

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2024

Council Members Present – Kathleen Dine, Abigail Donovan; Paul F. Getz; Michael V. Mary (telecom), Kevin Wisniewski

Council Members Absent – Daniel Lenz, Kevin Yurkovich

Others Present – Alexander Nalevanko, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

Vice President Michael Mary called the June 12, 2024, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the May 8, 2024, Minutes were considered for approval.

Mr. Mary was attending via telecom and requested Abigail Donovan, Pres. Pro Tem, conduct the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Ms. Dine to approve the May 8, 2024, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Getz abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR REPORT – Alexander Nalevanko

Public Safety: OTPD: 104 calls; EVFC: 55 calls

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

Two zoning hearing board meetings were held in May; one, regarding Holy Family Institute's hydroponic trailer which was granted and the other for parking spaces which was continued. The Conclusions of Law and Findings of Fact are to be submitted within 30 days and the zoning hearing board will then make their decision.

ENGINEER REPORT – Dennis J. Flynn, P.E

2024 Paving Program – Youngblood Paving is scheduled to start the road paving program in late July.

Sink Holes – The sinkhole on Spring Street has been filled by Duquesne Light Company where a telephone pole had been replaced. CCTV shows the storm sewer needs repaired. A cost estimate will be submitted for council's consideration. 192 Center Avenue sinkhole – CCTV shows the borough's sanitary is good but the lateral is defective. Gateway will work with the borough's DPW to complete this project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan

Borough Hall Service Panel - Property Committee is awaiting proposal on this upgrade.

Basement Waer Leak – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Ms. Dine to approve proposal from Mike Christy Plumbing not to exceed \$1200 to repair the basement water leaks, Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan

Story Walk sponsored by Avalon Public Library will take place at Marmo Park during June, July and August.

Signs will be placed around the park and a story unfolds as one follows the signs throughout the park.

North Boroughs Community Day – will be held Saturday, June 29 at Avalon Park; fireworks at dusk.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz

No report this evening.

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PERSONNEL – Kevin Wisniewski

No report this evening.

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary

Mr. Mary acknowledged Mr. Fashian’s work around the borough to keep the borough looking good.

QVCOG – Abigail Donovan

Hard to Recycle Event will be held July 29, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Buncher Park in Leetsdale; advance registration is required. Information is on the borough’s web site.

SALT SHED – No Report

FINANCE – Kathleen Dine

Bill List - MOTION by Ms. Dine, second by Mr. Wisniewski to approve the bill list with the additions of ABC Fire Extinguisher \$374; My Pittsburgh Roofing \$6400. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Vinegar Hollow – Mr. Mary reported a check from Ben Avon for their share of this project has been received but nothing has been received from Kilbuck Twp. to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation – MOTION by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Ms. Dine to accept the resignation of Ralph O. West from the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion unanimously carried by roll call. Ms. Donovan announced anyone interested to fill the vacancy to notify the borough office. Council is also seeking to add an Alternate for this Board.

Appointment, Vacancy Board – MOTION by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Getz to appoint Don Cahill to the Vacancy Board which expires 12/31/2024. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Reappointment – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to reappoint Brad Collins to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried by roll call; Ms. Donovan voted nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Day, ALCOSAN Municipal Relations, distributed information on ALCOSAN’s Scholastic Outreach Services as well as the Open House scheduled for Saturday, September 14 from 9 am – 4 pm.

Veterans Banners – Mr. Wisniewski will work with Fred’s Signs to install the last of the honor banners and reset two that broke at the bracket.

Fran Donovan, 8179 Ohio River Blvd. – Site line is still blocked at 35 Hiland Ave/Avon intersection. Harshman Group will be contacted to check this complaint.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Wisniewski to Adjourn the June 12, 2024, meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary