

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

Council Members Present – Brian J. Fashian; Abigail Donovan; Paul F. Getz (6:35 p.m.); David J. Lang; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary; 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

President Yurkovich called the July 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 June 14, 2023, Minutes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Lang to approve the June 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Ms. Donovan and Mr. Fashian abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Edward A. Miller, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD: 116 calls; EVFC: 43 calls

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

No Report

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

2023 Road Program – Paving completed, restoration to follow shortly. MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lang to pay Invoice No. 1 to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$774,168.60 for road paving to date. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2022 CCTV State Pipe – MOTION to pay Invoice No. 1 to SHACOG for 2022 CCTV performed through State Pipe in the amount of \$7939.25. No payment should be made until receipt of invoice from SHACOG. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SHACOG MH-MH Year 17 – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to award the SHACOG Year 17 MH-MH Bid Lining Project to Jet Jack in the amount of \$167,940; Emsworth share is \$11,300. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY –Abigail Donovan/David J. Lang

Salt Shed – Mr. Lang reported contractor Ben Kramer submitted a quote for the proposed salt shed to include demo, debris removal, asphalt and installation of a 38 x 40 structure. This quote and another quote exceeded the public bid amount. Gateway Engineers will write specs for the salt shed and this project will be publicly bid. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to authorize Gateway Engineers to draft specs for the proposed salt shed. Mr. Fashian stated the back wall of the current salt shed should not be disturbed, but build in front of it, as the wall is partially under the hillside for SR 65. Mr. Lang suggested using the current salt shed for equipment storage. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/David J. Lang

No Report

MS4 – Brian J. Fashian

Glass Recycling continues curbside through Waste Management. Mr. Fashian will continue to update the borough's Facebook page with MS4 information to stay in compliance.

PERSONNEL – Abigail Donovan/Michael V. Mary

Mr. Mary discussed and distributed information on employee-contribution to an IRA. MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to investigate this IRA for small business. Motion carried by roll call; Mr. Fashion abstained.

PUBLIC WORKS – Abigail Donovan/Michael V. Mary

Ms. Donovan reported Mr. Fashion is doing a great job on public works, the borough looks good and his prior knowledge of the position has gone a long way for no micro-managing.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashion

Mr. Getz reported upcoming recycle events: Household Chemical, Boyce Park on August 19; Hard to Recycle, Monroeville on August 26. Details and registration are handled through the PA Resource Council. Mr. Getz also reported an additional recycle event will be held in October at Settlers Ridge.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz

No report

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary/Brian J. Fashion

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to approve the bill list with the following additions: ABC Fire Extinguisher \$502.85; ADS (flow monitoring) \$2600; Columbia Gas \$47.37; Salandro Excavating \$7500; PA DEP (pump station permit) \$65; Michael Selep \$60 (park refund); Tri State \$410; Tri State \$525. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Surveillance Cameras – Discussion regarding camera upgrades at Marmo Park. OTPD Chief Hanny suggested getting Verizon installed at Marmo Park; labor and install will be paid by the borough. Ohio Twp. Police will help with camera funding. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Fashion to get a cost to install Verizon internet at Marmo Park for surveillance camera upgrade, cost not to exceed \$4K. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Pres. Yurkovich reported a large box was recently dumped in the borough's park dumpster, the Ben Avon address label was still attached. OTPD were requested to look into this and cite if warranted.

Ohio Twp. Police Contract – Pres. Yurkovich distributed an early termination fee schedule for the Ohio Twp. police contract. Executive Session – Mr. Getz requested an executive session for the discussion of personnel at 7:10 p.m. Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m. Pres. Yurkovich announced the executive session was in compliance with the Sunshine Laws. MOTION by Mr. Lang, second by Mr. Mary to adopt a new police contract with an early termination fee schedule with Ohio Twp. for police services. Motion unanimously carried by roll call

Harshman Group - Pres. Yurkovich expressed his continued frustration with the Harshman Group relative to code enforcement and reiterated: 192 Superior is still not completed; debris is still in the yard as well as a large hole that is unprotected; 8140 Ohio River Blvd., little progress is being made at this site. In order to exercise control, Sol. McTiernan recommended a meeting with Harshman Group directors to explain the borough's frustration and request any court hearings include a public official of the borough. Pres. Yurkovich announced 223 Church Avenue, had a demolition permit issued, but this information was not forthcoming from the Harshman Group.

Vinegar Hollow – Mr. Flynn reported getting contractors on-board for this project has been a challenge. He plans to meet with contractors shortly to discuss options for the rehabilitation of the catch basin area at Vinegar Hollow. Ben Avon has committed to funding; nothing has been heard from Kilbuck Twp. where the rainfall and runoff begins. It is hoped this project can be completed before inclement weather.

21 Willow Street - Research to locate property owners is underway. Tenant has placed boulders in the borough's right- of-way making this turn difficult, if not impossible, for emergency vehicles, upcoming snow plowing as well as neighbors.

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NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Hearing Board Re-appointment – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to reappoint Ralph O. West to the Zoning Hearing Board to a three-year term which expires 7/1/2026. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to Adjourn the July 12, 2023, council meeting at 7:35 p.m.
Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary