

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2025

Council Members Present – Abigail Donovan; Paul F. Getz; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary; Kevin Wisniewski; Kevin Yurkovich  
Council Member Absent: Kathleen Dine  
Others Present – Jessica Boyd, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Kevin Yurkovich called the January 8, 2025, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the December 11, 2024, Minutes were considered for approval.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Mary to approve the December 11, 2024, Minutes as presented.  
Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Lenz voted nay.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chaz Bolte, 141 Locust – complaint: Waste Management (WM) pick up is a day late and the borough not informing residents. Ms. Donovan responded that once the borough office was informed from WM (Monday) she posted on the Borough's social media platforms, Facebook and Next Door. Pres. Yurkovich added WM was called off due to the forecasted winter snow storm. Mr. Bolte suggested the borough inform all residents via email for better communication. Pres. Yurkovich stated residents can sign up for alerts through WM.

**MAYOR REPORT – Jessica Boyd**

Public Safety: OTPD: 80 calls; EVFC: 30 calls; QRS: 25 calls, 18 calls in Emsworth

**SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.**

HB (House Bill) 2265, Act 131, stipend for council and mayor based on meeting attendance; ordinance will need advertised. Sol. McTiernan distributed draft Ord. 1018 which amends Ord. 933 to provide payment of salaries of the mayor (\$150/month) and council (\$100/month) to be paid quarterly based on meeting attendance; council may request documentation to support an excused absence. Motion carried by roll call; Mr. Lenz voted nay.

Holy Family Institute (HFI) – Appeal from HFI is in process; briefs being prepared, decision by of end of January.

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

Phase II Consent Order, GROW Grant – Res. 2025-01 has been prepared for this Grant. Phase II is for 2700 LF of 8” to 12” lining at a cost of \$265K. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to adopt Res. No. 2025-01 GROW Grant, Phase II. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2025 Corrective Action Repair Contract for Consent Order Source Flow Reduction requires advertisement as recommended by Gateway Engineers. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to advertise for the 2025 Corrective Action Repair Contract. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Street Saver – Software program for road depreciation analysis and pavement management; invoice (\$1K annual fee) has been submitted for consideration to approve.

2025 Paving Program - Gateway will hold a meeting shortly regarding the 2025 road paving program and have advertising ready for the February 12 meeting; council will consider to award at the March 12 meeting

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan**

EVFC fire door would not completely close. Overhead Door made the repair and also submitted an estimate to upgrade the trolley system on this door to prevent further issues. The estimate to upgrade was \$3371.93 for one door. Joe Koehler, EVFC Pres. added all four fire station doors are of the same age and may need an upgrade. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Wisniewski to authorize Overhead Door to make the trolley upgrade on one door in the amount of \$3371.93. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz**

Catch Basin, Allegheny Avenue @ Sr 65 – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to award this project to RCC Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$11,796 for a pre-cast catch basin on Allegheny Avenue at SR 65. Holy Family will be contacted regarding this project. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Catch Basin, Spring Street – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to award this project to ZIM Contracting in the amount of \$12,000 for a pre-cast catch basin and replace corrugated pipe with plastic pipe for a 10 ft. connection. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**PERSONNEL – Kevin Wisniewski**

Mr. Mary reported it has been a busy winter and Mr. Fashion has done a fantastic job with snow removal throughout the borough. Additional overnight snow removal coverage is needed and the volunteer fire company was approached for interest to be added to the snow removal team; two candidates were interviewed.

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski to hire Michael Kohl and Austin Kohl for snow removal at a rate of \$33/hour for a three-hour minimum call out pending a drug test. Discussion: Mr. Fashion was part of the interview process and will provide training once drug testing is completed. M. Kohl and A. Kohl have confirmed they will stay on a snow call out and not respond should a fire call come in at the same time. Motion unanimously carried by roll call

**PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary**

No Report

**QVCOG – Paul F. Getz**

No Report

**FINANCE – Michael V. Mary, Jr.**

Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Mary second by Ms. Donovan to approve the bill list with the following additions: Comcast \$120.86; Gateway Engineers \$16,772.50; PA One Call \$14.04; SWIF \$882; Street Saver \$1000; T&M Hardware \$119.92; Tri State Maintenance \$280; Overhead Door \$3371.93; Columbia Gas \$48.20; Duquesne Light \$845.90. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

ACBA Banquet, February 1, Rivers Casino; \$85/official. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to send two officials to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association Banquet at Rivers Casino on February 1 at a cost of \$85/official. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Reappointments –

Vacancy Board - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to reappoint Don Cahill to the Vacancy Board to a term which expires 12/31/2025. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Avonworth Community Park Advisory Board - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Wisniewski to reappoint Melissa Donovan, Brian Geisler, Samantha Grey, Tamara Serafini to the Advisory Board of Avonworth Community Park to a term which expires 1/31/2026. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURN**

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Getz to Adjourn the January 8, 2025, meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES  
Borough Secretary