

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2023

Council Members Present – Brian J. Fashion; Abigail Donovan; Paul F. Getz; David J. Lang; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary

Council Member Absent – Kevin Yurkovich

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

Vice President Fashion called the October 11, 2023, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, Vice President Fashion called for approval of the September 13, 2023, Minutes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second Ms. Donovan to approve the September 13, 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: 42 calls

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

Pre-Owned Pickup Truck Purchase – The borough is considering a pre-owned pickup truck to be budgeted in 2024. Sol. McTiernan reported three telephonic quotes are required if below \$22,500. Mr. Getz stated there is a state auction in Harrisburg for used vehicles and Chief Hanny added Ohio Township has purchased vehicles through this process.

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

DCNR Grant - Mr. Flynn reported the borough was a recipient of a DCNR grant in the amount of \$99,800 for upgrades to Marmo Park for the estimated \$270,000 project. A grant app was also made to the DCED through the GTRP grant to assist in covering project costs.

QVCOG - Mr. Flynn met with Patrick Conners, QVCOG Director, to prepare grant requests for CDBG ADA ramps as part of future paving projects after 2025 in the amount of \$42K. Pre-apps have been submitted to QVCOG.

GEDTF Grant - Lighting upgrades at Mayernik Field; Resolution prepared for the grant application, \$339,300 is the total project cost. A resolution is recommended for this grant.

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to adopt Res. No. 2023-06 covering the GEDTF grant app in the amount of \$339,300 for Mayernik Field lighting upgrades. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

GEDTF Grant – Request for sanitary sewer project for Consent Order requirements to be considered as match for GROW grant received; anticipated grant amount is \$205,900.

One recorded overflow at the pump station for September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan/David J. Lang

Ms. Donovan reported a \$99,800 grant was recently received from DCNR for Marmo Park.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan/Michael Mary/Brian Fashion

Ms. Donovan reported the 63rd annual Halloween Parade will be held Saturday, October 28 beginning at 10 a.m., line-up at 9:30 a.m. on Center at Allegheny Avenue. Pre-registration is at the borough office. Trick or Treat will be celebrated Tuesday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/David J. Lang

No Report

MS4 – Brian J. Fashian

MS4 information continues to be added to the borough's social media for MS4 compliance.

PERSONNEL/PUBLIC WORKS – Abigail Donovan/Michael V. Mary

No report

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashian

No Report

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary/Brian J. Fashian

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Lang to approve the bill list with the following addition: Allegheny County Dept. of Real Estate \$80 (notary). Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Mr. Mary thanked Chief Haney and the Ohio Township Police Dept. for funding the new security cameras at the park. Mr. Fashian added the video is excellent and pulled up real-time video for council.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz

179 Orchard Avenue – Zoning Hearing Board met Tuesday, October 10, 7 pm, for a variance request from Lucas Leighty who was seeking set-back relief from the borough's ordinance for a non-corner lot; request was granted.

OLD BUSINESS

Vinegar Hollow – Mr. Flynn will follow-up with Ben Avon for their commitment on this project. Mr. Flynn added parts for this work are on a 12- week backorder but the contractor was confident work can proceed into the winter.

NEW BUSINESS

18 Hiland – Short term rental is in violation of borough's ordinance; a letter will be sent to the property owner.

215 Center Avenue – New property owner, Megan Grau, has requested a handicap parking spot. The former tenants have moved but the handicap sign will remain at this location. Motion by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Mary to keep the handicap spot at 215 Center Avenue at the request of Megan Grau. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Lang to Adjourn the October 11, 2023, council meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary