

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

Council Members Present – Abigail Donovan; Brian J. Fashian; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary, Jr.; Kevin Yurkovich

Council Members Absent – Paul F. Getz

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 January 11, 2023, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the vacancy on Council was addressed.

COUNCIL VACANCY

One resident applied to fill the council vacancy, David J. Lang. Mr. Fashian questioned Mr. Lang as to why he considered the council vacancy. Mr. Lang replied he is a business owner in the community, currently serves on the Planning Commission and wanted to serve on council.

Mayor Lillie administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Lang submitted his Affidavit of Residency for filing at the borough office. Mr. Lang took his seat on council at 6:35 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Fashian; second by Mr. Mary to approve the December 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Lang abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MAYOR’S REPORT - AmySue Lille

Public Safety: OTPD: 103 calls; EVFC: 354 calls for 2022

ALOM Legislative Reception – January 19, Grand Concourse, \$65/person. Mayor Lillie expressed interest to attend.

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Fashian to send Mayor Lillie to the ALOM Legislative Reception at a cost of \$65. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ACBA Annual Banquet - February 4, Rivers Casino, \$65/person. Mayor Lillie expressed interest to attend. MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to send Mayor Lillie to the ACBA Banquet at a cost of \$65. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

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

Draft Ord. No. 1015, Dumpsters was distributed to council for their review and advertising.

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to advertise Ord. No. 1015, regulating dumpsters in the borough. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Newspaper Advertising – The borough’s newspaper of record, The Citizen, has ceased printed copy and is digital only; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette is costly to advertise and after discussion, advertising was decided be in the New Pittsburgh Courier.

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Fashian to advertise Ord. 1015 in the New Pittsburgh Courier. Sol. McTiernan will investigate other print options for council. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

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

- DCNR Grant for Marmo Park improvements has been submitted to include rubber surface for the playground, court lighting and security cameras. Total cost is \$250K with a grant request of \$200K and a Borough match of \$50K.
- Columbia Gas has replaced lines on Hiland, Emsworth Ave, Avon and Race Street. The roads were restored with binder by Columbia Gas and are planned for 2023 paving.
- Duke’s flow isolation has been completed; report to be forthcoming.

- SR 65 I&I Rehabilitation Cycle 7 GROW project was awarded. Total cost \$327K; ALCOSAN match \$76,500 Borough match \$205,900.
- Pavement management plan will be discussed with committee shortly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY –Abigail Donovan

Ms. Donovan reported she is investigating grant options that may be available for a new salt shed.

Mr. Mary discussed a new scoreboard for AGAA at Mayernik Field as part of AGAA's capital improvements. MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Fashian to approve AGAA's capital improvement for a new LED scoreboard at Mayernik Field. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Ms. Donovan would like to replace and upgrade the decorative trash cans along Center Avenue. Mr. Fashian recommended a dome top so water did not fill the liners of the cans. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to approve decorate cans for Center at a cost not to exceed \$2500. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz

No report this evening.

PERSONNEL – Brian Fashian/Michael V. Mary

PUBLIC WORKS – Abigail Donovan

Full Time/Summer Help Hire - MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Donovan to advertise for one full time employee for Public Works and one summer help employee for Public Works. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PA One Calls – Mr. Fashian discussed the proposal from Allegheny Utility Solutions as the responsible party to respond to PA One Calls for the borough. AUS also provide services to PWSA for their one calls. MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the proposal from Allegheny Utility Solutions to respond to the Borough's PA One Calls at a cost of \$25 for a routine ticket; \$50 for normal hours emergency and \$125 for after-hours emergency. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Skid Steer – Ms. Donovan reported annual maintenance of the skid steer was needed. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Fashian to authorize Groff to do annual maintenance on the skid steer at a cost not to exceed \$2K.

GPS – Mr. Mary is investigating GPS for the borough trucks and will brief council at a later date.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashian

No report this evening.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz

No report this evening.

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary/Brian J. Fashian

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary second by Mr. Fashian, to approve the Bill List as presented with the following additions: Holly Ridge Web Design \$563.75 (for 2022); Advance Auto \$33.96; The Citizen \$96.56; Columbia Gas \$44.57; O.T. DPW \$922.16 (potholes); Gateway Engineers \$25,985.65. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Act 172, EVFC – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to approve the firefighter list as submitted by J. Kohl, Fire Chief, for Act 172 reimbursement. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

Voting Station –The borough was recently informed St. James Church will no longer be available for voting. Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company has offered the fire station as a polling place. The borough will contact Allegheny County Dept. of Elections as to this action.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to re-appoint Mr. Lenz to the planning commission. Yea: Ms. Donovan, Messrs. Lenz, Mary, Lang; Nay: Messrs. Fashian, Yurkovich. Motion carried to re-appoint Mr. Lenz to the planning commission to a term which expires 12/31/2026.

Vacancy Board – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Fashian to re-appoint Don Cahill to the Vacancy Board to a term which expires 12/31/2023. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Advisory Board – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to re-appoint Melissa Donovan, Brian Geisler, Samantha Grey, Tamara Serafini to the Advisory Board at Avonworth Community Park to a term which expires 1/31/2024. Motion unanimously carried by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pres. Yurkovich called for an executive session of council for the discussion of personnel at 7:22 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:44 p.m. Pres. Yurkovich stated the executive session was in compliance with Sunshine Laws and called for Adjournment.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to Adjourn the January 11, 2023, council meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary