

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2021

Council Members Present – Brian Fashian; Abigail Donovan; Paul F. Getz; Jason Helfrich; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary, Jr.; Kevin Yurkovich

Others Present – AmySue Lillie, Mayor; Daniel Conlon, Esq., Borough Solicitor; Ryan Berner, Borough Engineer; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Yurkovich called the July 14, 2021, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, Mayor Lillie administered the Oath of Office to Abigail Donovan; the Affidavit of Residency was presented for filing and Ms. Donovan took her seat on Council at 6:32 p.m.

The June 9, 2021, Business Meeting Minutes and June 30, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Fashian second by Mr. Getz to approve the June 9, 2021, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Ms. Donovan abstained.

MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Getz to approve the June 30, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Ms. Donovan abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – July 14, 1896, Emsworth Borough was incorporated. Congratulatory citations were presented by Dj Ryan, for Hon. Conor Lamb, 17th Congressional District; Hon. Anita Kulik, 45th Legislative District; Hon. Tom Baker, Allegheny County Council District I Rep.; also, Alicia McGhee, Dep. Dir. for State Sen. Hon. Devlin Robinson, 37th Senatorial District, offered congratulations and stated the senator was unavailable to attend this evening but he will present his citation in person to the borough.

30 Pittsburgh Street - Dave and Linda Oberst, 32 Pittsburgh Street, addressed council seeking a resolution to the water run-off from a neighbor's property at 30 Pittsburgh Street, Benjamin & Jenna Carlson, property owners, after a recent patio and roof were installed and landscape pavers added. Photos were distributed and a video sent to the borough office for council to review. Pres. Yurkovich will follow up with Building Inspection Underwriters who issued the building permit to the Carlsons, as well as contacting both code enforcement and zoning. Mr. Getz added he had stopped at 30 Pittsburgh Street in March; the contractor was required to remove mud and debris from the borough street.

QVCOG – Patrick Conners, new QVCOG Executive Director, introduced himself and stated he is looking forward to working with council on future projects including CDBG Yr 48 apps which will be available shortly. Mr. Conners stated there were more than 300 vehicles at the recent Hard to Recycle Event at Quaker Valley High School and QVCOG looks to continue this event. Mr. Conners reported COG meetings will be broadcast on zoom and he will be sending a monthly executive directors report to the COG communities.

MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD – 88 calls; EVFC – 21 calls

Mayor Lillie attended the recent ALOM Conference in Seven Springs. A grant for a truck to pick up fall leaves will be shared. Mayor Lillie concluded her report by encouraging anyone interested in an honor banner to submit their application as she is still a few orders shy of the minimum order of ten now required by the distributor.

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT – Daniel Conlon, Esq., Borough Solicitor

No report this evening.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT – Ryan Berner, GISP, Gateway Engineers

Force Main – Contractor expects to start at the end of July for this four-week project.

SHACOG Joint O&M Agreement low bidder was State Pipe Services in the amount of \$199,935; Emsworth share is \$21,735.

SHACOG Joint Lining, low bidder for Contract A was State Pipe, \$54,890; Borough share is \$10,450. Contract B, MH-MH1 Lining, low bidder was Jet Jack, \$288,515; Borough share is \$11,775.

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve the SHACOG Joint O&M CCTV Year 11 Agreement and MH-MH Pipe Lining Year 15 Agreement. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ArcGIS Mapping was discussed. MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Fashion to approve Gateway Engineers for the GIS mapping. Discussion: Mr. Getz reminded council that QVCOG also offers this GIS program and it is currently being used in Edgeworth, Aleppo, and Kilbuck at a lower rate. Pres. Yurkovich and others weighed in as to the borough engineer managing this program with the borough's input to keep continuity. Mr. Lenz questioned the fee involved; Gateway's estimate is \$5k-7500 for total migration. Motion carried by roll call; Mr. Getz voted nay.

No recorded overflows at the pump station this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Mr. Helfrich

No report this evening.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Messrs. Fashion/Mary

No report this evening.

PUBLIC WORKS – Messrs. Fashion/Lenz

Mr. Lenz requested moving forward that the DPW trucks go to Mike Adams for repair; annual inspections will be handled elsewhere.

DPW Hire - MOTION by Mr. Fashion, second by Mr. Lenz to advertise to hire a part-time public works employee; up to 35 hours/week. Discussion: Mayor Lillie asked if this was in addition to the two employees the borough currently employs, Mr. Fashion reported Dylan Stone would be returning to school in mid-August. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Vegetation - Mayor Lillie questioned if the public works can spray, weeds that are out of control around the borough. Discussion followed as to certifying public works to spray or to use a non-toxic weed spray. Mayor Lillie and Ms. Donovan will investigate vegetation control and report back to council.

Marmo Park Restrooms – Mr. Fashion revisited using the professional service to sanitize the park restrooms after a pavilion rental and recommended the public works take over this duty as a cost savings. Many parks and ballfields that he has visited are all open with signage about using at own risk. Mr. Fashion suggested signs being posted, Restrooms are Not Sanitized; Use at Own Risk. Council was in agreement.

SR 65 PUMP STATION – Messrs. Getz/Lenz

As reported, the force main replacement project is scheduled to start end of July and last four weeks.

QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

Mr. Getz welcomed Patrick Connors as the new executive director; and added the next QVCOG Board meeting will be held in person in Leetsdale in July.

Recycling - PA Resource Council Traveling Glass Recycling will be at Quaker Valley High School July 31-August 5. Future glass recycling site information is on the borough's web site.

ROADS – Messrs. Getz/Mr. Helfrich

No report this evening.

SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashian

Proposal received from G. Salandro Excavating for manhole work on Glenn/Miller Streets over the hill to Camp Horne Road. Discussion: Manhole is believed to be buried at least 11 ft. and will need to be raised. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Helfrich to accept the proposal from G. Salandro Excavating in an amount not to exceed \$7500. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

FINANCE – Mr. Mary

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to approve the Bill List as presented with the following additions: Burk's Lawn & Saw \$63.98; Adams Services \$280; Walt's Landscaping \$960. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Res. 2021-05 – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to ratify Res. 2021-05, appointing Abigail Donovan to Emsworth Council. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Meadow/Grove/Plumer Avenue Tree – Recent tree that was leaning into the road has been resolved. Neighbors worked together to get the tree cut up and removed.

NEW BUSINESS

Pres. Yurkovich reported the EVFC requested two new No Parking signs for the front of the fire station to replace the faded signs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to Adjourn the July 14, 2021, council meeting at 7:30 p.m. Pres. Yurkovich invited everyone to stay for refreshments for the borough's birthday celebration.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary