanted to talk
2 uninterrupted. I'm asking you, am I
3 --- am I interrupting you now or am I
4 speaking?

5 MS. CALABREESE:

6 At this point, who's
7 going to --- I'm through with my
8 comments at this time.

9 My question is whether
10 Councilman Petrucci, not Your
11 Honor, ---.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Okay.

14 I have a question to you.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 And again, my --- and
17 --- I'll wait. You can go.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 When you make comments,
20 documents given, is that a comment
21 regarding the towing contract or ---
22 and Don Kuhn? Or is that a comment
23 toward Mr. Petrucci?

24 MS. CALABREESE:

25 I made a comment here

1 tonight that we were provided all the
2 documents. I presume that every
3 Council member up there has the packet
4 that I'm holding, that I received from
5 that table over there.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 I --- I asked you a
8 question. I didn't ask what documents
9 you had. I asked ---.

10 MS. CALABREESE:

11 You asked me what
12 documents I was referring to.
13 I'm ---.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 I --- I'm just asking
16 you, when you say documents were not
17 presented to you or the public, are you
18 referring to Don Kuhn Auto Body not
19 presenting the documents?

20 MS. CALABREESE:

21 No. I'm talking
22 about ---.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Okay.

25 I just wanted to be

1 clear.

2 MS. CALABREESE:

3 Let me finish my
4 sentence.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Okay.

7 MS. CALABREESE:

8 I'm referring to --- I
9 --- may I give you an answer? I'm
10 referring to the document that
11 Councilman Petrucci passed out. It was
12 on film.

13 We can see it from the
14 last meeting. He said, I have five
15 copies here, and passed out the
16 documents to every --- to the members
17 of Council up there. And that's the
18 document I'm referring to.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Well, why then did you
21 bring in above board? Now, is that
22 above board referring to Mr. Petrucci
23 or are you alluding to Don Kuhn Auto
24 Body did something not above board?

25 MS. CALABREESE:

1 I have no problem with
2 Don Kuhn Auto Body.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 No, I'm asking a
5 question.

6 MS. CALABREESE:

7 I don't --- I am
8 questioning the process that occurred
9 by passing a document to members of
10 Council that was not presented to the
11 public.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Okay.

14 MS. CALABREESE:

15 That's troubling. The
16 --- the documents Don --- the contract,
17 I've seen that. The public has seen
18 that. That was completely public.

19 To the best of my
20 knowledge, information and belief,
21 every single contract that was ever
22 done through Don Kuhn Auto Body has
23 been covered. As far as I know, that's
24 always been covered. I don't have a
25 problem with that.

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Okay.

3 But think --- that's why
4 I want clarification.

5 MS. CALABREESE:

6 And that's what I'm
7 saying.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 All I'm asking is
10 clarification. I --- the reason I have
11 to ask for clarification, Paulene, is
12 because when you presented your
13 comments and remarks, you presented Don
14 Kuhn Auto Body. You are the one who
15 brought Don Kuhn Auto Body into your
16 questions.

17 MS. CALABREESE:

18 Because Don Kuhn Auto
19 Body is an entity that has received the
20 contract.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 And what does that have
23 to do with Mr. Petrucci's notes?

24 MS. CALABREESE:

25 Mr. Petrucci and a

1 document, you said. I'm not going to
2 pass this out to everyone --- I --- my
3 problem, I believe, is with what he
4 said. You can go back and look.

5 To the best of my
6 recollection he said, I have five
7 copies and I'm passing them out. I
8 have the impression that people from
9 the members of Council probably thought
10 that they were on that table as well,
11 like this stack was there tonight.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Well, what people ---
14 what do you assume people think,
15 Paulene?

16 MS. CALABREESE:

17 I'm not assuming
18 anything.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 That's not the point.

21 MS. CALABREESE:

22 I ---.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 You're saying people
25 thought they would be on there.

1 Okay.

2 That's I --- I won't say
3 anything, other than the fact ---.

4 MS. CALABREESE:

5 Well, what you have done
6 is you impugned my character, so now I
7 have to defend my character. So ---.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 And did you harm a
10 business person's character ---?

11 MS. CALABREESE:

12 Absolutely not.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 Okay.

15 MS. CALABREESE:

16 So I'm up here tonight
17 for one thing and one thing only. You
18 have derailed this. I have my timer.
19 My timer right now, we are on 31
20 minutes. Thirty-one (31) minutes. I
21 had a question that could've been
22 answered in about ten seconds.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Yes, if you wouldn't have
25 brought up another issue. If you

1 were ---.

2 MS. CALABREESE:

3 I'm talking about ---.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 If you had simply said, I
6 want Council member Petrucci's notes,
7 it would be answered in one minute.

8 MS. CALABREESE:

9 That's not what I ---.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 I didn't bring up the
12 towing contract.

13 MS. CALABREESE:

14 I most assuredly brought
15 it up, because that's the issue that
16 we're here for --- that I'm here for
17 tonight.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Well, talking about
20 ethics. I made a ---.

21 MS. CALABREESE:

22 Let me finish. Please,
23 Your Honor.

24 The issue is that
25 particular contract. I can't help it

1 that that happens to be the same last
2 name as yours

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 That has nothing to do
5 with it.

6 MS. CALABREESE:

7 And I don't have a
8 problem with it.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 You're aiming for cheap
11 shots.

12 MS. CALABREESE:

13 That's not a cheap shot.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Okay. Okay.

16 MS. CALABREESE:

17 You're asking why I
18 brought up the tow --- the towing
19 contract.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 The thing is ---.

22 MS. CALABREESE:

23 We're trying to make a
24 record here. We can only do one at a
25 time.

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MAYOR KUHN:

Is there an ethics problem that you feel Don Kuhn Auto Body did with this contract ---?

MS. CALABRESE:

With all due respect, Your Honor, I'm not here to give a deposition. I'm here to make a comment as a --- as a --- as a resident. I have one comment to make and one question.

We have now gone on for 32 minutes. This was directed to Councilman Petrucci, although you let him speak another time. But for some reason you won't have him speak right now. And I don't ---.

MAYOR KUHN:

I didn't --- I didn't tell him not to speak. You see what you put out? You put out to the public, you wanted to ask Mr. Petrucci a question, but I didn't allow --- I did not allow him to speak.

Where, in our

1 conversation of 32 minutes did I make
2 the comment, Mr. Petrucci, you can't
3 speak?

4 MS. CALABREESE:

5 I suppose it's out of
6 courtesy that he has not interrupted
7 you.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 It's what?

10 MS. CALABREESE:

11 I suppose it's out of
12 courtesy that he has not interrupted
13 you. You did not tell him
14 verbally ---.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 I have --- if you
17 would've come to more meetings than
18 when you decided to run, I have been
19 interrupted by many Council people ---

20 MS. CALABREESE:

21 Okay. Then ---.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 --- many times.

24 MS. CALABREESE:

25 No, no. Mr.

1 Petrucci ---.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Please do not say I told
4 Mr. Petrucci not to speak.

5 MS. CALABREESE:

6 I --- I never said that.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Okay.

9 MS. CALABREESE:

10 Excuse me, Your Honor.

11 Mr. Petrucci, would you
12 be willing to provide that document
13 that you gave to the --- to the other
14 Council members last meeting that said
15 what tow trucking business needed to be
16 contacted and the date you contracted
17 them --- contacted them?

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 First of all, you
20 wouldn't --- you wouldn't even need to
21 see my documents. You could call the
22 business on page 47 ---

23 MS. CALABREESE:

24 So that's a no?

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 --- of 49 ---.

2 MS. CALABREESE:

3 That's a no, you won't
4 provide the document?

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 I have to look for it,
7 Paulene. I have to look, because I
8 don't keep a ton of paper either. If I
9 find it, you're more than welcome to
10 it.

11 MS. CALABREESE:

12 So do you remember me
13 calling?

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Varacalli, McGann &
16 Chester, and the company in
17 Monroeville. What's the company in
18 Monroeville?

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Magills.

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Magills.

23 I talked with Bob Magill.

24 MS. CALABREESE:

25 Did you talk to them all

1 in the same day?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Yes.

4 MS. CALABREESE:

5 Do you remember when that
6 was?

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 No. It was before the
9 meeting.

10 MS. CALABREESE:

11 The day before, weeks
12 before?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Probably Thursday or
15 Friday before the meeting.

16 MS. CALABREESE:

17 Thank you very much. I
18 --- I truly appreciate that answer. We
19 could have had that answer about half
20 an hour ago.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 And as I said, the Mayor
23 of Penn Hills did not bring up the
24 towing contract. So don't say ---
25 don't say that you were only asking Mr.

1 Petrucci the question, because we will
2 have the minutes, Paulene.

3 MS. CALABREESE:

4 I was specifically asking
5 a question about the towing contract in
6 regard to Mr. Petrucci's documents.
7 That's what I was --- was simply asking
8 a question before we made it to ethics.

9 Because when you think
10 about ethics, it's not just improper
11 contact --- conduct, it's the
12 appearance of impropriety. It may be
13 completely proper, but I would just
14 like to see it done completely above
15 board.

16 Thank you very much.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 And one other thing, the
19 appearance of impropriety. Who are you
20 referencing?

21 MS. CALABREESE:

22 I'm referencing ethics
23 legislation that does something like
24 this. When you have documents that
25 every member up there is reading, ---

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Okay.

3 So ---.

4 MS. CALABREESE:

5 --- the public should get
6 to see those documents as well.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Are --- are you
9 referencing appearance of impropriety
10 towards the towing contract?

11 MS. CALABREESE:

12 I just don't think you
13 understand, so I'm going to sit down.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 I --- I asked a simple
16 question. You said you asked Mr.
17 Petrucci a simple question, ---

18 MS. CALABREESE:

19 I'm ---.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 --- but he didn't answer.

22 MS. CALABREESE:

23 I'm going to ---.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 So Paulene, I'm --- I'm

1 asking you a simple question. You are
2 throwing out these terms of ethics,
3 appearance of impropriety. My simple
4 question that you could ask --- answer
5 in five minutes ---

6 MS. CALABREESE:

7 I would appreciate it.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 --- is, are you
10 referencing appearance of impropriety
11 towards the towing contract?

12 MS. CALABREESE:

13 I'm talking about the
14 term impropriety in relation to ethics.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Okay.

17 What ethics does the
18 towing contractor violate?

19 MS. CALABREESE:

20 I'm not referring to the
21 contractor. You keep going back to the
22 contractor ---

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Well, what are you ---?

25 MS. CALABREESE:

1 --- and I'm talking about
2 the process. I see --- I see you
3 get ---. You --- we're trying to make
4 a record here, and she can't --- she
5 cannot copy both what I'm saying and
6 what you're saying.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Okay.

9 MS. CALABREESE:

10 I have never once ---.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Let's just --- let's just
13 end this, so we don't have to say how
14 much time we spent on it.

15 MS. CALABREESE:

16 Let me just finish,
17 because you had asked me a question,
18 Your Honor, and then not let me speak.

19 I have never once
20 referenced the contractor. I'm talking
21 about the process. I'm speaking only
22 about the process. And you keep taking
23 it back to the contractor.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Okay.

1 Are you referencing the
2 process of awarding the contract? Yes
3 or no, Paulene.

4 MS. CALABREESE:

5 I'm referencing the
6 process of what happened at the last
7 meeting. There was a document ---

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Okay.

10 MS. CALABREESE:

11 --- that was passed out
12 to each Council member. As far as I
13 know, I have no idea whether the
14 contractors saw that or not. I have no
15 idea.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 You have no idea what?

18 MS. CALABREESE:

19 Whether the contractors
20 saw the note or whatever the document
21 was that the Councilman passed out.
22 The --- in fact, to the best of my
23 recollection, Mr. Kuhn wasn't in here
24 that day. So I doubt that Mr. Kuhn
25 himself even saw that document at that

1 time.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Why would ---

4 Paulene ---. So as I said, you asked
5 for a right to know for the towing
6 contract.

7 Correct?

8 MS. CALABREESE:

9 Yes, and I received that.

10 And I asked for two copies.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 And I would ask, when you
13 received that, did you receive copies
14 of towing contractors other than Don
15 Kuhn Auto Body?

16 MS. CALABREESE:

17 No.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 That wasn't in your
20 right-to-know packet?

21 MS. CALABREESE:

22 No.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Do you think ---?

25 MS. CALABREESE:

1 That's not what I'm here
2 for. You keep missing the point, Your
3 Honor. You're totally missing the
4 point.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Paulene, we'll let this
7 go.

8 MS. CALABREESE:

9 And I ---.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 And I will tell you one
12 thing, you and I both know exactly what
13 the point is.

14 MS. CALABREESE:

15 My point is to make this
16 body transparent, Your Honor, and
17 follow the rules of ethics.

18 Thank you.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 And for the public, I
21 would like to say, if anyone has any
22 actual factual facts that this
23 administration, and the administration
24 I served as Deputy Mayor for 12 years
25 does not have transparency, please do

1 not come up and make that statement
2 unless you are going to give a written
3 document stating where the transparency
4 isn't.

5 This is my
6 administration. This is my name. I'm
7 not here to go on to higher office. I
8 worked very hard, especially with Mayor
9 DeLuca, Jr., to bring the municipality
10 to where it's at. As I tell everyone,
11 when you see that you've actually
12 succeeded, is the Board that you served
13 on better when you left than when you
14 got on?

15 Well, look at my record
16 of 2004, and where the municipality was
17 at that time and where the municipality
18 is today.

19 Is my husband, Don Kuhn,
20 from Don Kuhn Auto Body? Yes, he is.
21 For 50-plus years. His name and
22 reputation is what he stands on. And
23 his integrity.

24 He has never, in 50-plus
25 years, been charged and have taken to

1 court for any wrong-doing or any
2 improprieties.

3 He presents exactly what
4 he presents every time he comes before
5 Mayor and Council for his contract.
6 Will I defend him? As I said, not just
7 because of the fact he's my husband.
8 But yes, I'm assuming the same way you
9 would protect your family members.

10 But I protect him as a
11 businessman --- member who pays
12 mercantile tax, business privilege tax,
13 real estate tax, every kind of tax
14 possible. And he does not receive any
15 funding from taxpayers.

16 When you make a
17 presentation, it would be the right
18 thing, the Christian thing, to do with
19 actual facts and not sleight ---
20 fraudulent words. He worked very hard.
21 He's as honest as the day is long.

22 I'll resign today if
23 that's what this municipality wants.
24 But I will not sit by and let someone
25 who had no interest in this

1 municipality for the 20-plus years I've
2 served come up here and defraud any
3 business in Penn Hills.

4 And I apologize if you
5 think I was being derogatory toward you
6 when I started my comments by saying
7 what a wonderful, educated, young
8 person Paulene Calabrese was.

9 Okay.

10 Do I have a motion for
11 adjournment?

12 MR. UNDERWOOD:

13 I'll motion for
14 adjournment.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Do I have a second?

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Second.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Motion made and seconded.

21 And all in favor, say aye.

22 AYES RESPOND

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 There will be no
25 personnel --- executive meeting for

1 personnel, because it was --- it was
2 held prior to.

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4 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:23 P.M.

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Dated the 29th day of August, 2019


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