

PENN HILLS COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 20, 2020
7:00PM

Agenda Approval

The meeting was called to order at 7PM. Mayor Calabrese welcomed everyone to the meeting and those watching at home. Mayor Calabrese announced there were no changes to the agenda and called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Calabrese led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Calabrese asked that roll call be taken. Mayor Calabrese, Councilman Petrucci and Councilman Getsy, Deputy Mayor Sapp and Councilman Pecora were present.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Calabrese called for an approval of the April 20, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Pecora made the motion. Councilman Petrucci seconded the motion. Roll was called. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to **Approve Expenditures**. Councilman Petrucci made a motion to approve the warrants from 5a totaling \$2,368,306.51. Councilman Pecora seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken to approve expenses. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to **Approve Expenditures**. Councilman Petrucci made a motion to approve the warrants from 5b totaling \$3,120,604.59. Councilman Getsy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor Calabrese asked for public comment on any Agenda items.

Mr. Opsinik of 738 Fifth Street addressed Council. The resident expressed concern over the senior center in McKinley closing.

Brent Rambo of 645 Veronica Drive commented on Resolution 2020-32, and thanked Howard Burton for his service.

Resident Shelly Mack of 201 Jefferson Road commented on Resolution 2020-32, and spoke against the contract renewal.

There was no other public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020 – 032**, a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, extending the employment agreement of Chief Howard Burton to December 31, 2021. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Deputy Mayor Sapp made the second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council comments.

Mayor Calabrese explained that no other department heads have contracts and the terms were too generous. She explained that she was very proud of the police department and it was not a reflection towards the Chief.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-032 was approved. Councilman Petrucci, Council Pecora and Deputy Mayor Sapp voted in the affirmative. Councilman Pecora and Mayor Calabrese voted no.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020- 033**, a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, awarding a Contract to Sports and Recreation Associates for the Penn Hills Park Pavilion Replacement Project for the total amount of \$117,900.00. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Councilman Pecora seconded the motion. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council comments. Councilman Petrucci said that the project was moving two pavilions at Penn Hills Park.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-033 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020-034** – a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the Manager to be the Designated Official to sign and complete all documents and agreements with the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Blight Remediation Grant Program. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Councilman Getsy made the second. Mayor Calabrese invited Council comments.

Deputy Mayor Sapp asked why the state required the manager to sign it rather than the Planning Director. The Planning Director explained that it was the state's requirement. Councilman Petrucci has a comment that this is just an application for a grant.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion to approve Resolution No 2020-034 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020-035**, a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving the Acquisition and Subsequent Disposition of Vacant Property located on Penn View Drive, 451-E-228 in accordance with the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program and providing Assurance that Acquisition is consistent with the Penn Hills Comprehensive Plan. Deputy Mayor Sapp made the motion. Councilman Petrucci made the second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council

comments. Councilman Getsy commented that the Municipality approve a comprehensive plan.

A roll call vote was taken. Approval of Resolution 2020-035 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020-036** – a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an Agreement with Amanda Fink for an above ground swimming pool being constructed with the Sanitary Sewer Easement at 106 Fox Chase Drive. Councilman Pecora made the motion. Councilman Petrucci made the second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council comments.

The Planning Director and Engineer explained that the agreements were needed, because the residents were installing above ground swimming pools over sewer lines.

A roll call vote was taken. Resolution 2020-036 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020-037** – a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing an Agreement with Joanna Morris for an above ground swimming pool being constructed with the Sanitary Sewer Easement at 225 Marshall Drive. Councilman Getsy made the motion. Councilman Petrucci made the second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council comments.

A roll call vote was taken. Resolution 2020-037 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020-038** – a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving the Acquisition and Subsequent Disposition of Vacant Property located at 470 Wildwood Avenue, 364-R-96 in accordance with the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program and Providing Assurance that Acquisition is consistent with the Penn Hills Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Councilman Getsy made the second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council comments.

A roll call vote was taken. Resolution 2020-038 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020-039**, a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving for Plan Revision for New Land Development. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Councilman Getsy seconded the motion. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council comments.

Deputy Mayor Sapp asked for additional information. The staff explained that the resolution was related to a new development accessing Penn Hills sewer system.

A roll call vote was taken. Resolution 2020-039 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020-040**, a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper municipal officials to execute all documents and agreements with ALCOSAN for a Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program Grant for the Beulah Road Sewer Rehab Project. Deputy Mayor Sapp made the motion. Councilman Petrucci seconded the motion. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments. Councilman Petrucci asked for additional information. Staff explained that the application was related to a grant application to alleviate flooding on Beulah Road.

A roll call vote was taken. Resolution 2020-040 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2020-041**, a Resolution of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper municipal officials to execute all documents and agreements with ALCOSAN for a Green Revitalization of Our Waterways (GROW) Program Grant for the McFarlane Drive Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Deputy Mayor Sapp seconded the motion. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments. Councilman Petrucci commented that the item was related to the prior resolution.

A roll call vote was taken. Resolution 2020-041 was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2020-2668** – an Ordinance of the Municipality of Penn Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, creating and establish a Shade Tree Commission and amending ordinance 2017-2596. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Mr. Getsy seconded the motion. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments.

Deputy Mayor Sapp asked why the committee was being expanded. The Manager explained that the commission had 5 original members and was asking Council for an additional two seats.

A roll call vote was taken. Ordinance 2020-2668 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2020-2669** – an Ordinance of the Municipality of Penn Hills, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Part III, Title X, Chapter 280.03 of the Municipality of Penn Hills Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Policy. Councilman Getsy made the motion. Councilman Petrucci seconded the motion. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments.

Deputy Mayor Sapp asked for further explanation of the item. The Manager explained that in light of recent Supreme Court rulings pertaining to sexual orientation, the Municipality was amending its Affirmative Action program to reflect the new change in law.

A roll call vote was taken. Ordinance 2020-2669 was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2020-2670** – an Ordinance of the Municipality of Penn Hills, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, enacting No Parking on both Sides of the Roadway of Elliott Street from Verona Road to House #1439. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Councilman Pecora seconded the motion. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments.

A roll call was taken. Ordinance 2020-2670 was approved unanimously.

APPROVALS

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to Approve Tentative Agreement with Local 602, AFL-CIO for 2020-2022. Councilman Petrucci made a motion. Deputy Mayor made a second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments.

A roll call was taken. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Penn Hills Police Advisory Board. Councilman Petrucci made a motion. Councilman Pecora made a second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments. Deputy Mayor Sapp asked for clarification on the item. The Municipal Manager explained that the item was related to a change in police hiring, and the creation of a new, lower rate for cadets.

A roll call was taken. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to Approve Lease Agreement with Madeline McCaskill DBA Ms. M's Happy Tot's Daycare for August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2022 for the Multi-Purpose Center. Councilman Petrucci made the motion. Deputy Mayor Sapp made a second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments.

Mayor Calabrese questioned whether another entity could lease the space if the item was approved. The Manager explained that the lease with Ms. M was for the entire premise and was for the facility's exclusive use. There was discussion about the lease between Council members. Mayor Calabrese explained her no vote reflected concerns about the way the lease was drafted, and was not related to the new tenant.

A roll call was taken. Councilman Petrucci and Getsy voted yes. Deputy Mayor Sapp voted yes. Mayor Calabrese and Councilman Pecora voted no. The item was approved.

Mayor Calabrese called for a motion to Approve Sales agreement with Narinder Singh and Kaur Family Trust for 12245 Frankstown Road. Council Getsy made a motion. Councilman Petrucci made a second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments.

A roll call was taken. The vote was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese made a motion to Approve Change Order for State Pipe Services in amount of \$20,250.00 for the Thompson Run Heating, Cleaning and Televising Contract. Councilman Pecora made a motion. Councilman Petrucci made a second. Mayor Calabrese asked for Council Comments.

A roll call was taken. The vote was approved unanimously.

Mayor Calabrese asked for **Items for Consideration.**

Councilman Petrucci brought forward information regarding Part-Time Code Officers.

Mayor Calabrese asked for **Council Reports.**

Councilman Getsy brought forward concerns about the Right to Know process and had a discussion with the Municipal Manager.

Mayor Calabrese spoke about news regarding recent grant awards made to Penn Hills for paving. The mayor said the improvements

Mayor Calabrese called for an **adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM