

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
Business Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2023

**Council Members Present** – Abigail Donovan; Brian J. Fashian; David J. Lang (6:40 p.m.); Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary, Kevin Yurkovich

**Council Member Absent** – Paul F. Getz

**Others Present** – Edward A. Miller, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq., Borough Solicitor; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E., Borough Engineer; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Yurkovich called the April 12, 2023, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, Pres. Yurkovich called for approval of the March 8, 2023, Minutes.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to approve the March 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT – Edward A. Miller, Mayor**

Public Safety: OTPD: 76 calls; EVFC: 35 calls

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

CCTV Year 13 – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to concur with the bid award to Robinson Pipe Cleaning in the amount of \$281,395; Emsworth share is \$18,085. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

DCNR, Marmo Park – Grant submitted \$170k project \$70k borough match for the 2–5-year-old playground area.

DCED, Marmo Park – Grant will be submitted in May for the remaining part of the park to include the rubber surface.

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

Sol. McTiernan reported Royal Properties has paid \$10,353.77 for the illegal short-term rental at 202 Hazelwood Ave.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan/David J. Lang**

Borough Hall Upgrades – Ms. Donovan is working on a list of upgrades to the borough hall, interior and exterior, to present to council.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan**

Annual Egg Hunt was held 10 a.m. at Marmo Park on Saturday, April 8 and was enjoyed by all.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/David J. Lang**

No Report

**PERSONNEL – Brian Fashian/Michael V. Mary**

DPW Hire – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to hire Brian Fashian as the full-time DPW employee; \$52K salary; 3 weeks vacation. Discussion: Mr. Mary reported it has been a challenge to retain workers for DPW and supports this recommendation to council. Ms. Donovan questioned if Mr. Fashian can still serve on council or if he would need to resign his seat. Sol McTiernan confirmed due to the borough's population, Mr. Fashian could still remain on council. Mr. Lenz asked what technical skill Mr. Fashian brings to the job. Mr. Fashian replied he has filled the gap on public works when there was no DPW by cutting grass at the park and doing borough maintenance, he is familiar to work on borough equipment, can operate the skid steer and has plowed snow for ten years. Motion carried by roll call with Mr. Lenz voting nay. Mr. Fashian will begin April 24. Mr. Fashian will be removed from the

DPW Committee. The DPW and Personnel Committees will be combined into one committee and Pres. Yurkovich recommended an annual performance review for all employees.

Salary, Secretary/Treasurer - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan for a 5% salary increase for the borough secretary and treasurer; there have not been pay increases since 2020. Borough Secretary will increase to \$23.58 /hour and Borough Treasurer will increase to \$936.85/month. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**PUBLIC WORKS – Brian J. Fashian/Abigail Donovan**

Bulk Rock Salt - MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to exercise the first option year extension with Cargill for bulk rock salt as recommended through SHACOG. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Mr. Fashian also reported a letter has been received from Cargill as they are considering to waive storage fees due to the mild winter. We are awaiting a final decision from Cargill.

**QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashian**

No report

**ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz**

No report

**FINANCE – Michael V. Mary/Brian J. Fashian**

Memorial Day – MOTION by Mr. Mary second by Mr. Fashian, to donate \$100 to the Avonworth Post #866 towards the annual Memorial Day Parade. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

North Boroughs Fireworks – MOTON by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Donovan to donate \$500 to the North Boroughs Fireworks Committee. Motion unanimously carried by roll.

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Fashian to approve the bill list with the following additions: Marmo Technology \$187.80; Charles Lindell \$2000. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Vinegar Hollow – Meeting with Ben Avon and Kilbuck Twp. regarding Vinegar Hollow for upgrades and maintenance expected to be total \$30K; 1/3 split between the municipalities. Kilbuck will not commit even though the runoff begins in Kilbuck. Once the work has been completed the borough solicitor will send a letter to Kilbuck reminding their residents not to dump in this area as the flow filters down into the drain currently in question.

Salt Shed - Pres. Yurkovich started to investigate salt shed structures. Mr. Lang offered to help on this project as he was familiar with the structures, action tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hershey Conference, June 2-5 \$1012.57/official for full package, registration and lodging. Mayor Miller was interested to attend this conference. MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to send Mayor Miller to the Hershey Conference in the amount of \$1012.57. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ACBA/PSAB Delegate – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to name Edward Miller as the Borough's Delegate to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association and the PA State Boroughs Association. Mr. Getz will remain as the Alternate. Motion unanimously carried by roll.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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**ADJOURN**

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to Adjourn the April 12, 2023, council meeting at 7 p.m.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES  
Borough Secretary