

MUNICIPALITY OF PENN HILLS

COUNCIL MEETING

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BEFORE: SARA JAYNE KUHN, Mayor
Maureen Sorce, Manager
Secretary
Gary Underwood, Member
Catherine Sapp, Deputy
Mayor
Scott Andrejchak, Municipal
Manager
John Petrucci, Member
Mark Brodnicki, Member
Christopher Blackwell,
Planning Director
Craig Alexander, Solicitor

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MAYOR KUHN:

Sorry for the delay. I had some questions I had to verify with the chief. Am I on? I'm on.

Thank you all for attending. It being 7:10, I will call --- before I call the meeting to order, I do have some amendments to the agenda. The first is that we will have a --- under introductions and ordinances, there will be an introduction of the ordinance for the sale of the old municipal building.

I also will have --- what was the other one?

ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

Under items for consideration, to accept the proposal.

MAYOR KUHN:

And then under items under consideration, it will be to accept the proposal from the interested parties wanting to purchase

1 the building, but we will not be
2 voting on it because of the fact that
3 it was not advertised. But those will
4 be amended to the agenda.

5 And before --- I usually
6 have Mayor's FYI information before we
7 start the meeting. But today I just
8 want to make a formal apology to the
9 two people who were mistakenly, by
10 Mayor and Council --- stating that
11 they did not send in their criminal
12 background check.

13 It's Arlene Holtz from
14 the arts committee and Rita Spalding
15 from the arts. It was a huge mistake
16 by the municipality because of the
17 fact --- I am so apologetic and I'm
18 sure Council will be that we had those
19 names placed in the paper saying that
20 they were not in compliance with the
21 resolution that was passed regarding
22 turning in their background checks.

23 And when, in fact, they
24 had moved from the municipality and
25 were no longer on the boards.

1 Now, as I said, I can't
2 apologize to them or to their families
3 enough because it was unfortunate that
4 Mayor and Council were not made aware
5 of that situation and that their names
6 were included.

7 And it was probably
8 embarrassing not just to them but to
9 their families. That they had given
10 their time to the municipality while
11 they were residents, and then when
12 they left, they get thanked by having
13 their names put in the media that they
14 did not comply with the resolution,
15 which is the rule of the municipality.

16 So again, my sincere
17 apology to both. I know Rita
18 Spalding. She has been so active in
19 so many things throughout the years.
20 It's my sincere apology to them and
21 also to their families for that
22 mistake.

23 I don't know if Council
24 want to say anything, but like I said,
25 I do apologize and I hope that

1 perhaps, Dylan, you can put in
2 somehow or another that that was an
3 error on Mayor and Council, and the
4 municipality and we apology for that
5 error. I would be very appreciative
6 if you could.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Mayor Kuhn, I too want
9 to give them my deepest apology on
10 that. I think we need to have a
11 little better method of --- and a list
12 of who's on our boards so that we can
13 keep up-to-date. Maybe the manager
14 can look into that and give us a
15 yearly report on who's on the board
16 and who isn't so this never happens
17 again.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 And I agree because I
20 know that we do receive information
21 from the manager as far as when
22 contracts are up for renewal. So it
23 was an oversight, it wasn't
24 intentional on anyone's part and I
25 know that everyone who was involved

1 with the error is truly apologetic.

2 But it would be
3 beneficial for the Mayor and Council
4 if when a board member is --- either
5 resigns or is no longer serving, that
6 that information would be passed on to
7 Mayor and Council.

8 Anyone else have a
9 comment?

10 Okay.

11 So with that, I wanted
12 to make sure that that was expressed.

13 The other amendment to
14 the agenda will be making appointments
15 for the economic development. That
16 will come after the minutes. So that
17 will be added to the agenda also.

18 I believe that that is
19 probably the only two amendments that
20 I have.

21 So with that, I approve
22 --- the agenda will stand as presented
23 with the exception on the amendments
24 that I have put into place.

25 If you would all stand

1 for the Pledge of Allegiance?

2 ---

3 (WHEREUPON, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4 WAS RECITED.)

5 ---

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Roll call.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mr. Brodnicki?

10 MR. BRODNICKI:

11 Here.

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Present.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mr. Underwood?

18 MR. UNDERWOOD:

19 Here.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Mr. Petrucci?

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Here.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mayor Kuhn?

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MAYOR KUHN:

Here.

Now, before the minutes, if you look on the agenda item, and there's a resolution for adopting The Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. With that, we --- that will stay as number F on the agenda. But we do have --- we have to have a public hearing on the Capital Program.

So before we start our regular meeting, I would like to have our meeting on the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program.

So we will start with that. And I do want to bring up some of the items that are on there. And then after that we will, in fact, have public input on what we are discussing at this time. So if you give me one minute, please.

Okay.

But I have some things that I did highlight that I wanted to bring to the attention to the

1 residents so that they can see exactly
2 what has transpired by this --- our
3 staff and by our Mayor and Council.

4 Unfortunately, I don't
5 believe I brought my ---.

6 MR. BLACKWELL:

7 I will make ---.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 But I did bring a hard
10 copy. So it'll be easier for me to
11 read it as to what I had highlighted.

12 Thank you.

13 I know that you can
14 follow along, but I just wanted ---
15 and I apologize for not having the one
16 that I had worked on. But I did want
17 to show that there are so many things
18 that have been done and that are being
19 done by the municipality under this
20 Capital Program. And I just wanted
21 everyone to understand.

22 On the first part of
23 street improvements, you will see that
24 we received a grant from the State of
25 Pennsylvania Multimodal Transportation

1 Fund for \$3 million. Now, we did
2 bring that to the attention of the
3 public and that is a huge plus for the
4 municipality. And that's for street
5 reconstruction and other
6 transportation improvements.

7 These fund combined with
8 matching funds from Penn Hills and the
9 Community Development Program will
10 result in \$6,900,000 in street
11 reconstruction over the next five
12 years.

13 So that is something
14 that is always a huge concern for the
15 residents, is the ability to update on
16 the local streets.

17 As far as sidewalks, as
18 always, the Planning Department and
19 Planning Commission intend to have the
20 --- anyone who's coming in for new
21 construction, that they do have to put
22 in sidewalks. And we're hopeful that
23 there will be funding, that the
24 municipality itself can put in missing
25 areas where the sidewalks are in front

1 of some businesses and then not in
2 front of the others.

3 So the sidewalks are a
4 big plus for the municipality. So
5 anything that we can do to have them
6 installed is an absolutely plus to
7 residents for the fact that people do
8 want to walk and it's very convenient
9 if they have the sidewalks to do that
10 in.

11 Street light conversion
12 as our efforts very ongoing situation
13 that we have. We did receive a grant,
14 again, in 2019, and we plan to seek
15 additional funding to expand these
16 conversions to 50 lights per year.

17 That's a savings, and
18 like I said, I want everyone to
19 understand when I'm reading this, I'm
20 basically making the public aware of
21 how much grant money and the
22 municipality brings in through our
23 staff, and Mayor and Council, and our
24 financial department, our manager, who
25 work very hard to bring grants in.

1 And as we go over this, you will see
2 how many grants we actually do bring
3 in.

4 Now, the Green Light Go,
5 the municipality received a matching
6 grant for \$45,372 plus \$11,343 for a
7 total of \$56,716 to replace existing
8 traffic lights.

9 Now, as far as our
10 recreation, our recreation director,
11 John Scaglione, does a wonderful job.
12 And we are proposing recreation and
13 accessibility improvements to not just
14 our local park, but in utilizing
15 matching funds from the State, we have
16 partnered with Oakmont, Verona and
17 Plum on an active Allegheny Grant to
18 fund a feasibility study for a trail
19 that would connect Allegheny
20 Riverfront to Boyce Park.

21 Now, my Council people
22 and I at Seven Springs approached the
23 County on why this side of the river
24 could not be improved and have a bike
25 trail, walking trail, as they're doing

1 on the other side of the river. So we
2 did put the people in charge, more or
3 less, on the line and wanted an
4 explanation.

5 And please correct me,
6 Cathy, and Mark, and John, and Gary,
7 the answer that they were giving us,
8 which is the answer that we had
9 received back when I wasn't even on
10 planning, was the fact that the reason
11 they cannot do it on this side of the
12 river is because of the privately
13 owned railroad. And the owner of that
14 railroad will not give right-of-way
15 for a walking trail or a bike trail to
16 be installed.

17 So the only way that
18 this could be resolved would be
19 through someone reaching out with an
20 olive branch again to that railroad
21 owner to see if there was any way that
22 this could be worked.

23 But what we could ask
24 then is if that was the case, couldn't
25 we come, like, across from where Alton

1 Bridge is and connect to there.

2 So that was something
3 that we presented to the County, and
4 the County did say that they were
5 looking into a possible walking trail
6 from Penn Hills to Boyce Park.

7 Am I correct?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Correct.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Okay.

12 I just want to make sure
13 my memory is as was stated.

14 So we are still working
15 on that. We've been working on it for
16 years. It's a shame to have the
17 waterfront that we have and not have
18 it utilized in some way. But it's not
19 from the lack of Mayor and Council not
20 making every attempt to make it
21 happen.

22 Let's see what else we
23 have. Water pollution, this needs to
24 be properly framed and put into every
25 resident's house in Penn Hills. And

1 the reason I say that is because of
2 the fact naturally the sewage fee is
3 the number one complaint from the
4 residents.

5 Now, they don't realize
6 that Mayor and Council are also
7 residents and taxpayers and also
8 receive the same bills that everyone
9 else does.

10 I have grandchildren who
11 are married and have children who
12 complain to their grandmother on a
13 regular basis because of the fact they
14 have three children, or two children,
15 and they do a lot more laundry, and
16 flush the toilets a lot more and have
17 a lot more mass than I do. And I have
18 to explain the same situation to them.

19 It's a popular thing if
20 you're running for election to say
21 that you're going to be able to
22 resolve the sewage problem. But words
23 are easy, actions are hard. And it's
24 not that Penn Hills hasn't worked
25 tirelessly to make our sewer system

1 workable. We do not make the
2 decisions on what has to be done.
3 That's not Mayor and Council. There
4 are mandates by the EPA and the DEP.
5 They give the mandates to the
6 communities, and then the communities
7 have to abide by the work that they
8 are asking for and the mandates.

9 If we don't, then we
10 will be back to where we were where we
11 were under a criminal consent decree
12 because Penn Hills did not abide by
13 the mandates.

14 So there's no wavering
15 and there's not really any way that
16 the sewer costs can be manipulated to
17 be lower. Because as I said, federal
18 government or the EPA and the DEP,
19 which is through Pennsylvania, mandate
20 what we have to do in order to be in
21 compliance. So when those mandates
22 come in, we have to pay for them. And
23 that's what we've done.

24 So if you would have a
25 copy of the capital plan, you will see

1 under water pollution control, it
2 gives you a wonderful history of ---
3 do you have that up?

4 MR. BLACKWELL:

5 I don't have that on
6 screen.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 No?

9 MR. BLACKWELL:

10 I only have the ---.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 It's a wonderful
13 history. So I repeated this over and
14 over again, Council has repeated this.
15 In 1998, we were under a Federal
16 Consent Decree. Now, that meant that
17 that was criminal. We were under, in
18 1998, a Criminal Consent Decree.

19 All right.

20 Then the municipality in
21 March of 1999 had the Consent Decree
22 completed and all the requirements
23 done. In 2008, the Federal Consent
24 Decree was dismissed, and the
25 municipality entered into a Consent

1 Order which is what all the other
2 surrounding communities have, was a
3 Consent Order.

4 Then we had to have
5 sewer televising, manhole inspection,
6 structural dye testing, hydraulic
7 analysis in the entire Penn Hills
8 sewage collection system, as well as
9 completion for certain capital
10 projects.

11 And by 2016, under the
12 COA, all of the structures in Penn
13 Hills were dye tested to eliminate
14 illegal storm water connection and all
15 sewer lines had been televised to
16 determine where repairs were required
17 and repairs of the problem sewer areas
18 discovered by the sewer televising was
19 then initiated.

20 In February of 2016, the
21 PA DEP terminated our 2008 Consent
22 Order Agreement. And concurrently,
23 the municipality entered into a Phase
24 One COA with the Pennsylvania
25 Department --- DEP, which contained a

1 limited scope of obligations which
2 included conducting a study and
3 demonstration projects. And that was
4 completed and expired in 2018.

5 So it showed that at one
6 time the municipality was under a
7 Criminal Consent Decree. Then we were
8 able to get out of that and go into a
9 Consent Order, which is what all the
10 other surrounding communities were
11 under.

12 And then because of the
13 fact that Penn Hills did such a good
14 job, and did all the mandates, and
15 made all the changes and the
16 construction that had to be done, we
17 were taken out of that and basically
18 put on probation. If you continue to
19 do what you've done in the past, then
20 you will no longer have to be under
21 all these consent orders.

22 That being said, we
23 still have to make sure that we comply
24 with the mandates, which, like I said,
25 will be on mandate. So it's not like

1 --- well, now since we did all that
2 why can't we lower the sewage fee?
3 Because of the fact it's a continual
4 maintenance that has to be done.

5 And so by doing that, we
6 stay free of being fined in any way,
7 shape or form. It's to show you some
8 of the monies since 2008. The
9 municipality has spent over \$23
10 million on sewer improvements. \$23
11 million on sewer improvements.

12 And since 2008, Mayor
13 and Council did not have to borrow any
14 money putting the municipality into
15 debt. That was a rule to be paid by
16 the revenue that is produced by this
17 sewer fees that is collected. Of
18 course, that figure does not include
19 the millions of dollars spent prior to
20 1998.

21 The Capital Plan
22 presented shows \$15.8 million in
23 funding over the next five years to
24 comply with the requirements and
25 operation and maintenance, that's O&M,

1 which every member of this Council
2 goes to seminars on what the new
3 mandates are going to be every year
4 because the government continually
5 puts mandates out.

6 Okay.

7 So that plan will be
8 sewer repairs, major sewer upgrade
9 projects, televising. New grant
10 funding opportunities will be
11 persistently requested to supplement
12 these costs.

13 Penn Hills is now
14 currently in full compliance with the
15 consent decrees and is expected to
16 continue this full compliance
17 throughout the rest of time,
18 hopefully.

19 The sewers were not
20 popular. So what had happened back in
21 the '80s and '90s were Council did not
22 do what was being requested of them
23 because they would have to raise the
24 sewer rates. And unfortunately, some
25 people who become council or mayor are

1 sometimes concerned more about
2 reelection than they are doing what is
3 the right thing.

4 So the sewers were
5 always put on the back burner because
6 of the fact that if you have a park,
7 oh, everybody could see. Look, that
8 council gave us a beautiful park. If
9 you got your street paved, oh, look,
10 that council gave us a beautiful new
11 street. And nobody can see sewers
12 because they're underground. So they
13 were always overlooked and bypassed.

14 And that history is
15 shown when Penn Hills became the
16 poster child showing that this is what
17 will happen to this community if you
18 do not abide by the mandates that are
19 put in front of you.

20 So the incoming Mayor
21 and Council then had to do the hard
22 decisions of coming into compliance
23 and that took sewer increases. And
24 believe me, Mayor and Council take a
25 terrible beating on sewer increases.

1 And like I said, it's
2 easy to say, well, if I'm elected I
3 have this magic wand that's going to
4 make your sewer rates go down. But in
5 reality, once they become on council,
6 they realize there is no magic wand
7 because of the fact we have to follow
8 the mandates that are presented to us,
9 which we have done.

10 And really and
11 truthfully, I applaud Mayor and
12 Council for making the hard decisions,
13 for taking the hits and doing the
14 right thing for the municipality. And
15 now when new administrations come in,
16 they will not have the burden that
17 many of these members had in making it
18 right. Because now when they come in,
19 everything is in full compliance,
20 there's no consent decree, consent
21 order so now they start with a clean
22 slate.

23 So I personally thank
24 Mayor and Council and our manager,
25 previous manager, all my staff because

1 it wasn't easy. It wasn't easy at
2 all. But it was an accomplishment
3 that everyone who has served since
4 2005 should be proud of. Because we
5 took a mess and we cleaned it up.

6 So that's one good
7 thing. Like I said, we have to have a
8 public hearing so I just gave you some
9 highlights. And then now it's your
10 turn to come up to Mayor and Council,
11 give your name and you address. If
12 there's anything in the Capital
13 Program that you have questions on,
14 this is your time to come up and ask
15 them, and we will do everything in our
16 capability to give you an answer. And
17 as I often tell people, you might not
18 like the answer we give you, but you
19 will get an answer.

20 So if there's anyone who
21 would like any questions or input on
22 the Capital Program highlights for
23 2020 through 2024, please come up to
24 the mic at this time.

25 Please state your name

1 and your address, and if you could
2 speak up.

3 MR. SANTANA:

4 Absolutely. My name is
5 Angel Santa and I was here before, I
6 spoke before you guys. And my address
7 is 351 Idlewood Road. And I'm just
8 wondering, that code enforcement,
9 \$54,000, does that include --- what do
10 you get for \$54,000? Just out of
11 curiosity.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Honestly and truthfully
14 --- where's Ed when I need him?

15 MR. BLACKWELL:

16 I can answer that
17 question. \$54,000 is actually --- the
18 Capital Program represents
19 expenditures and things from the
20 municipality that have a lifespan of
21 longer than two years so that includes
22 those vehicles. So \$54,000 for code
23 enforcement is actually code
24 enforcement vehicles. Those are their
25 costs.

1 MR. SANTANA:

2 Okay.

3 MR. BLACKWELL:

4 And you'll see like if
5 you refer to the plan, there's a fleet
6 rotation plan for police cars,
7 ambulances, things like that. So in
8 many cases for departments like the
9 planning department or code
10 enforcement, they don't have --- they
11 are not like public works where they
12 have street paving and they're
13 purchasing dump trucks, and plows and
14 things like that, or the sewer
15 department that has numerous sewer
16 projects.

17 So the Capital, the
18 actual Capital Plan for code
19 enforcement is vehicles.

20 MR. SANTANA:

21 Okay.

22 So that has nothing to
23 do with, let's just say, vacant
24 properties?

25 MR. BLACKWELL:

1 No.

2 MR. SANTANA:

3 Maintaining, anything
4 like that?

5 MR. BLACKWELL:

6 Actually, the plan is
7 really --- the intent of the charter
8 is that Mayor and Council pass a
9 Capital Program which reflects the
10 goals and objectives of the
11 municipality into the future, a future
12 plan for the municipality.

13 So then the Capital
14 Program would then tie into the
15 Comprehensive Plan. And so what
16 really is represented here is each
17 department has gone through this
18 Capital Plan might seem a little ---
19 it might seem exactly the same. It's
20 actually quite different. I've worked
21 closely with the manager on a new
22 format where if you have it open in
23 front of you, each department put
24 their requests in or their proposals
25 for what would be done.

1 MR. SANTANA:

2 Okay.

3 MR. BLACKWELL:

4 And then it's reflected
5 in the department Capital Plan, which
6 is what you see. And they also
7 submitted the funding sources. So the
8 difference between the Capital Plan
9 and the Capital Program funding
10 sources in the Five-Year Capital Plan,
11 the actual plan, is about \$7 million.
12 You'll see there's \$31 million
13 proposed, and \$24 million in actual
14 funding.

15 But that's primarily the
16 grants, things like that. So the ---
17 sort of the job of Mayor and Council
18 is to extend this on further. How do
19 we fund this thing? Can we do the
20 police department? We need new police
21 cars. They need new --- or EMS needs
22 new things like that.

23 So the way this Capital
24 Program works differently than
25 previous years, is you're actually

1 going to see the gap there. And then
2 the intent would be that either
3 additional capital funding or grants,
4 we need to close that grant. And this
5 is a working document, and over time,
6 you know, you'll see that these are
7 the goals and objectives of the
8 municipality.

9 So even --- and maybe
10 some day it actually will be that we
11 would actually have a surplus in the
12 capital fund. There would actually be
13 additional funding.

14 MR. SANTANA:

15 Okay.

16 MR. BLACKWELL:

17 So we've built a
18 municipal building, we built a
19 library, we've built a public works
20 garage. Maybe we have a new
21 recreation center in our future. That
22 would go into this capital plan.

23 So it's really either
24 expenditures and activities that, like
25 I said, are longer than two years, and

1 this is the five-year plan. So for
2 code enforcement, I realize you're
3 very conscious of what code
4 enforcement does and you're looking
5 for what they do.

6 MR. SANTANA:

7 Oh, absolutely.

8 MR. BLACKWELL:

9 And then I think you'll
10 --- this is really vehicles, it's not
11 very exciting.

12 MR. SANTANA:

13 Okay.

14 MR. BLACKWELL:

15 But in future budget
16 hearings --- so this is adopted in
17 September. This plan will be adopted
18 by the charter in September. And the
19 budget is the same. It will be
20 adopted in December, December 31st.

21 MR. SANTANA:

22 Okay.

23 For 2020?

24 MR. BLACKWELL:

25 Right. And these folks,

1 the Mayor and Council, are going to
2 have several hearings on the budget.
3 And maybe that's a more appropriate
4 time to come and see if you think ---

5 MR. SANTANA:

6 Yeah.

7 MR. BLACKWELL:

8 --- there are tools and
9 things that come into budget meetings
10 would be at the time to come and
11 discuss those. But right now, it's
12 not really very exciting.

13 MR. SANTANA:

14 Well, I would propose
15 personnel to actually take care of the
16 vacant lots because I have one that's,
17 you know, pretty drastic ---.

18 MR. BLACKWELL:

19 It might be more --- a
20 more appropriate time to discuss it,
21 but like I said, this isn't the ---.

22 MR. SANTANA:

23 Okay.

24 MR. BLACKWELL:

25 And I wouldn't say it's

1 not exciting.

2 MR. SANTANA:

3 No, that's fine.

4 MR. BLACKWELL:

5 But the municipality
6 planning goals and objectives on our
7 future. It's really to meet the hard
8 costs of sewers, streets, recreation.
9 You will see in there there's two new
10 pavilions for the recreation
11 department. And then here's a copy of
12 that Title 13, \$104,420 just to
13 purchase tankers to put the lines in.
14 And I think, as the Mayor said, on
15 many of these things if you look at
16 this, this is a lot of that \$24
17 million. There's --- \$2.5 million is
18 the Capital Fund contribution from
19 Mayor and Council. The rest of it is
20 basically grants.

21 So just to close that
22 gap, we need to increase the capital
23 fund or go out, and you know, receive
24 more grant money. We're doing that
25 every day. In fact, there's

1 resolutions on in tonight's meeting to
2 apply for additional grant funding.

3 MR. SANTANA:

4 Okay.

5 So I guess I don't have
6 any more. I'll be back and I'll ask
7 my question.

8 MR. BLACKWELL:

9 Thank you.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Are there any other
12 questions regarding the Capital
13 Improvement?

14 No questions? Now's
15 your chance.

16 Is there any comments
17 that the Council would like to give
18 regarding this? As I said, this will
19 be voted on later in the meeting where
20 it's listed on the agenda. So if you
21 want to give your comments at that
22 time, this is just a public hearing
23 where anyone in the audience can ask a
24 question on what is being presented as
25 your Capital Improvement.

1 Hearing no further
2 questions, we will call the meeting
3 adjourned. Do you want to take a vote
4 on that, Solicitor?

5 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

6 No.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Okay.

9 So the meeting was held.

10 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

11 Public hearing.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Public hearing, I'm
14 sorry. Public hearing was held,
15 information was presented and the
16 public hearing meeting is now over.

17 So we will go back to
18 the regular agenda. I also have
19 appointments to make so I ---.

20 Okay.

21 So before we do the
22 appointments, do I have a motion for
23 August 19th, 2019 council meeting
24 minutes?

25 MR. UNDERWOOD:

1 Mayor Kuhn.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Councilman Underwood?

4 MR. UNDERWOOD:

5 I'd like make a motion
6 to approve the minutes of August 19,
7 2019, obviously, which are council
8 minute meeting, meeting minutes.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Do I have a second?

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Second.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 Motion made and
15 seconded. Are there any comments from
16 the audience on the August 19th, 2019
17 council meeting minutes?

18 Comments from Council?

19 Roll call, Maureen.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 I was not here for that
24 meeting.

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mr. Underwood?

2 MR. UNDERWOOD:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Mr. Petrucci?

6 MR. PETRUCCI:

7 Yes.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Mayor Kuhn?

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Yes.

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Mr. Brodnicki?

14 MR. BRODNICKI:

15 Yes.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 And then now I would
18 like to make two appointments. I note
19 that Mayor and Council have received
20 the resumes from the two people who
21 are interested in serving on our
22 economic development.

23 You have those resumes
24 in front of you. The one is from
25 Kelly Anchor and the other is from

1 Jeffrey Allen Rhoads. I know Kelly's
2 in the audience. I don't know if
3 Jeffrey is.

4 Okay.

5 Jeffrey, good to see
6 you. Do you want to stand so everyone
7 can put --- and Kelly, you also? Both
8 of the resumes were excellent, and
9 we're glad to have you on economic
10 development.

11 It's very important in
12 the municipality. Everyone from
13 staff, to council, to administration
14 work very hard to bring economic
15 development into Penn Hills, and we
16 have succeeded fairly well. So we
17 hope that all your suggestions will
18 just continue in that frame that we
19 have working for us at this point in
20 time.

21 Thank you very much for
22 offering your time and services. It's
23 people like you who make the
24 municipality great.

25 Do I have a motion to

1 accept? Can we do both at the same
2 time?

3 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

4 Absolutely, Mayor.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 To accept Kelly Anchor
7 and Jeffrey Allen Rhoads to our
8 economic development committee.

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 Mayor Kuhn, I'll make a
11 motion to accept Kelly Anchor and
12 Jeffrey Rhoads into our economic
13 development team.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Do I have a second?

16 MR. UNDERWOOD:

17 Second.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Are there any comments
20 from audience on the two new
21 appointments?

22 Comments from Council?

23 Roll call.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mr. Petrucci?

1 MR. PETRUCCI:

2 Yes.

3 MS. SORCE:

4 Mayor Kuhn?

5 MAYLOR KUHN:

6 Yes.

7 MS. SORCE:

8 Mr. Brodnicki?

9 MR. BRODNICKI:

10 Yes.

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 Yes.

15 MS. SORCE:

16 Mr. Underwood?

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 Yes.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Congratulations. Thank

21 you again. We appreciate it

22 tremendously.

23 Do I have a motion for

24 the expenditures?

25 MR. BRODNICKI:

1 Mayor Kuhn?

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Councilman Brodnicki or
4 John? I couldn't ---.

5 MR. BRODNICKI:

6 Councilman Brodnicki.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Brodnicki.

9 MR. BRODNICKI:

10 Yes. I'd like to make a
11 motion that we accept the expenditures
12 of September 23rd, 2019. Six CD
13 requisitions of \$204,068.48, the
14 master of 44445 to 44747 for
15 \$2,750,587.70 for a total of
16 \$2,773,056.18.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Do I have a second?

19 MR. UNDERWOOD:

20 Second.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Motion made and
23 seconded. Are there any comments from
24 the audience regarding our
25 expenditures?

1 No comments?
2 Comments from Council?
3 Roll call, Maureen.
4 MS. SORCE:
5 Mr. Underwood?
6 MR. UNDERWOOD:
7 Yes.
8 MS. SORCE:
9 Mr. Petrucci?
10 MR. PETRUCCI:
11 Yes.
12 MS. SORCE:
13 Mayor Kuhn?
14 MAYOR KUHN:
15 Yes.
16 MS. SORCE:
17 Mr. Brodnicki?
18 MR. BRODNICKI:
19 Yes.
20 MS. SORCE:
21 Deputy Mayor Sapp?
22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:
23 Yes.
24 MAYOR KUHN:
25 Now, we will move on to

1 agreements. The first agreements that
2 we have is to approve an agreement
3 with Plate Capture Solutions,
4 Incorporate Leasing (sic).

5 Do I need a motion on
6 this?

7 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

8 Motion ---.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Do I have a motion ---

11 MR. BRODNICKI:

12 Mayor Kuhn?

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 --- for the Plate
15 Caption Solution Licensing agreement?

16 MR. BRODNICKI:

17 Mayor Kuhn, I'd like to
18 make a motion.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Councilman Brodnicki?

21 MR. BRODNICKI:

22 I'd like to make a
23 motion we approve this agreement with
24 Plate Capture Solutions, Incorporated
25 Licensing.

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Do I have a second?

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Second.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Motion made and
7 seconded. Any comments from the
8 audience?

9 Just to give you some
10 brief information on this, once again,
11 Mayor and Council worked very hard
12 with the District Attorney in --- to
13 receive cameras in order to take
14 pictures of license plates of people
15 who have done some type of crime for
16 investigation.

17 Mayor and Council made
18 it very clear to the District Attorney
19 that he had stated that Monroeville
20 had anywhere from --- received
21 anywhere from seven to ten, I believe
22 it was, cameras for their community.

23 So we stepped up to the
24 microphone and asked why Monroeville
25 would receive seven and Penn Hills is

1 the largest municipality in the county
2 outside of the City of Pittsburgh and
3 we have received none?

4 And I did explain to him
5 that you have to understand that our
6 location is very easily gone through
7 by someone who has possibly committed
8 a crime, because if they're on the
9 parkway, they easily can get off Rodi
10 Road, go up to Frankstown, make a left
11 and they can enter into Wilkinsburg,
12 Homewood or whatever.

13 I'm not just saying
14 those communities. I'm just saying
15 that there's roadways directly to
16 them. And so we, as Penn Hills
17 residents, in the largest community,
18 feel that we are not being treated
19 fairly by not having these cameras.

20 After that presentation,
21 the municipality did receive a camera.
22 Well, we had one; right? We had one
23 down at Duff Road. And we asked for
24 one at Rodi and Frankstown, and we
25 asked for one at Verona Road and

1 Frankstown. We did receive one, you
2 know, but one is better than none.
3 And so we sent a letter thanking the
4 DA for hearing our complaint and for
5 giving us that. And that we hoped
6 that we would be on the list for more.

7 I don't know --- to my
8 knowledge, I don't know that we,
9 Howard, have received any other ones
10 or do we still just have the two?

11 Scott, do you know?

12 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

13 Howard would be able to
14 answer, I think.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Howard, you have to talk
17 up.

18 MR. BURTON:

19 We have one at Rodi and
20 Frankstown. We're probably getting
21 one at Robinson Road or Frankstown. I
22 sent the letter in two weeks ago to
23 remind him to put one in there for us,
24 so we should be getting one if we keep
25 after them. That'll take care of the

1 two major intersections. And also,
2 there are three other intersections
3 I'd like to have cameras at, so we're
4 working on it.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Well, that's good news,
7 Howard.

8 And what this agreement
9 is is these are the people whose --- I
10 guess it would be software.

11 Is that correct?

12 That we would be using.
13 Now, this is only for the cameras that
14 are in place for license plates and
15 what have you. This does not affect
16 the cameras that Mayor and Council and
17 the manager has put in place for
18 illegal dumping.

19 Is that correct?

20 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21 That's correct.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Okay.

24 So that's what this
25 agreement is for. Did I already ask

1 for --- did we get a motion?

2 Okay.

3 So again, being that I
4 gave that information, is there any
5 comments from Council? Because this
6 is the time for you to give your
7 comments is when we are presenting
8 agreements, ordinances or resolutions.

9 So if there's any
10 questions of any kind, please come up
11 and give your name, and your address
12 and state exactly what your comment is
13 pertaining to the agreement for the
14 cameras. That's what we're
15 discussing.

16 MS. CALABRESE:

17 Good evening. Thank
18 you. Pauline Calabrese, 142 Crescent
19 Hills Road. I get that Monroeville is
20 located near the turnpike and so
21 that's just a real through-way for
22 drug activity, so I sort of understand
23 why they would get more cameras, but I
24 thank you so much for going to bat for
25 us. It's wonderful, the cameras we

1 got. We too often are forgotten. And
2 I think it's terrific, Mayor, that you
3 went to bat and got us the camera that
4 you did. Thank you so much.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Thank you.

7 And like I said, that is
8 what Mayor and Council do when we go
9 to Seven Springs. It is not a
10 convention. We don't --- we pay for
11 our own transportation. We get a room
12 and we get three meals, that's it.
13 But we get so much done at these
14 seminars that we have for the
15 Allegheny County Municipal ---.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 League of
18 Municipalities.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Right.

21 So I tell all my new
22 members that come on that they should
23 please make sure that they attend.
24 Because this is when you have one on
25 one that you can stand up and make

1 your pitch for your community, which
2 we do. Do I get enemies from it?
3 Yes, I do. As my Council can tell you
4 because of the fact when the answers
5 are given to me, I respectfully say
6 with all due respect, that answer is
7 not acceptable.

8 And I always remind them
9 that Penn Hills is your largest
10 community. And we do not want you in
11 our community only when you're running
12 for election, and you want to go to a
13 senior function or something for a
14 photo-op. That you have to remember,
15 even though we're in the east and
16 sometimes the eastern communities,
17 which are the older communities, do
18 not get the attention from the county
19 that we should get, that they forget
20 that it was the older communities in
21 the east who took care of Allegheny
22 County before Moon Township, North
23 Hills and what have you.

24 So it's very important
25 to attend for any new members that

1 would be coming on in January. I
2 would definitely tell you it's so
3 educational, and it's a place where
4 you not only receive information, but
5 you also can present what it is your
6 municipality needs from --- not just
7 Allegheny County you have a right to
8 speak to. I've spoke to federal
9 people, I've spoke to State officials
10 and this is when the voice of Penn
11 Hills is --- needs to be presented.

12 So is there any other
13 questions from Council on this?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

15 Mayor, I have a
16 question. But Scott can probably
17 answer this. Are the other
18 municipalities using this same
19 company?

20 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

21 I think it's probably
22 County wide if it's through the
23 DA's ---.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 It's the same for

1 everyone?

2 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

3 I believe they are. I
4 believe they are.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 Okay.

7 MR. BURTON:

8 That's correct, Deputy
9 Mayor. It's one company that works
10 with the DA's office. It covers all
11 of Allegheny County, not just
12 Monroeville, Penn Hills. It comes up
13 to the North Hills, South Hills, a
14 whole camera system there is
15 connected. We can monitor from here,
16 we can monitor what's going on in
17 North Hills. So it's all one company
18 that does the whole thing.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Thanks, Chief.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Any other comments from
23 Council?

24 Maureen, roll call?

25 MS. SORCE:

1 Mayor Kuhn?

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Yes.

4 MS. SORCE:

5 Mr. Brodnicki?

6 MR. BRODNICKI:

7 Yes.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Yes.

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Mr. Underwood?

14 MR. UNDERWOOD:

15 Yes.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mr. Petrucci?

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Yes.

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Okay.

22 Next, we have another
23 agreement, and that is an agreement
24 that the municipality enters into ---
25 between the municipality and Penn

1 Hills and the Allegheny District
2 Attorney pertaining to request for
3 video and body camera taping.

4 Do I have a motion for
5 this particular agreement?

6 MR. PETRUCCI:

7 Mayor Kuhn, I'll make a
8 motion to approve an Agreement of
9 Memorandum understanding made and
10 entered by the --- by and between the
11 municipality of Penn Hills and the
12 Allegheny County District Attorney's
13 office.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Do I have a second?

16 MR. UNDERWOOD:

17 Second.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Motion made and
20 seconded.

21 Are there any comments
22 from the audience? Just to give you a
23 brief synopsis of this, what it is is
24 when Penn Hills receives a request
25 from someone asking for the video that

1 is on the police cameras in their cars
2 or on their body cameras, instead of
3 Penn Hills having to make the decision
4 whether or not we have the right to
5 distribute that information, the
6 request will go down to the DA's
7 office, and the District Attorney then
8 will make the decision as to what
9 tapes can be released and what tapes
10 can't. So that's basically what this
11 agreement is for.

12 Are there any questions
13 from the audience? No?

14 Questions from Council?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Mayor Kuhn?

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 If I may address the
21 Chief for this one? Chief, can you
22 tell me, what exactly would be the con-
23 --- the pro for our information to be
24 determined by the District Attorney
25 whether or not we release?

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MR. BURTON:

First they give me a microphone. A little background, Ms. Deputy Mayor. The biggest concern I had before we started using the body cameras, and most of the departments also, was the Right to Know. People out there would just file Right to Know and we'd have to provide that for them. And our biggest concern with the body cameras we couldn't be involved with all the expense of copying all these things and putting them out there.

So the legislature came out, Act 22, where our legislature said body cameras, in-car video cameras are not covered by the Right to Know. As under Act 22 now which basically says it has to go to court if the decision made whether we have to release information or not.

So rather than the municipality making this decision, the District Attorney offered a Memorandum

1 of Understanding for all police
2 departments in Allegheny County to do
3 the Memorandum of Understanding and
4 he'll make the decision as what to be
5 released and what's not to be
6 released. And this way if he says no,
7 I'm not going to release it, then
8 those folks have to go to court to get
9 it released. And that saves us a lot
10 of time, a lot of effort and a lot of
11 money so we don't have to defend that
12 in court.

13 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

14 If I could just add
15 something to the discussion too,
16 Deputy Mayor? In the MOU, we still
17 have the ability to release video if
18 we wanted to, but we just have to give
19 the DA notice. So we still have the
20 ability if we wanted to release a
21 video on our own we could. But Act 22
22 authorized these types of MOUs for the
23 DA's office to vet these kind of
24 requests.

25 And plus, I think one

1 other reason to your point about the
2 advantage, I don't know that we have
3 the technical capability to redact
4 video all the time. There's a
5 probably cost and expense to be able
6 to redact video so they would be doing
7 that. If there was video that needed
8 redacted, we don't have the --- I
9 don't think we have the ability to do
10 it.

11 MR. BURTON:

12 No, not at this time.
13 It'd be a cost factor. The folks ---
14 if we do decide to do that, that's
15 going to involve cost, buying the type
16 of program you need to go into that
17 plus training the people to do it, and
18 have someone capable of doing that and
19 spending the time doing that.

20 So every time it would
21 happen, you'd have to get the video,
22 determine what segment of the video
23 you're looking at, then redact that
24 video to make sure no other persons
25 get their face on that video. So it's

1 a major undertaking, a major expense.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 Thank you, Chief. Thank
4 you, Scott.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Is that answer what you
7 were looking for?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 I'm satisfied at this
10 point.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Okay.

13 Any other comments from
14 Council?

15 Roll call?

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mr. Brodnicki?

18 MR. BRODNICKI:

19 Yes.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

23 No.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mr. Underwood?

1 MR. UNDERWOOD:

2 Yes.

3 MS. SORCE:

4 Mr. Petrucci?

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Yes.

7 MS. SORCE:

8 Mayor Kuhn?

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Yes.

11 Do I have motion for
12 Resolution Number 2019-038?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Mayor Kuhn?

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Councilman Underwood.

17 MR. UNDERWOOD:

18 I'd like to make a
19 motion to approve Resolution Number
20 2019-038 awarding a two-year contract
21 to CWM Environmental, Incorporated for
22 the daily inspection, maintenance and
23 repair of sewage pump stations.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Do I have a second?

1 MR. BRODNICKI:

2 Second.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 Motion made and
5 seconded.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Just to give the
8 audience some information on this,
9 this would be a three-year contract.
10 The first year, October 1st, 2019
11 through September 30th, 2020, is
12 \$130,000. The second year would be
13 \$130,000. And there is an option for
14 a third year in the amount of \$130.

15 Our water pollution
16 department reviewed the bids, and they
17 are recommended that it be awarded to
18 CWM Environment. The \$130,000 for the
19 first year and second year, and the
20 optional third, and the contract extra
21 repairs for a three-year period are
22 estimated at \$33,020.

23 The first year contract
24 represents a 3.7 percent, \$5,000
25 decrease in the annual cost with no

1 increase for the second and third
2 year. CMW Environmental holds the
3 current contract and water pollution
4 feels that they have performed well
5 and have been dependable.

6 There were four bids
7 that were substantially higher, and so
8 that is why the recommendation is
9 going for CWM Environmental.

10 Any questions from the
11 audience? If you have any questions
12 on any contracts that is being
13 presented for a vote for Mayor and
14 Council, this is the time to present
15 your questions. That's why we have
16 each individual resolution separately
17 announced to the public so that if
18 there's any questions that anyone
19 might have, on any details of the
20 contract, that this is the opportunity
21 and the proper place to present those
22 questions so that they can be
23 answered.

24 No questions?

25 Questions from Council?

1 Maureen, roll call.

2 MS. SORCE:

3 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

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 MS. SORCE:

19 Mr. Brodnicki?

20 MR. BRODNICKI:

21 Yes.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Do I have a motion for

24 Resolution Number 2019-039?

25 MR. UNDERWOOD:

1 Mayor Kuhn?

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Councilman Underwood?

4 MR. UNDERWOOD:

5 I'd like to make a
6 motion to approve Resolution Number
7 2019-039 approving a change order to
8 Merit Electric Group, Incorporated for
9 the Lincoln Road WWTP generator
10 replacement contract number three,
11 contract number 2018-048 in the amount
12 of \$2,789.95.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 Do I have a second?

15 MR. BRODNICKI:

16 Second.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Motion made and

19 seconded.

20 Any comments from
21 audience on this change order? No?

22 Comments from Council?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Mayor Kuhn?

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 I may have overlooked
4 it, but can you just explain, or
5 someone explain, why we have this
6 change order in the amount --- to
7 increase it by the \$2,789.85?

8 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9 Yeah. I can address
10 that, Deputy Mayor. What had happened
11 is in the original project, there was
12 a generator that was spec'd out and
13 that was an error in the spec. There
14 was actually a memo that accompanied
15 the resolution.

16 But when they went in to
17 do the work, they found out that it
18 was spec'd out wrong. And so it has
19 to do with the voltage on one of the
20 generators that was spec'd out
21 incorrectly. And so the contract has
22 to make an adjustment based on that.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Okay.

25 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

1 That's the reason why.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Everyone knows how I
4 feel about change orders. I'm always
5 concerned because of the fact I do not
6 want a bidder to come in and be low
7 bidder and then come back to the
8 municipality, ask for a change order,
9 and then that way they are not really
10 the low bidder because they are
11 increasing their bid with the change
12 order.

13 So I worked in
14 construction for 12 years and I know
15 how contractors work. So I am very
16 cautious when it comes to change
17 orders.

18 But also, I wanted to
19 ask the Solicitor, this is not just
20 the amount of \$2,789.95, but we also
21 are asking --- we also are giving them
22 an extension of time for completion.

23 ATTORNEY ALENXANDER:

24 That's correct.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 So I mean, I think that
2 wording should go into the resolution
3 so that if it comes up that they're
4 over their time, we have, in fact,
5 also increased the time.

6 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

7 So you want it to be in
8 the heading also?

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Well, you're the
11 Solicitor.

12 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

13 So why don't we ---?

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Do you think it should
16 be? I mean, the only reason why is,
17 like I said, we are extending their
18 time.

19 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

20 Right.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 I think it's 60 days.

23 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

24 So let's make the
25 resolution a resolution of the

1 municipality of Penn Hills, County of
2 Allegheny, Commonwealth of
3 Pennsylvania, approving a change order
4 to Merit Electric Group, Inc. for the
5 Lincoln Road WWTP generator
6 replacement contract number three,
7 contract number 2018-048 in the amount
8 of \$2,789.95 and extending the time
9 for completion for up to 60 days ---

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Correct.

12 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

13 --- from the date of the
14 resolution.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Now, do we have to ---?

17 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

18 Just have --- I think
19 Mr. Underwood made the motion. Have
20 him amend his motion to state that and
21 then amend the second. You don't have
22 to reread it.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Okay.

25 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

1 Just amend it.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Councilman Underwood,
4 would you just say that ---

5 MR. UNDERWOOD:

6 Amending it.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 --- you're amending your
9 motion per what the Solicitor stated?

10 MR. UNDERWOOD:

11 Make a motion to, you
12 know ---.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 And who seconded it?

15 MR. BRODNICKI:

16 Second.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 You also.

19 Okay.

20 That's correctly done
21 then?

22 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

23 Yes.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 I did also --- what I

1 was concerned about was did the
2 original specs have the new generator
3 specified so that all bidders were
4 pricing the same? So you're saying
5 that the specs that went out to all
6 bidders did not have this information
7 and that was due to the plate?

8 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9 Yeah. What the engineer
10 in his memo said is that the new
11 generator was spec'd out based on the
12 name data plate from the existing
13 generator. So apparently on the
14 existing generator there's some type
15 of a data plate that gives voltage
16 information.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Right.

19 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

20 After the ---.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 And he has on there that
23 the data plate was never updated?

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 It was incorrect.

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 And so therefore ---.

3 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

4 No one would have known.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Right. So the specs

7 were based on the old ---

8 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9 Correct.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 --- voltage and not the

12 new voltage?

13 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

14 Yeah. And after the ---

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Is that correct?

17 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18 --- contractor began, he
19 discovered that the existing generator
20 had been previously converted but the
21 data plate wasn't updated.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Okay.

24 So everyone who would

25 have bid ---

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MR. ANDREJCHAK:

They would have had ---.

MAYOR KUHN:

--- they would have had
the same?

MR. ANDREJCHAK:

Yeah. They would have
the same thing.

MAYOR KUHN:

Okay.
Any other questions from
Council?

Maureen, roll call.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Petrucci?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mayor Kuhn?

MAYOR KUHN:

Yes.

1 MS. SORCE:

2 Mr. Brodnicki?

3 MR. BRODNICKI:

4 Yes.

5 MS. SORCE:

6 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Yes.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Do I have a motion for

11 Resolution Number 2019-040?

12 MR. BRODNICKI:

13 Mayor Kuhn?

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Councilman Brodnicki?

16 MR. BRODNICKI:

17 I'd like to make a

18 motion that we approve Resolution

19 Number 2019-040. A Resolution of the

20 municipality of Penn Hills, County of

21 Allegheny, Commonwealth of

22 Pennsylvania authorizing the manger to

23 the designated official to sign and

24 complete all documents and agreements

25 with the Commonwealth Financing

1 Authority for the Pennsylvania
2 Department of Community and Economic
3 Development Keystone Communities
4 Program.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 Do I have a second?

7 MR. UNDERWOOD:

8 Second.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Motion made and
11 seconded.

12 Any comments from the
13 audience?

14 MS. CALABRESE:

15 Thank you, again. For
16 the record, Pauline Calabrese, 142
17 Crescent Hills Road. I suppose this
18 is more a question for the Solicitor.
19 There's really nothing unusual about
20 this, this is just a matter of course.

21 Correct?

22 It's sort of a
23 formality?

24 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

25 All it is is authorizing

1 the designated officials to sign and
2 complete documents. It's in the
3 standard course of business.

4 MS. CALABRESE:

5 It's just really sort of
6 just a reflection of the fact that
7 it's really the manager who's the
8 full-time position. Mayor was never
9 meant to be a full-time position.

10 Correct?

11 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

12 That is correct.

13 MS. CALABRESE:

14 Thank you.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Under the Home Rule
17 Charter, the manager is in charge of
18 the day-to-day running of the
19 municipality. Mayor and Council do
20 not have offices up here. We are
21 legislators. We do not get involved
22 with the daily running of the business
23 of the municipality. Under the
24 charter, that is designated to the
25 manager.

1 This is another grant
2 that we are applying for. It would be
3 a huge asset to the municipality for
4 the Buehler Road Sanitary Sewer
5 Improvement Project. It is matching
6 funds, but the matching funds for the
7 municipality would be \$193,655. If we
8 would receive the matching fund grant
9 that the actual cost is \$387,310. So
10 you're looking at a savings of close
11 to \$200,000. So naturally, we are
12 hoping that the grant does come
13 through for Penn Hills, because, as I
14 said, it would be a huge assistance
15 for Penn Hills.

16 Are there any other
17 comments from the audience?

18 Comments from Council?

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 Mayor Kuhn, who wrote
21 this grant up?

22 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

23 Damien in our Planning
24 Department, and Tom O'Grady worked on
25 it.

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 This is from Damien in
3 Planning.

4 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

5 Yeah. And it would
6 alleviate some of the flooding we have
7 down there too.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Pardon?

10 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

11 I said it would
12 alleviate some of the flooding we have
13 down there, too.

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 I think the people that
16 write these grants should be more
17 recognized than they are. If it
18 wasn't for them writing the grants in
19 the community, like Chris, Scott,
20 Damien, Tina, ---

21 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

22 And Meg.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 --- Megan Balsamico just
25 put a grant in through for \$140,000.

1 I mean, this money isn't just plucked
2 out of the air for the things that we
3 get in this community. It's all
4 written by these people that are up
5 here.

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 A lot of times there's a
8 real short deadline too.

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 Yeah. The \$3 million
11 that we got for the --- when Scott
12 first joined us, he hired a grant
13 writer, and that grant writer got us
14 that money.

15 So this money isn't just
16 plucked from the sky. When you here
17 about people saying, well, we got a \$3
18 million grant, there was a lot of work
19 that went into it. So these people
20 need, like, some acknowledgement also.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 I also agree. And
23 that's basically what I was touching
24 on when I gave the comments on the
25 Capital Improvement.

1 Unfortunately, the
2 information on what Penn Hills
3 residents have in the staff that it
4 runs your municipality day to day, is
5 unfortunately not presented. We will
6 hear comments on --- oh, Penn Hills
7 doesn't apply for grants, I'll apply
8 for more grants and what have you. As
9 I read in that statement on the
10 Capital Improvement, every --- nearly
11 every item that was on there is funded
12 through grants.

13 And that's why sometimes
14 I get criticized for being emotional,
15 because of the fact that I do not
16 appreciate comments that downgrade my
17 staff, and my professionals and my
18 council people.

19 They work very hard for
20 the residents of Penn Hills. They
21 bring in a tremendous amount of grant
22 money for the people of Penn Hills.
23 And when comments are falsely stated
24 that Penn Hills does not get their
25 share of this, or does not have that

1 or what have you, that's an insult to
2 the workers that work every day
3 diligently to better the community of
4 Penn Hills.

5 And your community is a
6 wonderful community. You look around
7 at other communities, and as I say
8 constantly, they pay for rubbish.
9 Everybody complained about the
10 increase in the rubbish collection.
11 We have no control on that. As I had
12 stated when that came up at a public
13 meeting and was discussed, no one
14 wanted to do Penn Hills. We had two
15 bids, and the one we chose was the
16 lowest.

17 So other communities
18 surrounding Penn Hills, they charge
19 their residents for garbage pickup.
20 So when we complain that, oh, well,
21 our sewage rate is this much more than
22 this community. Well, first of all,
23 as I've told everyone, you want to
24 have a platform, you want to stand up
25 and make a statement, then make a

1 statement as to this regionalization.

2 I'm not going to be here
3 for much longer. I have fought this
4 regionalization, and my people can
5 tell you I have fought it from the day
6 it was presented. I bring it up
7 constantly.

8 You want to have
9 something that's substantial and
10 something that means something, stand
11 up against this regionalization. They
12 are asking Penn Hills residents to put
13 money in to take care of surrounding
14 communities who are not in compliance.

15 Penn Hills already paid
16 to make sure we are in compliance. We
17 didn't get any help from surrounding
18 communities. Now, everyone in the
19 county and what have you, officials,
20 they want to sit around the fire at
21 camp and act like, oh, let's all be
22 friends and helpful to our neighbors.

23 Well, where was the help
24 from the county, the State or the
25 federal people when our residents were

1 killed with the increases for our
2 sewers? We paid for them. We are in
3 full compliance.

4 Now, these surrounding
5 communities who now have to come into
6 compliance, they want to have this
7 situation where all the communities
8 join together and everyone pays a flat
9 rate so that they can help pay for the
10 sewer problems of the surrounding
11 communities.

12 Well, I don't know how
13 anyone who has any logic can ask Penn
14 Hills, who has paid for everything
15 themselves, to now put in money.

16 We're not going to get the draw
17 from because it's already done. So
18 they'll get to draw from it. And use
19 your common sense. Outside of the
20 City of Pittsburgh, Penn Hills will be
21 putting more money into this joint
22 collection because we have 22,000
23 homes.

24 Other communities might
25 have 5,000, might have 8,000. Well,

1 if it's \$10 a home, and Penn Hills has
2 22,000 homes, how much is Penn Hills
3 going to be putting into this
4 community collection? We will be
5 putting in the bulk of the money,
6 except for the City of Pittsburgh.
7 And then, we aren't even going to be
8 drawing from that money because of the
9 fact we've already done everything.

10 So if anyone wants to
11 take on something that is so important
12 to the residents of Penn Hills, this
13 is your challenge. This
14 administration and Mayor DeLuca's
15 administration have fought that
16 regionalization from day one, and it
17 has not come into place. So I ask the
18 new administration that is coming in
19 in January, please continue that fight
20 so that your residents are not paying
21 for surrounding communities cost to
22 reach the mandates that Penn Hills had
23 to pay alone.

24 That's something that
25 you can really base your energies on.

1 I've asked it for years. Send a
2 letter. If you want, I'll make the
3 letter up and all you have to do is
4 sign it. But you have to have a voice
5 to these officials and tell them, no,
6 Penn Hills isn't doing this. It will
7 be a huge cost and an unfair cost.

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 Mayor Kuhn?

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 John?

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Let's not forget about
14 the \$64 million that we already owe
15 that we're still paying on. They're
16 not going to be willing to take our
17 debt off our hands and we're still
18 going to end up paying for that on top
19 of everything else.

20 So yeah, you're right.
21 I mean, I think Cathy and I, and you
22 and Mark we've all had this discussion
23 with them up there, and basically,
24 they can't give us a price per
25 household. So until anybody can work

1 these things out, I don't think it's
2 the right thing to do.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 And also, just to remind
5 the residents and who's watching, Penn
6 Hills isn't being arrogant. Because
7 we did submit a negotiation to the
8 people with this regionalization that
9 Penn Hills would participate if they
10 would, in fact, take some of our
11 sewage ---.

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 Lines. Eighteen (18)
14 inch.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 That was up in the East
17 Hills area. So we did reach out, so
18 it's not that we're being arrogant and
19 saying it's our way or no way. We
20 tried to reach out, and the answer was
21 no.

22 And you have to remember
23 one thing. If Penn Hills doesn't go
24 into the regionalization, then they're
25 going to have a problem because

1 they're going to have to go all around
2 Penn Hills and not come through Penn
3 Hills. They're playing a game of
4 chicken as far as I'm concerned. And
5 they think that all they have to do is
6 get one break in the dam and it will
7 collapse.

8 So I hope that isn't the
9 situation. Anyone who wants to have
10 any information regarding the
11 regionalization, you can contact the
12 manager and he will contact ---
13 everyone on this board is well
14 familiar with regionalization.

15 Okay.

16 I didn't mean to go out
17 on a tantrum, but that drives me
18 crazy.

19 All right.

20 Where are we on this
21 one? Maureen, where am I?

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Forty-one (41).

24 MS. SORCE:

25 We need any comments

1 from ---.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Okay. All right.

4 So we have a motion and
5 second. And we're asking any comments
6 from the audience, and this is for
7 Resolution 2019-040.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Right.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 No comments?

12 Comments from Council?

13 Roll call, Maureen.

14 MS. SORCE:

15 Mr. Petrucci?

16 MR. PETRUCCI:

17 Yes.

18 MS. SORCE:

19 Mayor Kuhn?

20 MAYOR KUHN:

21 Yes.

22 MS. SORCE:

23 Mr. Brodnicki?

24 MR. BRODNICKI:

25 Yes.

1 MS. SORCE:

2 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

4 Yes.

5 MS. SORCE:

6 Mr. Underwood?

7 MR. UNDERWOOD:

8 Yes.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Do I have a motion for
11 Resolution Number 2019-041?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 Mayor Kuhn?

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

17 I'd like to make a
18 motion that we receive a resolution of
19 the municipality of Penn Hills, County
20 of Allegheny, Commonwealth of
21 Pennsylvania, awarding demolition of
22 blighted and condemned structures that
23 are commercial in nature and located
24 within opportunity zones and
25 commercial zoning districts.

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Do I have a second?

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Second.

5 MR. UNDERWOOD:

6 Second.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Motion made and second.

9 Any comments from the
10 audience?

11 This is always a good
12 resolution because of the fact it is a
13 demolition of properties that are an
14 eyesore and possible health problems.

15 So I'm glad to see this
16 is on. And usually it's just for
17 residential, and this does cover four
18 commercials. And one of them is the
19 Sandy Creek Inn which was a huge
20 problem for Penn Hills for many years.
21 And I'm sure the Chief can agree to
22 this.

23 We did --- we tried so
24 many times to make it a nuisance bar
25 so that we could get it shut down. So

1 to see that being demolished is a real
2 plus.

3 Any comments from the
4 audience?

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 I have one. Is the
7 Sandy Creek really getting torn down
8 this time? I mean, they didn't appeal
9 this again, and again, and again, and
10 again. Are they still in appeal?

11 MR. BLACKWELL:

12 They have appealed.
13 They put in an application to the
14 Zoning Hearing Board for October to
15 appeal my decision as the Chief Zoning
16 Officer to not deny them a building
17 permit.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 So we have to wait?

20 MR. BLACKWELL:

21 This has gone on for
22 many years.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 I know that, Chris.

25 MR. BLACKWELL:

1 And I had told him,
2 basically, it's a race. Like, we're
3 tearing it down and he's trying to
4 keep it. And he hasn't satisfied ---
5 he's been a no-show, he hasn't
6 satisfied the requirements he has. He
7 applied for a building permit, hasn't
8 done anything. So I think this is it.

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 I hope so. I hope so.

11 MR. BLACKWELL:

12 But we are pushing to
13 get this down, he's trying to save it
14 and that's where we stand. But I
15 won't deny somebody who comes in an
16 opportunity to ---

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Okay.

19 MR. BLACKWELL:

20 --- apply or appeal this
21 decision. And I think this is a good
22 example of actually we do this with
23 all these structures. We're --- if it
24 can be saved, we'll always give
25 somebody an opportunity to try to save

1 it. But --- and we backed off on
2 demolitions in the past, but this is a
3 real --- this demolition of this
4 structure, it's been under watch of
5 the community. It should come down
6 and we are going to --- we hope that
7 we prevail this time.

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 I agree. I mean, I get
10 a call a week on this ---.

11 MR. BLACKWELL:

12 Yeah. And even putting
13 it on a resolution, the demolition
14 contractor is aware of the appeal. So
15 with his bid, we're forging ahead to
16 continue and we're asking you to
17 approve this resolution to demolish
18 it. However, I want you to be aware
19 that he has appealed my decision.

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Okay.

22 Very good. Thank you.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Once again, this project
25 is funded 100 percent from the

1 Community Development Block grant
2 fund. So like I said, I don't think
3 people realize how hard our staff
4 works for grants and what is
5 accomplished through those grants.

6 Any other comments?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Any other comments? No?

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Roll call.

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Oh, we have ---.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 Oh, I'm sorry.

15 MR. CALDWELL:

16 Sorry, if I may, ma'am?

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 That's all right. Just
19 give your name and your address.

20 MR. CALDWELL:

21 My name's Josh Caldwell.

22 I don't have any particular standing
23 in this community. I don't live in
24 the community. But when it comes to
25 real estate stuff, I am a subject

1 matter expert. Have you guys looked
2 into conservator actions to take these
3 properties? You have standing as a
4 municipality.

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Chris?

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Chris, you could
9 probably answer that the best ---

10 MR. BLACKWELL:

11 We have, but that's a
12 very involved ---.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 --- because I know we do
15 reach out to contractors.

16 MR. CALDWELL:

17 It's not, I've done
18 those.

19 MR. BLACKWELL:

20 Well, it's just you have
21 to prove that the property ---.

22 MR. CALDWELL:

23 It has to meet three of
24 nine criteria.

25 MR. BLACKWELL:

1 Right.

2 MR. CALDWELL:

3 Your first citation on
4 it would already hit three of nine in
5 all likelihood.

6 MR. BLACKWELL:

7 I think that that is a
8 possibility.

9 MR. CALDWELL:

10 And maybe none of these
11 --- I'm not familiar with the ---

12 MR. BLACKWELL:

13 Right. Yeah, yeah.

14 MR. CALDWELL:

15 --- specific buildings,
16 but before they get to the stage where
17 you're tearing them down, a lot of
18 these things can be saved. And if you
19 save them, they can go back on the tax
20 rolls which could benefit you guys
21 quite a bit.

22 MR. BLACKWELL:

23 In this case, this is
24 actually a non-conforming use. It was
25 a bar and a residential property.

1 MR. CALDWELL:

2 Okay.

3 MR. BLACKWELL:

4 So at this point, it was
5 vacant for a number of years. And I,
6 as the Chief Zoning Officer, made a
7 determination that it could not be a
8 bar again. So it is now been sold
9 several times. And to become any kind
10 of commercial property, it would have
11 to go back to the Zoning Hearing Board
12 for, say, a use hearing. Mayor and
13 Council would never approve a zoning
14 change for this property.

15 So I think in this case,
16 it's really just --- it's not a
17 valuable commercial property, like,
18 that you might have in mind.

19 MR. CALDWELL:

20 It doesn't necessarily
21 have to be. I actually ---.

22 MR. BLACKWELL:

23 It's actually, in my
24 opinion, it's a residential property.
25 The gentleman owns a house.

1 Okay?

2 In severely bad shape
3 that needs to come down.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 And in the resolution
6 itself, it's awarding demolition of
7 blighted and condemned structures. So
8 if the structure is condemned, I mean,
9 we don't just go in and demolish ---.

10 MR. CALDWELL:

11 Well, I understand that,
12 ma'am. I've spent a lot of my
13 time ---.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 We don't go in and
16 demolish properties that we would have
17 the opportunity to put up for sale and
18 have someone buy. If it is condemned,
19 the structure itself, then that's why
20 it's on the demolition.

21 MR. CALDWELL:

22 I understand that,
23 ma'am. That's a lot of what I do.
24 I'm actually working with Hampton to
25 deal with a 100,000 square foot hotel

1 that they have that is --- been
2 condemned for 15 years.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 Now, in reality, once
5 the demolition is taken, then the
6 property is therefore ---.

7 MR. BLACKWELL:

8 The property owner would
9 still own it.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Pardon?

12 MR. BLACKWELL:

13 The property owner would
14 still own it. When we demolish a
15 single-family home or a commercial
16 business, it's --- we're removing the
17 violation, but it's still owned by the
18 property owner.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Okay.

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Don't we lien the
23 property?

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 So when we demolish ---.

1 MR. BLACKWELL:

2 We lien the property for
3 the cost of the demolition.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Right.

6 MR. BLACKWELL:

7 But it's still under the
8 ownership ---.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 When we demolish the
11 structure, the property itself is
12 still owned by the owner.

13 MR. BLACKWELL:

14 That's correct.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Okay.

17 But even at that, then
18 if someone wants to make an agreement
19 with the owner to build something for
20 tax revenue to come in, then that's up
21 to them. But as far as the
22 municipality is concerned, this
23 building is --- the structure of it is
24 condemned.

25 MR. CALDWELL:

1 That's sort of my point,
2 ma'am.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 Pardon?

5 MR. CALDWELL:

6 That's sort of my point.
7 Once you condemn a building and
8 demolish it, those liens still exist.
9 A conservatorship action gives you an
10 ability to remove those liens. Which
11 allows somebody to come in and
12 actually redevelop it.

13 When you're looking at a
14 vacant lot that has a lot of liens on
15 it, nobody's going to touch that
16 property. It will be vacant for the
17 next hundred years.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Well, I don't know --- I
20 mean, this is your opinion, and I'm
21 assuming you are a contractor.

22 Correct?

23 MR. CALDWELL:

24 No.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Huh?

2 MR. CALDWELL:

3 Nope.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Do you --- are you a
6 resident of Penn Hills?

7 MR. CALDWELL:

8 Neither.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 No?

11 MR. CALDWELL:

12 No.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 Okay. All right.

15 Who are you?

16 MR. CALDWELL:

17 My name is Josh
18 Caldwell. I run the Pittsburgh Real
19 Estate Investors Association. I'm a
20 nationally known subject matter expert
21 in this particular field.

22 MR. BLACKWELL:

23 We've actually had good
24 success with recovering demolished
25 properties and removing the liens

1 through the Vacant Property Recovery
2 Program. That's been very successful
3 in Penn Hills.

4 MR. CALDWELL:

5 Okay.

6 Talk to me after this.

7 I think my nonprofit can help you
8 before you get to this stage.

9 MR. BLACKWELL:

10 We want this house gone.

11 MR. CALDWELL:

12 This particular one may
13 be the gateway to hell. I don't know.

14 MR. BLACKWELL:

15 We're not interested in
16 your help with this property.

17 MR. CALDWELL:

18 Got you.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Okay.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. BLACKWELL:

23 Thank you. I will talk
24 to you afterwards.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Do we have any other
2 comments from the audience?

3 Comments from Council?

4 Roll call, Maureen.

5 MS. SORCE:

6 Mayor Kuhn?

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Yes.

9 MS. SORCE:

10 Mr. Brodnicki?

11 MR. BRODNICKI:

12 Yes.

13 MS. SORCE:

14 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Yes.

17 MS. SORCE:

18 Mr. Underwood?

19 MR. UNDERWOOD:

20 Yes.

21 MS. SORCE:

22 Mr. Petrucci?

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 Yes.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 All right, John, you
2 don't have to be so enthusiastic.

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 No, these properties
5 really do need torn down. They're
6 bad.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Do I have a motion for
9 Resolution Number 2019-042?

10 MR. UNDERWOOD:

11 Mayor Kuhn?

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Councilman Underwood?

14 MR. UNDERWOOD:

15 I'd like to make a
16 motion to approve Resolution Number
17 2019-042 awarding a contract to A.
18 Liberoni, Incorporated for the 2019
19 CDBG Street reconstruction program in
20 the total amount of \$311,493.25.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Do I have a second?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Second.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Motion made in second.
2 Any comments from the
3 audience?

4 Comments from Council?

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Just for --- Mayor Kuhn,
7 just for the audience that's watching
8 these, all the streets that asked to
9 be paved. This is our manager,
10 Andrejchak. This is our local program
11 and proceeding. Just so they know.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Now, are you done, John?

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Yes, ma'am.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 The funding is
18 contingent on past CDBG original grant
19 funding.

20 Is that correct?

21 These streets won't be
22 done unless we get this grant funding.

23 MR. BLACKWELL:

24 We received the funding
25 back last ---

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Pardon me?

3 MR. BLACKWELL:

4 --- week. We received
5 the funding.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Oh. So we already ---?

8 MR. BLACKWELL:

9 Yes, I'm sorry. The
10 mayor or the deputy mayor signed the
11 agreement. I apologize for not
12 talking to you.

13 MAYOR KUHN:

14 Okay.

15 MR. BLACKWELL:

16 And so we do have the
17 funding. And that --- we actually put
18 this on the agenda in the anticipation
19 that we might get it. And so we were
20 very thankful of that.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Okay.

23 And that was a reading
24 that I saw that was based on the
25 additional grant funding ---

1 MR. BLACKWELL:

2 Yes.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 --- that we were saving
5 and that has already come in?

6 MR. BLACKWELL:

7 It just came in. I
8 actually personally drove the
9 agreement down to downtown Pittsburgh
10 on Wednesday.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Okay.

13 So that's wonderful
14 news. And that's real money?

15 MR. BLACKWELL:

16 Yes. It's real money,
17 it's here.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 It's not about grants
20 or ---?

21 MR. BLACKWELL:

22 No, no. Yeah. This is
23 the real thing.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 This is real money?

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MR. BLACKWELL:

Actually, it was signed
and I got into the car and drove.

MAYOR KUHN:

All right.

Any comments from
Council?

Roll call.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Brodnicki?

MR. BRODNICKI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Deputy Mayor Sapp?

DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Underwood?

MR. UNDERWOOD:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

Mr. Petrucci?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Yes.

MS. SORCE:

1 Mayor Kuhn?

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Yes.

4 All right.

5 Do I have a motion for
6 Resolution Number 2019-043?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

8 Mayor Kuhn?

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 I'd like to make a
13 motion that we receive Resolution
14 Number 2019-043, a resolution of the
15 municipality of Penn Hills, County of
16 Allegheny, Commonwealth of
17 Pennsylvania, adopting the Five-Year
18 Capital Improvement Program for 2020
19 into 2024.

20 MR. UNDERWOOD:

21 Second.

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Motion made and
24 seconded.

25 Again, this is a

1 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program
2 that we had a hearing on in the
3 beginning of the meeting.

4 Is there any comments
5 from the audience?

6 Comments from Council?

7 Roll call, Maureen.

8 MS. SORCE:

9 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 Yes.

12 MS. SORCE:

13 Mr. Underwood?

14 MR. UNDERWOOD:

15 Yes.

16 MS. SORCE:

17 Mr. Petrucci?

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Yes.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Mayor Kuhn?

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 Yes.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mr. Brodnicki?

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MR. BRODNICKI:

Yes.

MAYOR KUHN:

Okay.

Now under items for consideration, we are going to ask for a motion for Ordinance Number 2653. Do I have a motion?

MR. PETRUCCI:

Mayor Kuhn, I'll make a motion for Ordinance 2653, an ordinance of the municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania accepting the bid submitted by One Properties, LLC and authorize the sale and conveyance of real property located at 12245 Frankstown Road, Penn Hills to the same.

MR. UNDERWOOD:

I'll second.

MAYOR KUHN:

Do I have a second?

Motion made and seconded.

1 Now, this is an
2 ordinance for the sale of the old
3 municipal building. There were bids
4 that --- well, we sent out bids to
5 receive for anyone who was interested
6 in the purchase. And the bids have
7 --- were to start at \$150,000.

8 Is that right, Scott?

9 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10 Yeah.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 We only got one bid and
13 it was for \$151,000. Now, there might
14 be a lot of people who think, well,
15 that building should be worth X
16 dollars, this much money, that much
17 money, what have you. It was in real
18 estate for over a year now.

19 Am I correct, or close
20 to?

21 And we had not received
22 one interested party as far as having
23 any interest in even giving us a bid
24 that we could negotiate. There was
25 --- nothing was generated on that

1 building. So it's very hard for
2 because of the fact that this was not
3 presented to the municipality by a
4 realtor. This is presented by, if I'm
5 not mistaken, to you, Scott, by
6 Councilman Petrucci.

7 Is that correct?

8 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

9 That is correct.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 So we still have to pay
12 the percentage to the realtor. Now,
13 that's just so hard for me because of
14 the fact he didn't bring the person
15 in, but that's the law or the rule
16 that we have to unfortunately abide
17 by.

18 \$151,000 people might
19 not think that that's a lot of money,
20 but as I said we had no one interested
21 in it. And with having this done, the
22 building will be productive and it
23 will be back on the tax rolls and it's
24 not just going to deteriorate and fall
25 apart. So that is why we --- now, we

1 can't vote on this tonight because of
2 the fact that it wasn't advertised.
3 But the ordinance that we are
4 presenting will give us at least the
5 opportunity.

6 Am I correct?

7 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

8 Yeah. What I was going
9 to recommend that we do is if Council
10 would entertain a motion to except the
11 proposal ---

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Okay.

14 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

15 --- to accept the
16 proposal we got from Dolney Realty
17 then we could start to move ahead.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Okay.

20 So ---.

21 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

22 By next month we
23 would ---.

24 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

25 That would be the

1 motion?

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 That would be the
4 motion.

5 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

6 The proposal of Dolney
7 Properties, LLC is subject to the
8 ordinance that needs to be passed.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Okay.

11 So that's where we're
12 at. We are voting to accept the
13 proposal. Because as I said, there
14 was --- you know, advertisements for
15 bids, we only received one. So what
16 we're doing tonight is we're making a
17 motion to accept the proposal.

18 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

19 So John needs to amend
20 his motion.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Okay.

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 I'll amend the proposal
25 to make a motion to accept that

1 the ---.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Proposal.

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 Proposal.

6 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

7 Six months.

8 MR. UNDERWOOD:

9 And second.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Okay.

12 So that's where we're at
13 now. And then our next meeting is
14 when we will actually ratify.

15 Correct?

16 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

17 Pass an ordinance, yes.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 Okay.

20 So again, with that
21 information does anyone have any
22 questions from the audience?

23 MS. DENHAM:

24 Peggy Denham, 11674

25 Althea Road. I am very happy about

1 this, that this is getting settled,
2 because that's a fine piece of
3 property. It's an eyesore and I think
4 if we get that, it will be a big
5 improvement in Penn Hills. So thank
6 you very much for taking the time to
7 get this together. Thank you.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Thanks, Peggy.

10 Yes. I think it is a
11 conclusion now that finalizes the new
12 government center and we can move on
13 in hopefully there will be something
14 that is going to be productive for
15 Penn Hills in the location. Anything
16 will be better than to have to watch a
17 building with so much history just
18 deteriorate before our eyes.

19 Okay.

20 Now, we're going to ---
21 does anyone have any other comments
22 from Council?

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 Mayor Kuhn, I'd like to
25 introduce Josh and the property

1 realtor ---.

2 MS. GONEY:

3 Hi.

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 And they're both the
6 buyers of the property.

7 MS. GONEY:

8 Hi. My name is Rhea
9 Goney. I live in Blackridge so I'm
10 not actually a Penn Hills resident,
11 but I'm four houses away from Penn
12 Hills from Churchill, so I kind of
13 feel like I have my foot here
14 everywhere. And I am just --- I'm so
15 thrilled to have the opportunity to
16 purchase this building. It needs a
17 lot of work. But 100 percent the goal
18 is for it to be productive.

19 MAYOR KUHN:

20 Well, we're lucky to
21 have you in Penn Hills. We wish you
22 all the success.

23 MR. CALWELL:

24 I'm Josh like I said
25 earlier. I get too emotional about

1 old buildings.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 You're not ---. I would
4 suggest that you heard nothing or
5 something that we are voting on. You
6 would be silent on ---.

7 MR. CALDWELL:

8 I will do my best to
9 not ---.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 So that it doesn't go in
12 there saying the Mayor had condemned
13 someone. That was only a joke.

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 No, I have complete
16 confidence in both of them. You will
17 do a good job there.

18 MR. CALDWELL:

19 We're really excited to
20 be involved in this. And I --- it
21 would have killed me to see anything
22 bad happen to this building. It's a
23 beautiful building. It deserves to
24 come back to life.

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Yes, it does.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 What are your plans for
4 the building?

5 MR. CALDWELL:

6 It's either going to be
7 converted office space --- and you
8 need to take the jail and the gun
9 range out the basement to make that
10 function. Or it's going to end up
11 being some sort of housing.

12 All of the proposals ---
13 and I kind of silently flew in and
14 asked some of my friends and
15 associates is to maybe build a school
16 there. That would be phenomenal, but
17 we need a school that's willing to do
18 that, so that's more pipe dreaming.

19 The idea is just to get
20 it back to being a productive space.
21 And it's a gorgeous building, great
22 history, phenomenal location, and like
23 I said, I completely geek out over old
24 buildings. I --- yeah. It's almost a
25 mental illness for me. It really is.

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Well, we appreciate you
3 geeking out about that building.

4 MR. CALDWELL:

5 I invite you guys to its
6 finished product in the somewhat not
7 too distant future.

8 MAYOR KUHN:

9 Yes. Thank you. Well,
10 we wish you all the success because
11 your success will be Penn Hills
12 success.

13 MR. CALDWELL:

14 Fantastic. Thank you,
15 guys.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Okay.

18 Any other comments?

19 Roll call.

20 MS. SORCE:

21 Mr. Petrucci?

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Yes.

24 MS. SORCE:

25 Mayor Kuhn?

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Yes.

3 MS. SORCE:

4 Mr. Brodnicki?

5 MR. BRODNIKCI:

6 Yes.

7 MS. SORCE:

8 Deputy Mayor Sapp?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Yes.

11 MS. SORCE:

12 Mr. Underwood?

13 MR. UNDERWOOD:

14 Yes.

15 MAYOR KUHN:

16 Okay.

17 Now, let's see where I'm
18 at because we are going to have ---.

19 MR. PETRUCCI:

20 Items for consideration.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Items for consideration.

23 Okay.

24 I have some things under
25 items for consideration. We have gone

1 back and forth with the number of
2 meetings to hold for Council. Now,
3 the Home Rule Charter states that we
4 have to have at least one meeting a
5 month. It was back in December of
6 2018 during a budget hearing meeting
7 where it --- some of the residents had
8 brought up about overtime for the
9 administration part of the
10 municipality.

11 So it was suggested by
12 Mayor and Council that being that the
13 Charter only asked for one meeting a
14 month, that we meeting the six months
15 out of the year only have one meeting
16 because the months of May, June, July,
17 August and September are the summer
18 months, and we only had one meeting.
19 And then in November there's only one
20 meeting because of the fact of the
21 general election.

22 So being that six months
23 out of the year, we had one meeting,
24 we thought and suggested it to the
25 audience, that we would go to just one

1 meeting so that we would not have to
2 pay for our professionals that are
3 here, our staff that is here. And
4 everyone was in agreement. So that's
5 what basically we jointly --- and if
6 I'm not correct --- as Council, were
7 all in agreement in order to save the
8 overtime, that that's what we would
9 do.

10 Well, then comes
11 February, and February brings out
12 election time. So now, two months
13 after we decided, everybody is hitting
14 us like crazy because of the fact we
15 only went to one meeting instead of
16 two. And that they are presenting to
17 the public that was a horrible thing,
18 and I'm going to go back to two
19 meetings.

20 Well, as I tell
21 everyone, we do not do things just
22 without discussing it in front of the
23 public. This was discussed. The
24 residents who were at the meeting for
25 the budget were in agreement and

1 Council was in agreement.

2 So now this big
3 situation came up as to the media, the
4 flyers and what have you, that we have
5 done a terrible thing to the
6 residents, only having one meeting a
7 month.

8 So then it came up with
9 Council, what is the solution for
10 this? So I don't know exactly who it
11 was, if it was John or if it was Mark,
12 but it came up, well, why don't we
13 have one meeting, which is a --- the
14 general meeting, which is where we
15 make all our decisions a month. And
16 then the second meeting only have it
17 as a workshop meeting, so that we then
18 do not have to have the staff come and
19 have to pay for that time that they're
20 here, which I thought was a good
21 solution, and I think most of Council
22 did.

23 And I did remind
24 Council, because I'm the oldest and I
25 have a history, that back in the '70s

1 and '80s --- I don't know, Peggy, if
2 you remember --- that's what the
3 municipality, the Council, had at that
4 time. They had a working meeting,
5 which was the 1st of the month, and
6 then the mid-meeting was a workshop
7 meeting where nothing was voted on or
8 that, but there was discussion between
9 the residents and Council.

10 Well, September is the
11 last month for the summer one meeting.
12 So now we're going to go into October.
13 So I'm trying to clear up some of
14 these loose ends that have been
15 floating around.

16 So I would like to see
17 --- now, I know we did have a comment
18 that, well, if you don't have two
19 meetings, your vendors do not get paid
20 for a month.

21 Well, that's not
22 accurate. In the six months that we
23 only had one meeting, which is the
24 five in the summer and November, Mayor
25 and Council receive the expenditures

1 in the middle of the month. Maureen
2 then calls each council person to vote
3 for the expenditures by phone so that
4 our vendors are paid, which is what we
5 do. And then we ratify it at the
6 following meeting.

7 So I think, personally,
8 that would be a great solution. But
9 right now it's like follow the
10 bouncing ball. So I would like to
11 have Council, if the Solicitor says
12 that we can do that at this time, to
13 make a decision.

14 October would start our
15 two months --- I mean, two meetings a
16 month. But as we had decided at the
17 budget meeting to only have one, I
18 think we need to clarify to the public
19 exactly what it is we are going to
20 have as far as the meetings.

21 Now, I don't want it to
22 be a political ball here. Because all
23 it has to be, like I said, the way it
24 came up was at a budget hearing
25 meeting about overtime.

1 So now, if I could ask
2 Council what their thoughts are on
3 this, I'd like to get it resolved,
4 being that October would start two
5 meetings a month if that's what we
6 have.

7 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

8 Mayor, may I have a
9 point of clarification?

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Sure.

12 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

13 So are you talking about
14 just October and December since there
15 would only be one in November or would
16 you also have two in November?

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Well, the only reason
19 there was not two in November, which I
20 don't --- there was never two in
21 November, as far as I can remember.

22 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

23 Right.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 And I've been on boards

1 for 20 years because of the fact of
2 the election.

3 So I mean, that made the
4 first meeting that would be your
5 acting meeting where you're going to
6 make decisions, that was always held
7 in the middle of the month because of
8 the election.

9 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

10 So you're talking about
11 two in ---?

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 What I'm saying is this
14 would be are we going to do this, are
15 we going to go back to two meetings?
16 Or are we going to go to one acting
17 meeting and one workshop? Are we
18 going to do one meeting and one
19 workshop 12 months, or exactly what is
20 Council's position on what is going to
21 take place so we don't look like ---
22 Gary, do you remember correctly when
23 this was asked to be revised two
24 months after we put it into action?

25 MR. UNDERWOOD:

1 Yeah.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 So we don't look like we
4 don't know what we're doing here. I
5 mean, we vote on something and then if
6 we want to change it, that's fine.
7 But right now what is ---.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

9 Mayor Kuhn?

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Deputy Mayor Sapp.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 I would like to suggest
14 that we keep it as it is at this point
15 because it's working well, and we only
16 have October and November, December.
17 And that, you know, as everyone knows,
18 that goes into our budget hearing
19 meetings where we're going to have
20 three anyway.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Right.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 So I would suggest that
25 we leave it as is and revisit it in

1 January.

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Okay.

4 So you're suggesting we
5 just continue the one meeting a month,
6 and naturally, in December we have
7 three because of our budget hearing
8 meetings. And then in January when
9 the new administration comes in, then
10 they can decide what they want to do.

11 Is that correct?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

13 That is correct. I
14 don't see what more we will be able to
15 do in October, adding one more meeting
16 than what we're already doing now.

17 MAYOR KUHN:

18 Gary?

19 MR. UNDERWOOD:

20 I agree.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 You agree with that?

23 MR. UNDERWOOD:

24 Yes.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Mark?

2 MR. BRODNICKI:

3 Yes, I agree, because
4 we're only adding one meeting this
5 year, and we should let the new
6 administration ---

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 Okay.

9 MR. BRODNICKI:

10 --- set their schedule.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 So we are going to stay
13 with one meeting a month, with the
14 exception of December where we have
15 three budget meetings. And then come
16 January, the new administration can
17 decide what they want to do.

18 Is that correct?

19 MR. BRODNICKI:

20 Yes.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 John?

23 MR. PETRUCCI:

24 I agree.

25 MAYOR KUHN:

1 Huh?

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 I agree. I mean, we
4 don't have that many more ---.

5 MAYOR KUHN:

6 You're very easy
7 tonight, John.

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 We don't have that many
10 more meetings left, so I mean, it
11 really doesn't make a difference. No.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 No. It's really
14 doesn't.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 I mean, if we're going
17 to set the standard for the following
18 year, that would be one thing. But
19 we're only setting standards for two
20 meetings.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Right, because November
23 is only one, which it always has been.
24 December is three. So we're only
25 really talking about October.

1 MR. PETRUCCI:

2 Right.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 So we're going to keep
5 it as --- so that the public knows
6 what we're doing and what to expect
7 from --- for them to know when to come
8 to a meeting. That's the problem. We
9 have to be consistent so that our
10 residents aren't coming up for a
11 meeting and they see on the sign no
12 meeting.

13 So what we are doing is
14 we are continuing one meeting a month.
15 And of course, in December there will
16 be three because of our budget
17 hearings.

18 Is that correct?

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

20 Yes.

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 Yes.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Everyone is in
25 agreement?

1 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

2 Yes.

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 But I would like to say
5 something.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 Go ahead. Are you --- I
8 didn't cut you off.

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 No. I want to say
11 something and have this on the record.
12 The reason why we did that, proposed
13 that back after it came out during the
14 budget hearing, okay, we did that to
15 save money.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Exactly.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 Okay.

20 So if we go back to two
21 meetings, if the new administration
22 goes back to two meetings, it's going
23 to cost us more money. We're saving
24 the amount of the money on our help
25 being here. Whether we have a

1 workshop meeting or not, if it goes
2 back to two meetings, we incur all
3 that expense all over again.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Right.

6 MR. PETRUCCI:

7 And we're back to the
8 overtime, we're back to ---

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Right.

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 --- everybody sitting
13 here and costing us money.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 But that will be up to
16 the new administration.

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 I understand that, but I
19 want that on the record that it will
20 cost us.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 But I also did explain
23 when this big hullabaloo that came
24 about, that Mayor and Council were
25 terrible because we are only having

1 one meeting a month. I did explain at
2 that time when you have a budget
3 hearing meeting, and you ask your
4 residents what they would want Mayor
5 and Council to do, and we present to
6 those people at the budget hearing
7 meeting that we are going to just go
8 to one a month so that we save money,
9 then two months later if we change
10 that position, then it makes it look
11 like Mayor and Council only said that
12 to appease the people who were at the
13 budget meeting, and then two months
14 later reverse it and go back to where
15 it was.

16 So that's why I was not
17 happy with that situation, because of
18 the fact I felt that we told the
19 budget hearing people that this is
20 what we were going to do. And then in
21 two months to change it, it made it
22 look like we were just playing games.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Right. And Mayor Kuhn?
25 I'd like to state for the record that

1 it wasn't that we were playing games,
2 just so that the people watching and
3 the people here in the audience know,
4 it was the fact that right after that,
5 we had another group of people come in
6 and state that with a municipality of
7 44,000 residents, that one meeting
8 wasn't enough a month to hear what
9 everyone has to say.

10 So what I'd like to add
11 is that we found in having the one
12 meeting that it's been working very
13 well, and everything has been
14 accomplished.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 I agree. I agree.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 So I just want to make
19 that clear for those who are watching
20 and for those who are in the audience.

21 So it wasn't that we
22 were going back and forth. It was
23 that we were trying to take everyone
24 into consideration, and we found that
25 one meeting is enough to accomplish

1 everything that needed to be
2 accomplished. And if it wasn't, then
3 I believe this Mayor and Council would
4 have definitely reconsidered, rather
5 we made that decision or not in
6 December, to make sure that we had two
7 meetings so that we would address all
8 of our residents because that's why
9 we're here.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 And I do think it should
12 be up to the new administration to see
13 what they want to do. And I do
14 apologize, but I was ill for a while
15 and missing meetings. I did not
16 realize that there were a group of
17 people who came to a council meeting
18 who asked for us to go back to two
19 meetings. I don't recall that.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

21 Not just that --- yeah,
22 there was. And not just at the
23 council meeting but even outside as
24 we're just at the grocery stores or
25 wherever we might be throughout the

1 municipality, residents would approach
2 me personally and make that statement.
3 So I know I brought it to the table
4 with the concern, okay. But after,
5 like I said, we've gone through the
6 one meeting a month, I'm very
7 satisfied with it at this point
8 because there's been nothing that has
9 gone lacking at all.

10 MAYOR KUHN:

11 Okay.

12 And you feel then that
13 the residents who approached you, you
14 have an answer to give them now?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Absolutely. And now
17 that we have this new way of social
18 media and people can actually watch,
19 they are not really missing a meeting
20 because they can watch right from the
21 comfort of their own homes and get the
22 meeting right there.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 Which, again, I will say
25 that the whole time I was Deputy Mayor

1 to Mayor Anthony DeLuca, and my time
2 as Mayor, I was never in favor of
3 having the meetings televised because
4 of the fact I felt that it would be
5 --- some people would use it for 15
6 minutes of fame. And so they could be
7 up here using the Council chambers for
8 their own personal agendas.

9 And it was Councilman
10 Petrucci who brought it up to my
11 attention. I don't know if another
12 council person had. But after I had
13 seen, through the time of being on
14 Council, that it is not always
15 presenting accurately what Mayor and
16 Council say or do at council meetings,
17 so I think it was a huge success to
18 have this. Because I personally get
19 phone calls from residents who say to
20 me I read on social media that this
21 took place and that took place at the
22 council meeting, which wasn't
23 accurate.

24 And thanks to Brent, who
25 was taping the meetings at the time,

1 they said that they would get on your
2 Penn Hills --- I don't know, Brent,
3 you know how I am.

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 Positive change.

6 MAYOR KUHN:

7 I don't do social media.
8 And they said they watched the meeting
9 and that what was said was absolutely
10 not factual. So that's --- then I had
11 to say that I was wrong, that that is
12 good that our residents can see
13 exactly what we say, how we say it,
14 that's it not edited, that's not put
15 across completely inaccurate.

16 So I think it was a
17 marvelous thing to have done. And as
18 far as those who want 15 minutes of
19 fame, well, that's the price that we
20 have to put up with.

21 But I do think it was a
22 huge improvement for the municipality
23 and the residents of Penn Hills.

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 And can I add one more

1 thing?

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 Pardon?

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 Hopefully, someday we
6 can get this put on Comcast or Verizon
7 so everybody that's sitting in front
8 --- in their living room can see this.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 Well, I know a lot of
11 people watch it. Because I know I get
12 comments that they don't come to the
13 meetings anymore because they can
14 watch it on the television. But
15 nevertheless, it was a huge
16 improvement and I was wrong in my not
17 wanting it in the beginning, and I'm
18 glad that it has been brought in.

19 Before we go onto
20 introduction of ordinances and that, I
21 failed to say that our hearts went out
22 to friends and families of the young
23 girl who was kidnapped and ultimately
24 died. Her name was Nalani Johnson,
25 two years old, one of our own. It was

1 heartbreaking. It was heartbreaking
2 for everyone in Penn Hills. And I'm a
3 grandmother of a two and a half year
4 old little girl, and I cannot even in
5 my wildest thoughts realize what that
6 family and friends went through.

7 So I did want to ask for
8 a moment of silence before --- after
9 the pledge and I missed it. So I
10 would ask that everyone doesn't forget
11 and keep the family in their prayers
12 because of the fact that is a sadness
13 that is just unlivable.

14 So if everyone --- like
15 I said, I am a woman of faith and I am
16 not ashamed to say it. And I don't
17 really care at this point if someone
18 says I shouldn't express my faith in a
19 government meeting.

20 So I do ask for those
21 who are to pray for this family, for
22 this terrible time that they went
23 through.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

25 Mayor Kuhn?

1 MAYOR KUHN:

2 Don't make me go much
3 further.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 You'll be okay. I know
6 it.

7 I just want to say that
8 Penn Hills was represented there. I
9 did attend the funeral, and I was a
10 part of the ministerial staff and
11 represented Penn Hills.

12 So the family knew that
13 Penn Hills was there to support them.
14 And also, I know that there's a
15 resident in Penn Hills who has put out
16 a request to say in remembrance of
17 Nalani Johnson. If you would put a
18 pink bow on your door, on your
19 mailbox. And I've seen throughout
20 Penn Hills there are some pink bows.
21 And I think that that's amazing, that
22 we would remember little Nalani
23 Johnson in that way.

24 MAYOR KUHN:

25 Thank you.

1 And one other note is
2 since our last meeting there were two
3 more massive shootings in El Paso,
4 Texas and in South Bend --- Dayton,
5 Ohio, I'm sorry.

6 I don't know what has
7 happened to our country that this
8 happens so frequently. It's
9 heartbreaking and sad that a family
10 goes to Walmart to buy possible school
11 supplies for their children to go to
12 school, and they are shot down or
13 their family members are shot down.

14 I don't know if you saw
15 the video of the mother and father who
16 were on the phone with their daughter
17 who was at the shooting in El Paso,
18 and she was hiding and talking to her
19 mother and dad. And the mother and
20 dad stated the fear that they had, not
21 knowing if at any moment she would be
22 shot and killed also.

23 I do hope this is --- I
24 think Columbine was almost 18 years
25 ago, if I'm not mistaken, which was

1 the first tragedy. And now it seems
2 as though they're happening more
3 frequently. Our public officials have
4 to decide on something. Everyone
5 comes out when the shootings first
6 take place, but then it falls to the
7 wayside.

8 Now, I'm not saying that
9 I want anyone to take weapons away
10 from everyone. But I have nephews on
11 both sides of my family who have
12 hunted from the time they were old
13 enough to get a license. And they get
14 deers every year, but they don't use
15 assault weapons or handguns to get
16 those deers. They use rifles.

17 So something --- there
18 just has to be something that is done.
19 And maybe it is Americans who need to
20 step up and contact their officials
21 and say something has to be done.

22 All right.

23 With that, we will go to
24 introductions of ordinances.

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Mayor Kuhn?

2 MAYOR KUHN:

3 John?

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 I need to back up a
6 little bit because I have items for
7 consideration that I'd like to
8 present.

9 MAYOR KUHN:

10 I'm sorry, John. I
11 thought we were done with that.

12 MR. PETRUCCI:

13 No. I just got this
14 one. That's all.

15 This is the Mayor and
16 Council and manager. In light of the
17 recent complaints regarding, and we've
18 had a lot of them, speeding in
19 neighborhoods in Penn Hills, I propose
20 that we purchase more digital flashing
21 speed signs that monitor and record
22 the speed and volume of cars traveling
23 through such neighborhoods.

24 Those are those flashing
25 speed signs that what we have attached

1 to the poles.

2 We currently have two
3 monitors, I believe, and we could use
4 at least two more. Also, in some of
5 these areas, we must consider, and we
6 talked about this before, speed humps
7 now to slow the traffic down. A
8 perfect example is Idaho Drive where
9 Redeemer Lutheran School is located.

10 Now, we have some real
11 problems up there with speeders. I'm
12 getting complaints left and right.
13 They did put the speed sign up there,
14 but I was up there walking the other
15 day and come 3:00 they're flying
16 through there again.

17 Numerous complaints have
18 come to me in regards to the speeding
19 and persons in from --- to and from
20 the school. This is happening on Park
21 Ridge, Garland, Collins, Harvard and
22 all the roads at the high school.
23 There's something that we need to do
24 --- need to address and quickly before
25 a fatality happens.

1 So I'm going to give
2 this to you, Scott, and maybe we can
3 consider getting those control
4 devices. I did have the name and
5 number for the person, I think I gave
6 it to you. They run between \$2,800
7 and \$4,500 a piece depending on which
8 model you buy.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

10 Councilman Petrucci?

11 MR. PETRUCCI:

12 Yes, sir (sic).

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

14 I agree with you.

15 MR. PETRUCCI:

16 Yes, ma'am.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

18 I want to say that I
19 agree. That certainly needs to be
20 addressed before we have ---.

21 MR. PETRUCCI:

22 A fatality.

23 DEUPTY MAYOR SAPP:

24 Yes. However, I went
25 into the office and spoke with Scott

1 and showed him a video. I went
2 through Monroeville and I showed him
3 one of the residential streets that
4 actually have the speed humps. And we
5 did, in fact, look up portable speed
6 humps instead of putting them
7 permanently down. And they were very,
8 very inexpensive.

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 That's great.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 I guess what it would be
13 is just to determine where we would
14 put them in. I guess he would need to
15 talk to DPW about that. But they are
16 very inexpensive and we can definitely
17 look into portable.

18 MR. PETRUCCI:

19 I mean, we've tried.
20 And Howard has had them put them signs
21 up and they do work for a while until,
22 you know, the people --- but these
23 people --- and we can't afford to have
24 an officer sitting on every corner. I
25 know that, Howard. I'm perfectly

1 aware of that.

2 But these people are
3 just getting --- even in my plan, it's
4 bad. They just come ---.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 So those portables, I
7 think you'll well pleased and I'm
8 talking with Scott about we've come up
9 with.

10 MR. PETRUCCI:

11 Okay, Mayor.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 Are you done?

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 I'm done.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Okay.

18 Anyone else want
19 anything for items of consideration?

20 If not, we will go into
21 introductions of ordinances. Anyone
22 have any ordinances to be introduced?

23 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

24 Madam Mayor, that's the
25 ordinance that we talked about

1 earlier, the ordinance with regard to
2 the sale of the ---.

3 MAYOR KUHN:

4 No, I know that.

5 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

6 Yes.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 But we always have if
9 anyone has any introductions of
10 ordinances and resolutions.

11 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

12 Right. Scott wanted
13 that one under there too just in case.

14 MAYOR KUHN:

15 Oh, so you want --- we
16 have to bring this up again?

17 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

18 Just to --- I think
19 that's that grayed in on the agenda.
20 We already talked about it.

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 We already did that.

23 Right?

24 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

25 We did the acceptance of

1 the proposal. But we just wanted the
2 public to know that it would be on the
3 agenda for next month's meeting.

4 MAYOR KUHN:

5 Okay.

6 I think we did cover
7 that, but go ahead and you can state
8 whatever ---.

9 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

10 No. I just said it ---

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Okay.

13 ATTORNEY ALEXANDER:

14 --- because nobody
15 mentioned it again.

16 MAYOR KUHN:

17 Okay.

18 Reports. Any reports
19 from ---?

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 Mayor Kuhn?

22 MAYOR KUHN:

23 I mean, from Council.

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 Mayor Kuhn?

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MAYOR KUHN:

John?

MR. PETRUCCI:

First thing I have ---
this gentleman's been sitting here
very patiently in the front of the
audience, and I'd like to go with him
first.

Dr. Ken Vehec is in
front of us, and he has jobs available
for the US Census. I believe you said
11,000 at \$18.95 apiece. I'll pass
these out, and these are his pamphlets
that he has. He's stocked them up and
is here to see us just so we could get
the word out that there is jobs
available. Would you mind if he just
said a couple words?

MAYOR KUHN:

No, not at all. Please
come up. Thank you for being so
patient.

MR. PETRUCCI:

He sat through ---.

MAYOR KUHN:

1 Who is this guy on ---?

2 DR. VEHEC:

3 All right.

4 Now, Mayor Kuhn, Deputy
5 Mayor Sapp, Council members and all.
6 I was invited here by Council member
7 Petrucci to talk to you about the 2020
8 Census. However, before I do that,
9 I'd like to talk to you about my
10 sewage bill.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 You came to the right
13 person.

14 DR. VEHEC:

15 Well, you know, I'm glad
16 to be back in Penn Hills. I'm
17 actually a Penn Hills graduate.

18 MAYOR KUHN:

19 You have a PhD?

20 DR. VEHEC:

21 Yes, I do. And another
22 one as well.

23 MAYOR KUHN:

24 That's what I tell
25 everyone, I have a Ph.D., Penn Hills

1 diploma.

2 DR. VEHEC:

3 One of those on top of
4 it so ---. I'm proud to offer an
5 opportunity for people to join the
6 2020 Census. It's my job --- I'm in
7 charge of the entire Allegheny County
8 as far as the census goes. And my job
9 is to hire, between now and the end of
10 the census, 11,000 people.

11 We're starting off
12 paying at \$18.50 an hour, not \$18.95
13 but \$18.50 an hour. And that's for
14 the people who will be going out door
15 to door. We have jobs that go all the
16 way up through \$27 an hour, that are
17 temporary or semi-permanent jobs that
18 can be rolled over into other
19 government jobs at the end of the
20 census.

21 We have 1.25 million
22 residents in Allegheny County alone
23 that we have to get counted. And so
24 by asking you to please just
25 disseminate this information to the

1 residents, let them know that the
2 census is coming. But more
3 importantly, if they want to work, at
4 \$18.50 an hour, you do 40 hours a
5 week, that's \$750, you know, a week
6 just for going out and doing the
7 census. You can work as much or as
8 much as you possibly can. The nice
9 thing about this job you can do 40
10 hours a week, plus there's going to be
11 overtime as well. Or if you have
12 obligations where you have to take
13 your kids to school and you've got
14 four or five hours in between, you can
15 work those four or five hours and get
16 paid for that just as well.

17 So there's a lot of
18 opportunities here for you. And so
19 I'd respectfully ask the Mayor, and
20 Council and everyone else in here, if
21 this is something you're interested
22 in, or you know some neighbors that
23 are looking for work or something they
24 want to do, please go on the website.
25 It's 2020census.gov/jobs. And I have

1 a bunch of information I can leave
2 with you and pass out. And I thank
3 you very much for your time and
4 attention.

5 MR. PETRUCCI:

6 Thank you, Doctor.

7 MAYOR KUHN:

8 I just have one
9 question.

10 DR. VEHEC:

11 Yes, ma'am.

12 MAYOR KUHN:

13 When you have a census
14 taker, do they come into play if the
15 mailing that goes out for the census
16 is not received? I mean, they don't
17 --- they're not going to every house;
18 are they? I mean, I thought it was
19 when you get in the mail your census
20 form, if you don't fill that out and
21 return it, then the census takers come
22 around.

23 Is that not accurate?

24 DR. VEHEC:

25 Well, actually, Mayor,

1 that's an excellent question. Because
2 this is the first census that we're
3 actually going to be collecting data
4 three different ways. We're going to
5 be collecting it through the online
6 process, and also through the mailers
7 and then the last step is to go door
8 to door to the people who haven't
9 answered either the online or through
10 the mailing.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Okay.

13 That's what I thought
14 had taken place in the past. I just
15 was wondering if that was being
16 changed.

17 DR. VEHEC:

18 Yeah. We're trying to
19 modify and make it as easy as
20 possible ---

21 MAYOR KUHN:

22 Right.

23 DR. VEHEC:

24 --- for everybody to,
25 you know, stand up and be counted.

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MAYOR KUHN:

It's very important because of the fact it affects a lot of funding that communities receive. So it's very important for everyone to return their census because it can help your community in beneficial ways.

DR. VEHEC:

Yeah, most definitely, not just with funding but also with representation.

MAYOR KUHN:

Right.

DR. VEHEC:

Which can also lead to funding.

MAYOR KUHN:

Thank you for being so patient and waiting through our long meeting.

DR. VEHEC:

No, it's my pleasure. Like I said, I'm proud to be back in Penn Hills. And also, that would be

1 Dr. Ken Vehec, 141 Belleview Drive.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 Thank you, Doctor.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Thank you. Thank you
6 for coming. We met two of your
7 colleagues at Seven Springs.

8 DR. VEHEC:

9 Oh, fantastic.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

11 And so we were very
12 interested in bringing this
13 information back. So I'm glad you're
14 here tonight to represent and explain
15 the job opportunity. And thank you
16 for waiting.

17 MR. PETRUCCI:

18 Okay.

19 Next item on my laundry
20 list. I guess the Mayor was reading
21 my mind when I wrote this a couple
22 days ago. I would like to acknowledge
23 Officer Wynn in doing a great job in
24 locating a suspect's vehicle in the
25 abduction of Nalani Johnson.

1 Unfortunately, we all
2 know the tragic conclusion to the
3 abduction. My condolences go out to
4 the family and friends of Nalani
5 Johnson. I wrote that a couple days
6 ago and didn't realize the Mayor was
7 going to do the same thing.

8 Keep Penn Hills
9 Beautiful campaign started. Chris,
10 could you throw that up?

11 MR. BLACKWELL:

12 It's been running, yeah.

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 By rebranding all the
15 garbage cans on Frankstown Road. In
16 addition, Tyler Tomasino and I
17 finished a beautification project on
18 the island of Hamill and Bevell. We
19 were removing weeds, and debris and
20 painted the curb and sign posts, added
21 a flower planter.

22 That's not it --- okay.

23 That's the --- keep
24 going. That's the pot down there.

25 MR. BLACKWELL:

1 It's just running.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

3 It just runs.

4 MR. PETRUCCI:

5 Okay.

6 Right there is the
7 island that we pulled all the weeds,
8 and we cleaned it up. And then that's
9 what it looks like after we added a
10 flower pot with some flowers around
11 it. And DPW did all the paving around
12 it.

13 So we want to thank our
14 DPW crew for resurfacing the traffic
15 island as it was in disrepair. And
16 our two local businesses that donated
17 all the supplies, Sherman Williams and
18 Eastwood Hardware.

19 Also, due to the sale of
20 stickers, we purchased a garbage can
21 and will be installing it at Highland
22 and Frankstown. And Frank Allison
23 will be maintaining it.

24 Since you got that
25 rolling like that, I think I'll just

1 go to the other one, too.

2 First, the Anti-Litter
3 Group participated in a Pittsburgh
4 Garbage Olympics and picked up liter
5 along Verona and Coal Hollow Roads.
6 That was Saturday the 20th. It was a
7 great day to be proud from Penn Hills.
8 There was a lot of activity around the
9 community.

10 There were a lot of
11 volunteers that helped pick up the
12 liter at approximately 29. And in two
13 hours there was 80 bags of trash that
14 was cleaned up.

15 Also, we checked out ---
16 check out the new T-shirts and the
17 Anti-Litter Group members were
18 wearing. They look great. They also
19 won the Team Spirit Award. Those are
20 some of the new T-shirts. And those
21 were on sale, I guess, before for \$10
22 apiece. And if you want them, you can
23 see Tyler Tomasino or Faith Milazzo

24 One of the interesting
25 things that they did find on that

1 litter pick-up is they found a gun.
2 And it was turned over to the Penn
3 Hills PD. That was found somewhere, I
4 guess, around the fireman's club.

5 Also, that day, the Penn
6 Hills Shade Tree Commission was
7 working on phases of the Plum Creek
8 bank restoration project in the Penn
9 Hills community park. Volunteers
10 approximately 50 planted 43 trees
11 along the stream and spread meadow
12 seed afterward. This project is going
13 to help beautify the park for years to
14 come.

15 And finally, while all
16 this was going on, our volunteer fire
17 departments were out collecting
18 donations via their Fill the Boot
19 Drive. Hope while you're all out and
20 you see them, you make --- you donate
21 to them.

22 A huge thank you is in
23 order to all the volunteers who helped
24 that Saturday morning, as well as all
25 the organizers involved in the

1 Anti-Litter Group, the Shade Tree
2 Commission. These projects wouldn't
3 be possible without their hard work
4 and dedication. And we'd also like to
5 thank the Penn Hills Police Department
6 for providing traffic control during
7 the litter pick-up and the safety of
8 our volunteers is paramount to
9 anything else. And having officers
10 along the roads goes a long way, and
11 we thank you.

12 You know, without folks
13 like Faith Milazzo, Kathy Raybourne,
14 Frank Allison, Brittany Norris, where
15 would we be in our community? These
16 spends hours, upon hours, upon hours
17 whether it be cleaning up litter,
18 planting trees, taking care of trees,
19 worrying about the environment or
20 pets.

21 Brittany Norris, she's a
22 big pet advocate and she helped us out
23 with our pens and stuff around here.
24 I mean, without these people, where
25 would we be? So I thank them from the

1 bottom of my heart and anything they
2 ever need, I hope we can help them
3 out.

4 Rosedale Pool Carnival
5 was a big success. The three-day
6 fundraiser was --- for the almost
7 94-year-old Rosedale pool is a very
8 well-orchestrated event including
9 entertainment, free things for the
10 kids, rides, games and good. I can
11 tell you that the volunteers have an
12 eye for detail and have ironed out so
13 many things over the years. I look
14 forward to this every year, and it's
15 an awesome event. Make sure you go
16 next year.

17 I attended the annual
18 Penn Hills Verona Firefighter
19 Appreciate Day out at the Rose Funeral
20 Home. This is a great community event
21 with food, drinks and activities for
22 the entire family. It also allows
23 residents to check out fire apparatus
24 up close and meet some of our first
25 responders. Our Mayor was there also.

1 A huge thank to
2 Bernadette Rose and Rose Funeral Home.
3 She's always got --- is helping out
4 the volunteers, the fire departments,
5 for putting this fantastic event on.
6 To all the sponsors and volunteers who
7 made this today possible, and mostly
8 importantly, to all our volunteer
9 firefighters in Penn Hills.

10 It's very fortunate to
11 have six stations staffed by brave men
12 and woman, all volunteers, who are
13 willing to put everything on the line
14 to serve the community and ask little
15 in return. Be sure you donate to your
16 fire department.

17 Okay.

18 We're done with that.

19 Last Thursday, I
20 attended the Economic Development
21 meeting and they're going to come, I
22 believe, in October and give a
23 presentation of what they're doing.
24 Just I'll run through a couple of
25 things.

1 They presented a
2 strengthening community partnership.
3 What they did was --- is Allen Waldron
4 and Tyler Tomasino applied for a
5 grant. Now, this grant money will be
6 used to help out in different things
7 with the Economic Development Group
8 and with the CDC. And I'll just read
9 you a couple lines.

10 The Allegheny Conference
11 of Community Development is inviting
12 proposals for the participation in the
13 strengthening community partnership,
14 an initiative to build community
15 development oriented partnerships
16 between corporate, communities and
17 communities across the southwestern
18 Pennsylvania. The SCP is intended to
19 assist community based organizations
20 to advance economic development goals,
21 planning and practices in their
22 community.

23 It's a real good
24 organization, and like I said, Tyler
25 and Allen Waldron --- Allen Waldron

1 was representing the CDC and Tyler and
2 was representing the Economic
3 Development Team. And they did a
4 presentation down in front of these
5 people, I believe, last Friday. So
6 they'll be giving a little bit more
7 information on that at the next
8 meeting.

9 We discussed New Sun
10 Rising, which they also went to and we
11 did some workshops with them. I was
12 participating myself in them and so
13 was Manager Andrejchak about different
14 things that are going on in Penn
15 Hills. They're the same people I
16 think I mentioned once before. Those
17 are the individuals and the
18 organization that brought up
19 Sharpsburg and Lawrenceville. They
20 helped the economic development in
21 many towns going up the river.

22 We discussed the Larder
23 Program and they're going to do
24 another presentation on that. We had
25 a Larder Program that expired.

1 They're revisiting it. They're adding
2 more property throughout the community
3 for commercial development. So that
4 will be explained also at, hopefully,
5 at the October meeting by Tyler
6 Tomasino and some of the people from
7 the Economic Development Team.

8 Oktoberfest is at the
9 barn this year. It's sponsored by the
10 rotary club. It's Saturday, September
11 28th. You would see probably one of
12 the people, I think Andrea Getsy has
13 some tickets, Jim might have some. I
14 don't know if Peggy Dunham has any.
15 She doesn't have any.

16 Okay.

17 But one of those two
18 people would have them.

19 We have a draft, which
20 I'm thankful for, on the noise
21 ordinance. And Chris, I believe you
22 had something to do with this?

23 MR. BLACKWELL:

24 Very little. Actually,
25 it was the manager that ---

1 MR. PETRUCCI:

2 Very little? The
3 manager? I thought you said you did.

4 MR. BLACKWELL:

5 --- found the ordinance.
6 I just converted it to Penn Hills.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Oh, you both did it.

9 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

10 We had a draft and we
11 solicited it to --- we shared it with
12 all the departments, the police
13 department especially.

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Okay.

16 I think it's ---.

17 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18 So I think it's a pretty
19 good step forward.

20 MR. PETRUCCI:

21 It's very, very good.

22 I'm sure the community will be glad to
23 hear it's finally done. And I guess
24 we'll be probably passing it next
25 month?

1 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

2 Yeah. I think that's
3 the intent.

4 MR. BLACKWELL:

5 Yeah. We'll have it in
6 next month's agenda.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 Next month's agenda?
9 Very good, very good. Thank you for
10 --- both for doing that.

11 Vacant --- I found this
12 interesting, too. The vacant property
13 registry they're going out and they're
14 not only doing foreclosed houses, but
15 they're also doing vacant property
16 that are ---.

17 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

18 Yeah. That was part of
19 the amendment that Council and Mayor
20 approved a little while ago. What was
21 it, Chris, maybe two, three months, I
22 think?

23 MR. BLACKWELL:

24 Yeah. I think it was
25 two months ago.

1 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

2 Yeah. Originally, the
3 program was just bank foreclosed
4 properties. So what they're going to
5 do now is they're going to go out and
6 try to register all vacant properties.
7 Anything with structure on it that's
8 vacant, they're going to try to
9 register it. They have a way of doing
10 that maybe by looking at utilities
11 bills to see where there's a vacant
12 house.

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 And we'll be getting
15 money from both also?

16 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

17 We will.

18 MR. BLACKWELL:

19 The idea being that,
20 like, if they can get it, they'll ---
21 like, we also say, no, you're not
22 going to get those. And they're
23 saying, well, let's try.

24 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

25 It's not costing us

1 anything if they try.

2 MR. PETRUCCI:

3 That's good. How much
4 to date have we received? Do you have
5 any idea from the vacant ---?

6 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

7 Not in front of me. I
8 could probably ---.

9 MR. PETRUCCI:

10 Let's ballpark. No?
11 Ballpark.

12 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

13 I haven't looked.

14 MR. PETRUCCI:

15 Okay.

16 But we have received a
17 significant amount?

18 MR. ANDREJCHAK:

19 Oh, yeah. I mean, I
20 think we've increased what we used to
21 get.

22 MR. BLACKWELL:

23 Absolutely, yes.

24 MR. PETRUCCI:

25 That's great. That's

1 great.

2 Okay.

3 Well, I think that's
4 about it. I already thanked Megan and
5 Chris for all the grants that they
6 write. And again, I think these
7 people deserve recognition for all
8 these grants that they are writing.
9 And I believe that's it. Mayor, I'm
10 done.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Councilman Petrucci?

13 MR. PETRUCCI:

14 Yes, ma'am?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

16 Under the CDC, you guys
17 were doing that, that was a great job.
18 The island looks really nice. It
19 really does look good.

20 There's a tree that was
21 planted by Frank on ---.

22 MR. PETRUCCI:

23 Frank Allison, over on
24 Robinson Boulevard.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

1 Yeah. On --- no, not on
2 Robinson.

3 MR. PETRUCCI:

4 Oh, I'm sorry.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

6 It's on Frankstown and
7 Graham.

8 MR. PETRUCCI:

9 On Frankstown and
10 Graham, the island.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

12 Can you please try to
13 get that tree removed and replanted
14 someplace else? It's probably too
15 late in the season. I don't know a
16 lot about horticulture. But if you
17 could check on that, because that
18 tree, the spot, that space, is not a
19 good space for the tree because it's
20 going to become massive. And if you
21 could just look into that. But I
22 think it would be so nice at one of
23 the parks because it is going to be
24 beautiful.

25 MR. PETRUCCI:

1 Okay.

2 I will do that for you.

3 Not a problem.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

5 Yeah. It's going to be
6 a beautiful tree. Thank you.

7 MR. PETRUCCI:

8 I will call Frank later
9 on today. Well, maybe tonight,
10 tomorrow. It's getting a little late.

11 MAYOR KUHN:

12 Any other reports?

13 Next we have citizen to
14 address Council. Is it Beryl Ann
15 Everett. Not here?

16 All right.

17 We are going to have an
18 executive session after the meeting.

19 Do I have a motion for
20 adjournment?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SAPP:

22 Mayor Kuhn, I make a
23 motion to adjourn this council
24 meeting.

25 MR. UNDERWOOD:

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I second it.

MAYOR KUHN:

Motion made in second.

All in favor say aye.

(WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

MAYOR KUHN:

Aye. Thank you all for coming.

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HEARING CONCLUDED AT 9:44 P.M.

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