

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2024

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

President Yurkovich called the May 8, 2024, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the April 10, 2024, Minutes were considered for approval.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

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

**APPOINTMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to appoint Paul F. Getz to the vacant seat on Council. Motion unanimously carried by roll call. Mr. Getz will be notified of the appointment, to submit his Affidavit of Residency and have the Oath of Office administered by the borough secretary/notary.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Tadler, 28 Hiland – Stub of a metal street sign post is a trip hazard at the bus stop. DPW will be notified to remove.

**MAYOR REPORT – Alexander Nalevanko**

Public Safety: OTPD: 28 calls; EVFC: 73 calls

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

Sol. McTiernan reminded council that the recent appointments to fill council vacancies are two-year terms and members would need to run in the next general election.

21 Willow Street – Resident concerned about overgrowth of hillside vegetation onto Spring Street (Cliffside Manor property) and large vehicles encroaching on his property as they navigate the tight bend on Spring Street. Sol. McTiernan stated the owner cannot put any obstruction in the right-of-way. Cliffside management will be notified to cut the vegetation on the hillside.

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

21 Willow Street – State Pipe could not get a full CCTV of this line due to debris in the line. State Pipe will submit a proposal to Gateway to clear and scope this line. Resident is concerned catch basin is sinking and roadway may be getting undermined.

2024 Paving Program - Pre-construction meeting at the borough hall is scheduled for Friday, May 17 at 1 pm followed by a field meeting to the streets scheduled for the paving program.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan**

Borough Hall Service Panel – Power recently lost on the borough side of the building. The Electric Company was called to troubleshoot the outage. Power restored but service needs revamped. The Electric Company will submit proposal to council for consideration.

Roofing Proposal – Two proposals were received for the flat roof above the borough office, ranging from \$27-33K. The third company, MY Roofing, indicated only repairs were needed, not a complete roof replacement. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Mary to approve MY Roofing to repair the flat roof above the borough office at a cost not to exceed \$7K. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan**

Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. Field Services at 11 a.m. at Patrick Kenny Memorial Field. Line-up is on Center Avenue at Allegheny Avenue at 9:30 a.m. In case of rain, services will be held at 11 a.m. at Ben Avon Community Presbyterian Church.

North Boroughs Fireworks – Sat. June 29 at Avalon Pool. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Ms. Dine to approve \$500 to the North Boroughs Firework Committee. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Dennis Flynn, P.E.**

Bid Concurrence - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski, upon the recommendation of the borough engineer, to approve Robinson Pipe Cleaning CCTV Year 14 in the amount of \$195,122; Emsworth's share is \$13,180 Motion unanimously carried by roll.

Hazelwood Avenue – Large truck got hung up on Hazelwood Avenue; Gateway will check road surface for damage and the borough will contact the trucking company if necessary.

**PERSONNEL – Kevin Wisniewski**

No Report this Evening.

**PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary**

Mr. Mary received reports of a possible homeless person hanging around the concession stand at Mayernik Field then going towards the old school busses that are parked on private property in Kilbuck Twp. OTPD will keep a check on this area.

**QVCOG – Abigail Donovan**

Hard to Recycle Event will be held July 29, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Buncher Park in Leetsdale; advance registration is required. Information will be on the borough's web site.

**FINANCE – Michael V. Mary, Jr.**

Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the bill list with the additions of Columbia Gas \$43.00; Comcast \$115.30; Gateway Engineers \$23,642.45; My Pittsburgh Roofing \$600; Sam's Club \$303.76; SWIF \$771; Tri State Maintenance \$280; Wright Express \$1778.20. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayernik Field Cameras – Mr. Mary and Chief Haney will follow-up regarding switching from Comcast to a Verizon wireless router for the cameras and internet access at Mayernik Field due to cost. Action tabled.

Vinegar Hollow – There has been no response from Ben Avon or Kilbuck as to reimbursement to Emsworth for the work completed December 2023 for the Vinegar Hollow project. A reminder letter will be sent to each municipality.

192 Superior – Deck permits are still required for this property which were not part of the original building plans. Sale of property is in limbo.

Veterans Banners – Pres. Yurkovich discussed the banner program which may be suspended if no one takes over. Mr. Mary noted former mayors worked on this project and asked Mayor Nalevanko if he was interested. Mayor Nalevanko stated, no... it was a project by Mayor Lillie. Mr. Wisniewski will look into banner repairs for several damaged banners and will contact Fred's Signs to see if the banners can be produced locally.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Allegheny County Boroughs Association – MOTION by Mr. Mary second by Ms. Donovan to appoint Paul Getz to as the Alternate to ACBA. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Zoning Hearing Board will meet Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m. at the borough building to consider two applications from Holy Family Institute. One application is for an Appeal from Borough Action relative to the portable hydroponic trailer and; the second application is for a Special Exception to parking spaces.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURN**

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Dine to Adjourn the May 8, 2024, meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES  
Borough Secretary