

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2020 – Via ZOOM

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

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

President Yurkovich called the May 13, 2020, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pres. Yurkovich thanked everyone for their patience during this challenging COVID-19 time and added Emsworth Borough was here for the residents. For the foreseeable future, the pavilion, Marmo Park and Mayernik Field will remain closed; and this status could remain in effect even if the county moves to the green phase. If OTPD sees a crowd of people, they will be reminded about social distancing. Pres. Yurkovich asked council to watch their budgets in the upcoming months and continue to spend wisely.

After Roll Call, approval of the March 11, and April 8, 2020, Business Meeting Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Fashian, to approve the March 11, 2020, Minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Helfrich, to approve the April 8, 2020, Minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie

Public Safety: OTPD – 63 calls; EVFC – no report

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

Draft Occupancy for commercial buildings was distributed for council's consideration. Mr. Getz informed Council he reached out to the zoning officer and codes official for their input. Action tabled.

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

2020 Road Program – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Bennett to award the 2020 Road Program to T. A. Robinson for the combination base bid and add alternate No. 1 and No. 2; rejecting No. 3 (sidewalk). Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

213 Allegheny – Sol. McTiernan requested approval from Council to file a sewage lien against this property. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to authorize Sol. McTiernan to file a sewage lien against 213 Allegheny Avenue. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2020 MH-MH Lining – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve Payment App #1 & Final for 2020 SHACOG MH-MH Lining project in the amount of \$9946.20 to Jet Jack, Inc., for work completed to date. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2020 Excavation Repairs – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to concur with the award of the 2020 SHACOG Excavation Repairs Contract to Soli Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$262,435 with a Borough share of \$6700. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2020 Lining Repairs – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to concur with the award of the 2020 SHACOG Lining Repairs, Contract B, MH-MH Lining to Jet Jack, Inc. in the amount of \$59,845 with a Borough share of \$12,320. Discussion: Mr. Getz requested this project be scheduled for the end of the year so billing would be in 2021. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Mr. Helfrich/Ms. Bennett

The parks committee concurred with Pres. Yurkovich's opening statement regarding keeping Marmo Park and Mayernik Field closed.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Messrs. Fashian/Mr. Mary

Mr. Fashian reported the Avonworth Post 866 Memorial Parade and field services have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus.

DEPT. of PUBLIC WORKS – Messrs. Fashian/Lenz

Salaries – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Bennett to authorize a 5% salary increase effective May 10, 2020, to Gary McStay; Dylan Stone; Rebecca McNeil; Kathy Taschner, Cathy Jones. Motion unanimously carried by roll call. Mr. Fashian ended his report by thanking the borough secretary and Public Works who continued to work willingly to keep the borough moving.

Pres. Yurkovich questioned if the borough's lease payment to Avonworth Community Park would be affected since there may not be rentals nor pool opening. Mr. Getz responded the pool seldom breaks even and the only item which affects lease payments are after a Census year.

SR 65 PUMP STATION – Messrs. Getz/Lenz

No report this evening

QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

Bulk Rock Salt - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Fashian to ratify the 1st Option Year to Cargill for bulk rock salt. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Bulk Rock Salt Requirement – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Fashian to enter into an agreement with Cargill to accept 80% of our annual rock salt tonnage. MOTION unanimously carried by roll call.

ROADS – Messrs. Helfrich/Getz

No Report

SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

No Report

FINANCE – Ms. Bennett

Bill List – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Getz to ratify the April 8, 2020, Bill List. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Bill List – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Getz to approve the May 13, 2020, Bill List as presented. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Handicap Parking Request, 214 North Avenue – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Lenz to approve the handicap parking request for 214 North Avenue. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Handicap Parking Request, 99 Plainfield Avenue – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Getz to approve the handicap parking request for 99 Plainfield Avenue. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

President Yurkovich Adjourned the May 13, 2020, council meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary