

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2020 via ZOOM

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

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

Council Members Absent – Dan Lenz; Michael V. Mary

Others Absent - AmySue Lillie, Mayor

President Yurkovich called the August 12, 2020, business meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Roll Call and July 8, 2020, Business Meeting Minutes approval followed.

MINUTES APPROVAL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MAYORS REPORT

Public Safety: OTPD – 128 calls; EVFC – 15 calls

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

Draft Ord. 1008 – Draft ordinance for short term rentals was previously distributed to Emsworth Council for their consideration. This ordinance will amend the zoning ordinance to permit short term rentals in an R-3 district. Sol. McTiernan will advise council as to a public comment period prior to the adoption of this ordinance at the September 9, 2020, meeting. Pres. Yurkovich questioned if a Zoom meeting would satisfy the public participation requirement and Sol. McTiernan acknowledged it would.

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Bennett to advertise Ordinance No. 1008 covering amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow short term rentals in an R-3 district. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

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

2020 Road Program was awarded to T.A. Robinson including Base Bid, Add Alt. 1 and Add Alt. 2. Pre-construction meeting was held August 11; work is scheduled to begin August 24.

Tri State Maintenance has completed 2019 CCTV and Preventive Maintenance work. Gateway is awaiting signed payment apps.

GROW app for force main replacement; all data has been submitted to ALCOSAN by the July 31 deadline. SR 65 pump station overflowed July 10, July 13, August 1; reports submitted to ACHD.

Punchlist items have been performed for the Marmo Park project and final payment is recommended upon receipt of maintenance bond and maintenance work letter.

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Bennett to approve Payment App #4 and Final to McElroy Paving Co., Inc. in the amount of \$5650.75 contingent upon the receipt of the maintenance bond and letter re over-seeding and repaint court surface where necessary. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Mr. Helfrich/Ms. Bennett

Pres. Yurkovich discussed the flag collection box as a proposed Eagle Scout Project from Luke Hebor, Boy Scout from Troop 321. One collection box would be placed in Emsworth Borough and three collection boxes placed in Ohio Twp., making certain the flags are properly retired.

MOTION by Mr. Helfrich, second by Mr. Getz to approve the Eagle Scout project as proposed by Luke Hebor, Troop 321. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Messrs. Fashian/Mary

North Boroughs Fireworks – North Boroughs Community Day has been cancelled for 2020.

DEPT. of PUBLIC WORKS – Messrs. Fashian/Lenz

Crosswalk Painting – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Bennett to approve Casmac Line Striping quote dated 7/13/2020 in the amount of \$3531.64 to paint crosswalks and stop bars on Center Avenue. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Fashian/Lenz

DPW - Mr. Fashian reported Gary McStay resigned his position with the DPW effective August 3, 2020. MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Bennett to approve an ad in The Citizen seeking a Public Works employee; up to 35 hours per week; no benefits. MOTION unanimously approved by roll call.

Snow Removal - MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Getz to approve an ad in The Citizen seeking snow removal employees for the 2020-2021 winter season. Candidates will mostly be needed for early morning removal, 4 a.m.-7 a.m., clearing roads prior to school buses and vehicles being on the road; no CDL is required. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SR 65 PUMP STATION – Messrs. Getz/Lenz

Mr. Getz reported the impeller at the pump station had an issue after the shaft sheared. There was an impeller in inventory at the garage that was installed. The damaged impeller could not be refurbished. A new impeller was ordered at an approximate cost of \$5500 to be put in inventory.

QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

Mr. Getz reported QVCOG Director Susan Hockenberry recently hosted an on-line recycling and refuse discussion with other communities in preparation for the next contract round for joint recycling/refuse requests. The audio is available through QVCOG.

ROADS – Messrs. Helfrich/Getz

2021 Road Program - Mr. Getz proposed to mill and overlay on Courtney Street from Plumer to Vista and also on Walliston Avenue from Center Avenue to SR 65, Ohio River Boulevard.

SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

No Report

FINANCE – Ms. Bennett/Mr. Mary

Bill List – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Getz to approve the August 12, 2020, Bill List as presented with the following additions: Kicher Printing, \$56; Lindy Paving \$124.80; Tammy's Cleaning, \$200; Tri State Maintenance \$720. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Pres. Yurkovich requested any large budget items should be submitted to Finance Committee. Borough treasurer is keeping an eye on how COVID may impact the 2021 budget.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Getz reported Carmel Construction is scheduled to be in the borough next week to complete approved projects, including the wedge curb on Allegheny Avenue, patching on Gibb Street and Hiland Avenue. Mr. Getz added he will plan to be on site.

Ms. Bennett requested an update on the sewage smell on Center Avenue near the bridge. Mr. Getz informed council the Allegheny County Health Dept. was on site and using color dye was able to identify the house in question. ACHD verbally spoke with the property owner and will confirm action with a follow-up letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fashian reported a tree is leaning on the power line at the pump station. Mr. Getz stated he will contact OTPD to inform them and they can notify appropriate personnel; it is not a borough issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURN

President Yurkovich Adjourned the August 12, 2020, council meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary