

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2024

Council Members Present – Kathleen Dine; Abigail Donovan; Paul F. Getz; Michael V. Mary; Kevin Yurkovich (via telecom)

Council Members Absent – Daniel Lenz; Kevin Wisniewski

Others Present – Alexander Nalevanko; Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.;

Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

Vice President Michael Mary called the August 14, 2024, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the July 10, 2024, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the July 10, 2024, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Bauer, 2 Pittsburgh Street – concerned about damage to his terra cotta pipe during paving program; he does not want the pipe cut off and re-routed. Mr. Flynn will speak with Youngblood Paving.

Kathleen Wilwohl, 226 Walliston Avenue - concerned about her driveway and neighbor's driveway as they experienced water issues after the last paving. Mr. Flynn explained the street will be milled 1-1/2-3" before paving and all driveways will be restored.

MAYOR REPORT – Alexander Nalevanko

Public Safety: OTPD: 122 calls; EVFC: 52 calls

PRESIDENT REPORT – Kevin Yurkovich

Renewal for Emsworth-Glenfield Fire Service Agreement for 10-year term was discussed. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Pres. Yurkovich to enter into a 10-year contract with Glenfield Borough for fire protection services. Discussion: Mr. Getz was opposed to the 10-year term limit as this could bind future councils to the agreement. Pres. Yurkovich noted there was a clause to re-open the agreement on either side should there be a need in the future. EVFC Pres. Joe Koehler stated Glenfield Borough opted for the ten-year contract over a five-year contract. Contract is for \$7500/year. Motion carried by roll call with Mr. Getz voting nay.

Res. No. 204-03 - MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Ms. Dine to adopt Res. No. 2024-03 covering the Emsworth-Glenfield Fire Services Agreement. Motion carried by roll call with Mr. Getz voting nay.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

Holy Family Institute – Two plans are in the works: one for the portable hydroponic greenhouse, which the planning commission granted; and the second is for parking, which is still pending. HFI Sol. Ayoob granted an additional extension awaiting decision from the Zoning Hearing Board.

ENGINEER REPORT – Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.

2024 Paving Program – Field work being conducted, milling, paving to follow. Residents will receive notification regarding street parking.

192 Center Avenue – Gateway is working with Messrs. Getz and Fashion to find a contractor for this sinkhole. One quote was received but it was much higher than expected.

Mr. Getz recommended a catch basin be installed at 236 Walliston. Historically, this area is the location of ice build-up during winter months and a catch basin would help solve the issue to eliminate spring water running onto the street and then freezing. Mr. Flynn will review and advise council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan

Borough Hall Electrical Upgrade – Awaiting proposal from a contractor relative to moving wiring to the opposite side of the outside of the borough hall, plus upgrading the hallway panel box and basement wiring.

Borough Hall Front Entrance Upgrade – DPW met with a contractor relative to the front entrance upgrade. Additional proposals are being sought.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan

Story Walk continues in August at Marmo Park sponsored through the Avalon Public Library.

North Boroughs Community Day will be held Saturday, August 31 from 6-8 pm at Avalon Park.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz

Mr. Getz will have the contractor working at 192 Center also look at the manhole issue at Huntington/Hazelwood Avenues. This manhole is no longer needed since the force main upgrades were made. Mr. Mary noted school traffic will soon start back Huntington to the Day Care and he is hopeful this will be resolved before school starts.

PERSONNEL – Kevin Wisniewski

No report this evening.

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary

DPW has begun curb painting and intersection painting.

QVCOG – Abigail Donovan

Intergovernmental Reception, August 29 6-8 p.m. at the Edgeworth Club; \$75/official. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to send the borough secretary to this reception on behalf of the borough. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SALT SHED – Paul F. Getz

No update to report.

FINANCE – Michael Mary

Bill List - MOTION by Ms. Dine, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the bill list with the additions of Cavaliere Court Reporting, \$200; Comcast \$115.30; SWIF \$769; Tri State Maintenance \$1010; State Pipe \$1040; WB Mason \$35.47; JP Place \$1380. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Vinegar Hollow – Sol. McTiernan will communicate with Emily Mueller, Esq., solicitor for Kilbuck Township, regarding the acceptance of the \$3500 from Kilbuck Twp. towards the Vinegar Hollow costs. A Settlement Agreement and Release for Council's review will be available at the September meeting.

Holy Family Institute - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to postpone any decision relative to the preliminary and final land development plan for HFI until the Zoning Hearing Board conveys their decision. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

Erie Fall Conference, October 24-27 – there was no interest to attend.

PSAB Fall Conference, October 11-13 – there was no interest to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Koehler, 171 Center Avenue – EVFC recently met with Rep. Venkat and a state budget appropriations committee member to discuss volunteerism in firefighting and available grants. EVFC was subsequently informed they are a recipient of a \$350K state grant through Rep. Venkat.

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QRS (Quick Response Services) – Mr. Koehler discussed this service that EVFC would like to begin to provide which is basic life support medical assistance allowing providers with an EMS certification to respond to calls and to provide medical care prior to the arrival of the ambulance. Station 148 QRS will only be functioning at the Basic Life Support level. Sgt. Beck, OTPD, indicated this would be a tremendous asset to medical calls. A handout was distributed for council's consideration.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Ms. Dine to Adjourn the August 14, 2024, meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary