

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2020 via ZOOM

Council Members Present – Jolene Bennett; Brian J. Fashian; Paul F. Getz; Jason Helfrich; Michael V. Mary; Kevin Yurkovich

Council Member Absent – Dan Lenz

Others Present – AmySue Lillie, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq., Borough Solicitor; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E., Borough Engineer; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Yurkovich called the September 9, 2020, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After Roll Call, the August 12, 2020, Business Meeting Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Getz to approve the August 12, 2020, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD – 138 calls; EVFC – 29 calls

Veterans Honor Banners - Mayor Lillie thanked Walt's Landscaping for repairing damaged honor banners and installing the latest order of banners; it is greatly appreciated.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq., Borough Solicitor

Draft Ord. 1008, Short Term Rentals is being duly advertised; Planning Commission will meet September 23 for discussion and send comments to Council for their October 14 meeting. Council will hold a public hearing at the October 14 meeting and then consider to adopt this ordinance at the meeting.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT – Dennis J. Flynn, P.E., Gateway Engineer, PE

-Emsworth has been notified they will receive \$140K from the Small Water & Sewer Grant for the pump station force main replacement. ALCOSAN GROW Grant Cycle 4 will be awarded by November. Gateway has submitted documents for the force main replacement project to be considered.

-T.A. Robinson plans to work on the curbs, sidewalk and ADA ramps on Greenwood week of Sept. 14. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by end of October.

-T.A. Robinson plans to complete downspout and sidewalk work on North Avenue week of Sept. 14; check is being held until this work has been satisfactorily completed.

-Maintenance Bond and compliance letter have not been received from McElroy Paving; check is being held pending receipt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Mr. Helfrich/Ms. Bennett

No Report

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Messrs. Fashian/Mary

Halloween and Trick or Treat – Council will discuss these community events at the October 14 meeting.

PERSONNEL – Messrs. Fashian/Mary

DPW Hire - MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to hire Cody Palmer for part-time Dept. of Public Works at a rate of \$14/hour not to exceed 35 hours/week pending pre-employment tests. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SR 65 PUMP STATION – Mr. Getz

Good news on Small Water & Sewer grant in the amount of \$140K; hopefully the GROW Grant award will be positive for the force main replacement project.

QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

CDBG Year 47 pre-apps are due at the COG Office 9/15/2020.

ROADS – Messrs. Helfrich/Getz

Mr. Getz discussed the possibility of vacating a portion of Maple Avenue, there are no sewers in the area; half would be owned by the adjoining property owners. Sol. McTiernan stated the process to include advertisement; a public hearing; and notification to adjacent property owners of this hearing. Action tabled.

SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

No Report

FINANCE – Ms. Bennett/Mr. Mary

Bill List – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Mary to approve the September 9, 2020, Bill List as presented with the following additions: Duquesne Light \$14.72; Duquesne Light \$14.72; Gateway Engineers \$8007; QVCOG Zoning/Codes \$1043.75; SWIF \$4054; Tri State Maintenance \$795; Wright Express \$416.40. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Pres. Yurkovich reminded council 2021 projects should be sent to Finance Committee or him for budget consideration.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bennett suggested a letter be sent to PennDOT requesting a traffic study to install a left turning arrow from Lowry onto SR 65 as she has noted accidents at this location and getting out from Lowry onto SR 65 is difficult. MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Fashian to send a letter to PennDOT requesting a turning arrow from Lowry onto SR 65. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

252 Plumer Avenue Handicap Parking Request – Mr. Getz reported he checked and there is a spot in front of the house; the resident has a driveway and the letter mentions the spot would be used from “time to time”. There was no motion to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURN

President Yurkovich Adjourned the September 9, 2020, council meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary

