

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
Business Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2020 – Via ZOOM

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

**Council Members Absent** – Dan Lenz

**Others Present** – AmySue Lillie, Mayor; Christopher Voltz, Esq., Borough Solicitor; Dennis J. Flynn, Borough Engineer; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Yurkovich called the June 10, 2020, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After Roll Call, Pres. Yurkovich announced although Allegheny County is now in the green phase for re-opening after the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings are still capped at ten and that is why the meeting tonight is via ZOOM. It is hoped the July 8 council meeting will be held at the borough building.

The May 13, 2020, Business Meeting Minutes were then considered for approval.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Getz to approve the May 13, 2020, Minutes as presented.

Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kristin Bennett, Avonworth Municipal Authority, informed Council the pool at Avonworth Community Park will open Saturday, June 13. Strong number of staff returns; passes will be for residents first and loyalty passes, then non-residents; and then passes sold on a daily basis. Although the playground and restrooms remain closed, the basketball courts and trails have remained open; with social distancing encouraged. March 14 was the last event held at Mayernik Center; rescheduling of events and refunds to others have occurred. The YMCA Camp begins June 17; reduced number of day campers from 125 to 88 with no more than 25/group. The park has guidelines posted on their web site. Ms. Bennett ended her report by saying she is proud of the team at ACP as they move forward for the season.

**MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie**

Public Safety: OTPD – 87 calls; EVFC – 15 calls

Mayor Lillie thanked Walt's Landscaping for hanging the Veterans Honor Banners before Memorial Day. Dare to Dream Scholarship – Mayor Lillie awarded her Dare to Dream scholarship to three Avonworth seniors: Romeo Werner, Maya Klatt-McAffe; Logan Karwoski. Mayor Lillie was pleased to announce the scholarship received an anonymous cash donation in the amount of \$1K. Sol. Voltz advised as this is the Mayor's Scholarship and it is funded from the Mayor's stipend it would be her responsibility to set up an account and monitor this donation.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT – Christopher Voltz, Esq., Borough Solicitor**

Draft Commercial Occupancy Ordinance was distributed for council's consideration to advertise, after receiving input from codes and zoning officers. MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Bennett to advertise the commercial occupancy ordinance (No. 1007) for consideration to adopt at the July 8, council meeting. 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 the Base Bid, Add Alt. No. 1, and Add Alt. No. 2. A pre-construction meeting will be held to establish start of the contract.
- Tri State Maintenance completed 2019 CCTV and Preventive Maintenance work and data was submitted to Gateway on June 2. Gateway will review the data and prepare a punch-list.

- Force main replacement project GROW app extended for Cycle 5. Gateway met with ALCOSAN March 3; grant app will be prepared for July 31 deadline.
- SR 65 pump station had one overflow May 29; report was submitted to ACHD.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **BOROUGH PROPERTY – Mr. Helfrich/Ms. Bennett**

Marmo Park/Pavilion Rental/Mayernik Field – Council discussed the opening of Marmo Park, Mayernik Field and pavilion rentals. Ms. Bennett researched the CDC guidelines as it related to park cleaning but thought the park and pavilion should be kept closed this season; Mr. Lenz agreed. Mr. Helfrich stated the borough purchased a power washer and questioned if the DPW could power wash the playground equipment several times a week. Mr. Fashian stated parks are beginning to open and would like to see the park open. Mr. Mary added AGAA is looking to start using Mayernik Field shortly. Pres. Yurkovich suggested getting an opinion from the borough solicitor. Action tabled.

Mr. Flynn reported the basketball court and pickle ball courts have paint wearing off and he has been in contact with the contractor to level an area and repaint. The courts will need at least 48 hours of no contact during the curing process.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS – Messrs. Fashian/Mary**

North Boroughs Fireworks Donation – Fireworks are tentatively scheduled for September. Action tabled.

#### **DEPT. of PUBLIC WORKS – Mr. Fashian**

Mr. Fashian reported summer help is needed in the Public Works; one employee is in four days, off Mondays; one is taking summer college classes and is off Tuesday and Thursday. Mr. Fashian recommends Nicholas Lockhart, former Bellevue DPW summer help to bridge the gap.

MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Bennett to authorize the hiring of one summer help employee; Nicholas Lockhart, for part-time summer help at a rate of \$11/hour up to 35 hours/week pending pre-employment testing; start date will be once Concentra sends test results. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

#### **SR 65 PUMP STATION – Mr. Getz**

No Report

#### **QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashian**

No Report

#### **ROADS – Messrs. Helfrich/Getz**

No Report

#### **SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashian**

Mr. Getz questioned if the flow meters have been installed to collect Grow Grant data. Mr. Flynn responded the meters were installed in January and Gateway will be able to provide required data for the Grow Grant.

#### **FINANCE – Ms. Bennett**

Bill List – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Getz to approve the June 10, 2020, Bill List as presented with the addition of \$32.28 to Columbia Gas. Motion unanimously carried by roll call. Ms. Bennett cautioned committees to monitor spending for the balance of the year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

173 Allegheny Avenue – This property is receiving water run-off during rain events. Mr. Getz indicated a wedge curb may be the solution but he will check the area during the next rain event and advise council.

Superior Avenue Manhole – This manhole has been covered for several months; cone is still in middle of the road; Carmel will be contacted as to when their schedule will open to get this manhole completed as well as repairs to Huntington which were approved in December.

Hiland Avenue – Mr. Helfrich questioned when the pot holes on Hiland Ave. will be repaired. Mr. Fashian stated if the DPW tamper was not out of repair next week, Public Works will rent one to begin pot holes.

North Avenue – Mr. Flynn reported he is working with T.A. Robinson for the 2018-2019 road repair punch-list relative to the downspout issue on North Avenue. This work must be completed before payment is sent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

192 Superior Avenue, 276-N-10 - George Jackson, Estate – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Fashian to begin Sheriff Sale proceedings for this property; taxes have been unpaid since 2018; property has been vacant. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

President Yurkovich Adjourned the June 10, 2020, council meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES  
Borough Secretary