

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2021

Council Members Present – Abigail Donovan; Brian J. Fashian; Jason Helfrich; Paul F. Getz; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary; Kevin Yurkovich

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 November 10, 2021, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the October 13, 2021, Minutes were offered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Fashian second by Mr. Getz to approve the October 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Helfrich abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD – 90 calls; EVFC – 23 calls

Honor Banners - Mayor Lillie reported she had 10 honor banners ready to be submitted.

Mayor Lillie thanked OTPD and EVFC for their help during the Halloween Parade.

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

Ord. 1009- MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to adopt Ord. 1009 to ratify 2021 sewage fees. This action was approved December 2020, a resolution was required to ratify this action by Council. Sol. McTiernan made clear this is not a 2022 rate increase, the ordinance covers this current 2021 year. Motion carried by roll call; Mr. Getz voted nay.

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

GIS Training – Mr. Flynn reported the ArcGIS implementation has begun; logins are being setup. Mr. Lenz questioned when GIS Training would begin; Mr. Flynn will coordinate schedules with Ryan Berner for this GIS training and will advise council.

Consent Order Phase II was issued by ACHD and provided to the borough at the strategic planning meeting.

PRP Requirements – the Borough will be required to install 10-20 inlet filters; estimated cost is \$12K and can be installed by Emsworth DPW.

HFI – Gateway performed initial review of HFI parking lot from the zoning application submitted and will follow up with the zoning officer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Jason Helfrich/Abigail Donovan

Ms. Donovan reported the basement boiler was not working and not providing heat to the fire fighters side of the borough building. Two quotes have been received; two more proposals will be submitted this week. Pres. Yurkovich added if the boiler could not be repaired, multiple bids will need to be received for a replacement boiler.

Mayernik Field – Mayor Lillie reported she spoke with Dave Mayernik (former State rep) and was informed if the borough passed a resolution for access to the account, funds would be able to be accessed for Mayernik Field. Discussion followed as who from the borough or AGAA would have access and for what circumstances. Meeting with Mr. Mayernik will be scheduled for clarification. Action tabled.

Mr. Mary reported AGAA will be spending an estimated \$9K to resurface the field to keep the field competition-ready and questioned if the borough would consider locking the gate to the field. Discussion: Ms. Donovan noted this was public property and Pres. Yurkovich added taxpayer money goes into upkeep of this field and to lock out residents makes it a private field plus if damage to the field happens, it will fall back onto the borough. Pres. Yurkovich added if the gate is locked, AGAA has full control over the field. Mr. Mary will contact AGAA Board for clarification if this is just a seasonal lock during the winter; action tabled.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Brian Fashian/Michael Mary

Light Up/Yuletide on Center – Sunday, Dec. 5 beginning at 5 pm. Mr. Popp is scheduled with the horse drawn wagon rides, music by Natalie Rogers; magician Eric Davis and refreshments will be available plus a visit from Santa. The 2021 ornaments will be available for purchase.

Mr. Fashian concluded his report by announcing the Halloween Parade was well attended, the weather held out and thanked everyone for their help.

PUBLIC WORKS – Brian Fashian/Dan Lenz

No report this evening.

SR 65 PUMP STATION – Paul Getz/Dan Lenz

No report this evening.

QVCOG – Paul Getz/Brian Fashian

Refuse Contract & Resolution – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Helfrich to adopt the 5 Year QVCOG Joint Refuse/Recycling Contract, weekly refuse pick-up and recycling every other week, covering Emsworth Borough through December 31, 2026, and adopting Res. No. 2021-06 covering the Joint refuse contract with Waste Management. Discussion: It was noted the social media vote for recycling weekly or every other week was a strong every other week vote. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ROADS – Paul Getz/Jason Helfrich

Mr. Getz will work with borough engineer to get the road list that was postponed from 2021 paved early in 2022.

SEWERS – Paul Getz/Brian Fashian

Hiland Ave./Race Street Sewer Back-up – Mr. Getz reported the borough's insurance carrier has denied the claims submitted from the property owners on Hiland Avenue and Race Street after the recent sewer back-up; affected residents should consider filing a claim with West View Authority.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul Getz

No Report the evening.

FINANCE – Michael Mary

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan, to approve the Bill List as presented with the following additions: Gateway Engineers \$9127.05; H. A. Thomson, \$203; SWIF \$622; Wright Express \$637.12; Holly Ridge Web Design \$653.75; Keystone Print & Stitch \$456.46 and FNB \$114,287.68. Discussion: Pres. Yurkovich reported he is attempting to get into contact with Nick Markowitz re the security cameras at the borough garage. Mr. Getz will get in contact with Mr. Markowitz. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2022 Budget – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to advertise the 2022 Budget as distributed in the amount of \$2,167,300; with no tax increase. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2022 Millage – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Fashian to adopt Res. No. 2012-07, setting the 2022 millage to be 4.955, no tax increase. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Advertise Ord. No. 1010 – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Helfrich to advertise Ord. No. 1010, to outsource sewage fee collection to PA Municipal Services Company. Discussion: Mr. Getz recommended an exit clause be added to the contract with PAMS. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Advertise Ord. No. 1011 – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Donovan to advertise Ord. No. 1011 amending Chapter 95 to include PA Municipal Services Company as collector of delinquent sewage fees. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PAMS Meeting – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Lenz to authorize the borough treasurer to set-up preliminary meeting with PA Municipal Services Company for the transfer of sewage accounts. Discussion: Mr. Getz reminded council there are approximately 17 sewage accounts from Kilbuck that will need to be added when the changeover from the borough to PAMS occurs. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Envelopes & Postage – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to authorize the borough treasurer to purchase envelopes and postage for the introductory sewage fee collector for 2022. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ALCOSAN 2022 Rate – MOTION to adopt ALCOSAN 2022 Budget Rate Structure to collect \$604,757.77 in sewage fees. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Marmo Park Reserve Account – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Helfrich to transfer the Marmo Park Reserve Account from PNC to FNB for a better rate. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

RENEWAL – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Helfrich to renew web design and web site by Holly Ridge Web Services in the amount of \$160/year for one year. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

HOLLY RIDGE – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Fashian to authorize Holly Ridge to add secure web service at \$60/year for one year. Motion carried by roll call with Ms. Donovan voting nay.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Flynn suggested several dates and times for the GIS training. After discussion, it was decided Tuesday, November 16 at Noon would be the training day and time for Messrs. Getz and Lenz; and DPW.

NEW BUSINESS

Act 172 Tax Credit – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Helfrich to authorize the 19 active members of EVFC to be eligible for Act 172 tax credit for 2021, list attached. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to Adjourn the November 10, 2021, council meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary