

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2020 via ZOOM

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

Council Member Absent – Jolene Bennett

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 November 11, 2020, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the October 14, 2020, Business Meeting Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Helfrich to approve the October 14, 2020, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Mary abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD – 99 calls; EVFC – 15 calls

Veterans Banners: Mayor Lillie thanked veterans and their families on this Veterans Day. Mayor Lillie apologized that the few remaining banners were not installed prior to Veterans Day but she is continuing to seek help in the installation of the honor banners.

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

Draft Ord. 1008, Short Term Rentals – Sol. McTiernan informed council the Allegheny County Planning Commission agrees with the draft of proposed Ord. 1008, short term rentals in R-3 only. A public comment period at the beginning of the December 9, 2020, council meeting will be held prior to adoption of this ordinance.

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

- 2020 Road Program is substantially completed. T. A. Robinson has submitted Pay App No. 2 for approval. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve Pay App. No. 2 in the amount of \$132,954.53 to T.A. Robinson for work completed to do date. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.
- Soli Construction submitted Pay App No. 1 & Final to SHACOG for work completed to date. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve Pay App No. 1 & Final in the amount of \$8650 to Soli Construction for work completed to date; payment to SHACOG upon receipt. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.
- Force Main replacement project GROW Grant has been awarded in the amount of \$111,900.
- Small Water & Sewer Grant in the amount of \$140,000 has been awarded for the pump station.
- No recorded overflows at the pump station last month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Mr. Helfrich

Mr. Helfrich requested input from council as to keeping the pickleball courts open. Mr. Fashion replied he spoke with DPW and the courts will remain open until inclement weather sets in, then the nets will be removed and the courts locked to protect the surface, per the borough engineer's recommendation, during the winter. The basketball courts will remain open as there is no way to lock the courts.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Messrs. Fashian/Mary

Light Up the Borough! – The committee discussed the Light Up the Borough! scheduled for Sunday, December 6 and it was concluded with the rise in the COVID-19 pandemic numbers, and for the health and safety of the residents, the event would be cancelled. Mr. Getz suggested a virtual event and Mr. Fashian will look into this via Facebook Live and advise council. Mr. Helfrich noted the borough's annual limited edition ornament will still be sold through the borough office at a cost of \$5 per ornament. Mayor Lillie added she will set up luminaires at the borough building.

PUBLIC WORKS – Messrs. Fashian/Lenz

No Report

SR 65 PUMP STATION – Messrs. Getz/Lenz

Mr. Getz expressed an urgency for Gateway Engineers to begin the force main replacement project as soon as possible since the borough has been the recipient of two grants. Pres. Yurkovich agreed. Pres. Yurkovich informed council the borough treasurer will be sending options for a possible sewage increase in 2021 to help offset the cost of the pump station force main replacement project. Council will review the options and discuss at the December 9 meeting.

QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

The virtual QVCOG Dinner and program went well; speaker was political analyst John Delano.

ROADS – Messrs. Helfrich/Getz

2021 Road Program - Mr. Getz announced the roads to be considered for the 2021 Road Program: Courtney Street from Vista to Plumer; and Walliston from Center Avenue to SR 65. West View Authority has committed to water line replacement on Courtney.

Allegheny Avenue – Mayor Lillie requested an update on the sink hole that recently appeared. Mr. Getz is scheduled to meet a contractor this week and will advise council.

SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

No Report.

FINANCE – Mr. Mary

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to approve the November 11, 2020, Bill List as presented with two additions: \$22 to Kicher Printing and \$346.59 to Wright Express. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2021 Budget – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to advertise the 2021 Budget. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

2021 ALCOSAN Rate Resolution – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Getz to adopt the 2021 ALCOSAN Rate Resolution in the amount of \$576,753.90. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ACT 172 – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Getz to approve the list of eligible fire fighters for the Act 172 rebate. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pres. Yurkovich called for an executive session at 7:18 p.m. for the discussion of personnel. Emsworth Council reconvened at 7:31 p.m. and Pres. Yurkovich stated the Executive Session was in compliance with the Sunshine Laws.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURN

President Yurkovich Adjourned the November 11, 2020, council meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary