

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2024

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

President Kevin Yurkovich called the October 9, 2024, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the September 11, 2024, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the September 11, 2024, Minutes as presented.
Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR REPORT – Alexander Nalevanko

Public Safety: OTPD: 217 calls; EVFC: 47 calls

PRESIDENT REPORT – Kevin Yurkovich

EVFC Quick Response Service (QRS) was discussed. Emsworth Volunteer Fire Service will be providing Basic Life Support (BLS) medical assistance to the responding medic unit. Pete Woshner is the Chief Officer. State certification has been obtained and (Station) 148 QRS will be a non-transporting BLS-certified unit responding to assist the medic unit for calls coded as an E-0 or E-1. Ben Avon Borough and Kilbuck Township have already approved. SWIF will be contacted regarding any additional insurance which may be required. Cost to the Borough will be gasoline and insurance. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Mary to approve 148 QRS effective immediately, pending any insurance update. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

No Report

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

2024 Paving Program – Road project has been completed; punch-list items need addressed. The final payment application from Youngblood Paving should be ready for the November 13 meeting. Project is in line with estimated proposal including the additional sewer work. Mr. Mary added he has received all good comments on the work by Youngblood Paving.

ALCOSAN Grow Grant Letter of Intent has been submitted for the second phase of the Ohio River Boulevard lining project; total cost is \$165,518.

Local Share Account (LSA) Grant was applied for in 2023; awards will be announced in November; another round of grant submissions is opening next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan

Borough Entrance Upgrade – H&L will be ordering materials and the work will be underway shortly.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan

Halloween Parade will be held Saturday, October 26 at 10 a.m., registration required at the borough office.

Trick or Treat will be celebrated Thursday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to award the O&M Preventive Maintenance Year 14 (SHACOG) to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$150,733; Emsworth share is \$12,550. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PERSONNEL

No report this evening.

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary

Mr. Fashian attended a public works seminar October 2 sponsored by Gateway Engineers.

QVCOG – Abigail Donovan

Hard to Recycle Event to be held at Leetsdale Industrial Park, Saturday, October 26 from 9 am -1 pm; pre-registration is required.

SALT SHED – Paul F. Getz

No Report

FINANCE – Michael Mary

2025 Budget – First budget meeting was held; committees should submit projects to Mr. Mary for consideration. The budget will be discussed at the November 13, advertised, and then adopted at the December 11 council meeting. Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the bill list with the additions: Columbia Gas \$42.61; Gateway Engineers \$77,250.35; Penn Global Signs \$204.91; SWIF \$879; Tri State Maintenance \$280. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Pres. Yurkovich reported Holy Family employees are parking on lower Allegheny Avenue, even though the borough had been informed otherwise. Once the new gymnasium has been built, permit parking for residents may need to be considered.

Pres. Yurkovich spoke with Bob & Sheila Keller who were unaware of the zoning hearing board meetings regarding the Holy Family gymnasium. Pres. Yurkovich stated the meetings had been properly advertised, the area posted and that he and Mr. Mary will have a follow-up meeting with the Kellers.

NEW BUSINESS

Handicap Parking Request - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to add a handicap parking spot at 186 Orchard Avenue. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement. – Public Hearing will be advertised and held at 6:30 p.m., November 13 at the start of the council meeting for public comments regarding the renewal agreement. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to advertise for a public hearing for the Comcast Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement as recommended through Cohen Law Group to be held Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Ms. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to Adjourn the October 9, 2024, meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary