

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2021 via ZOOM

Council Members Present – Jolene Bennett; Brian J. Fashian; Paul F. Getz; Dan Lenz; Michael V. Mary, Jr.; Kevin Yurkovich
Council Member Absent – Jason Helfrich
Others Present – AmySue Lillie, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq., Borough Solicitor; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E., Borough Engineer; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Yurkovich called the April 14, 2021, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., the March 10, 2021, Business Meeting Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Fashian to approve the March 10, 2021, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD – 79 calls; EVFC – no report

Hazard Mitigation – The Allegheny County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan is ready for adoption.

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Bennett to adopt Res. 2021-02, Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Dare to Dream Scholarship - Mayor Lillie announced there were many applications submitted for her Dare to Dream Scholarship, the awardee will be announced shortly.

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

Sol. McTiernan requested guidance from Council as to the on-going dispute with West View Authority. The files are voluminous and before delving into the research, Sol. McTiernan requested approval. No action was taken.

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

Force Main Replacement Project – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to award this project on the recommendation of Gateway Engineers to low bidder, W. Petrakis in the amount of \$130,100. Discussion: Mr. Getz questioned if engineering fees could be paid from the two grants for this project. Mr. Flynn replied some engineering fees are eligible under the grants. Mr. Fashian questioned the wide range of the proposals. Mr. Flynn stated the two lowest bids were within range of each other; the highest bid proposed a different path for the project, including drilling under SR 65. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Mr. Fashian reminded council that sewage rates were raised to aid in covering the cost of this project. As the project came in under the estimate and sewage rates are astronomical, perhaps rolling back rates should be considered; although Mr. Fashian acknowledged saving funds for future projects was also important.

SHACOG CCTV – Mr. Flynn requested the SHACOG CCTV be awarded to State Pipe in the amount of \$199,935; Emsworth Share, \$21,735. Mr. Getz requested this action be tabled until he meets with the borough engineer. Action tabled.

2021 Paving – Columbia Gas and West View Authority agreed to utility upgrades beginning in May.

SR 65 Pump Station – There was one overflow at the pump station.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Ms. Bennett

Marmo Park Pavilion Rentals – Action tabled until May meeting for property committee to investigate fee to sanitize the restrooms after rentals.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Brian Fashion/Michael Mary

Avonworth Post #866 Memorial Day Service– Monday, May 31, 10 am at the Emsworth Borough Building.

Glass Recycling/Paper Shredding Event/Medication Disposal - Sponsored by State Rep. Anita Kulik and State Senator Devlin Robinson, event will be held May 8 from 8-11 am at Burkett Park in Robinson Twp.

Mr. Getz added the QVCOG will hold a Hard to Recycle event in July at Quaker Valley High School. Details to follow once they are received from the QVCOG.

PUBLIC WORKS – Messrs. Fashion/Lenz

No report this evening.

SR 65 PUMP STATION – Messrs. Getz/Lenz

No report this evening.

QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashion

Bulk Rock Salt – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to exercise the second option year of bulk rock salt through SHACOG with Cargill; term is July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. Letter to be sent to Cargill by May 1. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

QVCOG Refuse/Recycling Contract – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Bennett to adopt Res. 2021-03, Participation in the QVCOG Joint Refuse/Recycling Contract. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

QVCOG \$200 Participation Fee for Joint Refuse Contract – Council tabled this action until the May 12 meeting. Mr. Getz will discuss at the COG Board Meeting next week and will advise council next month.

Traveling Glass Recycling – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to participate and host the Traveling Glass Recycling through PA Resource Council and QVCOG at a cost not to exceed \$300. Mr. Getz will discuss this joint effort with a neighboring community at the COG Board meeting next week.

Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ROADS – Mr. Getz

No Report

SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashion

Manhole Lids - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to accept proposal from G. Salandro Excavation in the amount of \$6000 to raise two manholes: at 6 Glenn and at 328 Meadow. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

CCTV - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to award to Tri State Maintenance in the amount of \$11K for CCTV work for MS4 compliance. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

FINANCE – Ms. Bennett/Mr. Mary

Bill List – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Mary to approve the Bill List as presented with additions of Walt's Landscaping, \$550 and Keystone Print & Stitch, \$500. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Vacancy Board Appointment – No letters of interest received to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Reappointments:

Advisory Board - MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Bennett to reappoint the Advisory Board to the Avonworth Community Park to a term that expires January 21, 2022: Tamara Serafina; Rich Spahr; Samantha Grey; Melissa Donovan. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Executive Board – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Bennett to reappoint Kristin Bennett to the Executive Board at Avonworth Community Park. Discussion: Mr. Getz requested the motion be amended to reflect a one-year term not a five-year term pending receipt of the Park annual Budget, Audit and Minutes. Sol. McTiernan said council could not make a change to the terms as set under the Municipal Authority Act. Mr. Getz then requested the reappointment be tabled until the information was received but requested a letter be sent to Ms. Bennett with council's cause of action. Motion to reappoint was withdrawn; letter will be sent to Ms. Bennett.

Planning Commission – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Bennett to reappoint David J. Lang to the Planning Commission to a term that expires December 31, 2024. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Zoning Hearing Board – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to reappoint Ralph O. West to the Zoning Hearing Board to a term that expires July 1, 2023. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Local Government Academy – Leadership Participation Circle; there was no interest to participate.

Amend Resolution 2020-03, Fees – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to amend Res. 2020-03 to increase commercial occupancy permits to \$150. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ALOM Conference – ALOM Conference will be held June 17-20 in Seven Springs. As the borough is a banner community multi-year awardee, there is a one scholarship available. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to send one official to the ALOM Conference for 3 days: \$350/registration plus \$656 for Lodging. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

North Boroughs Fireworks – Donation request from North Boroughs Fireworks Committee; Community Day is planned for July 3 in Avalon; pending CoVid-19 restrictions; event may be moved to later in the year. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Bennett to authorize \$1000 to the North Borough Fireworks Committee for the 2021 event. Check is to held pending notification of the event date. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Comcast Agreement – Comcast agreement expires 11/2021; contract term is ten years. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Bennett to adopt the contract renewal proposal as provided by Comcast. Motion carried; Mr. Fashion abstained; Mr. Lenz voted nay.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURN

President Yurkovich Adjourned the April 14, 2021, council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary