

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
Business Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2023

**Council Members Present** – Brian J. Fashian; Abigail Donovan; Paul F. Getz; 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 September 13, 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 August 9, 2023, Minutes.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the August 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Lang abstained.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**MAYOR'S REPORT – Edward A. Miller, Mayor**

Public Safety: OTPD: 112 calls; EVFC: calls

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

No Report

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

SHACOG Joint O&M Year 13 Award – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan, upon the recommendation of The Gateway Engineers to award the SHACOG Joint O&M Year 13 to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$99,505 with the Borough's share to be \$14,875. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

GETDF Funding – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05 for LED lighting at Mayernik Field at a request for funding not to exceed \$500K. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

GETDF Funding – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to adopt Resolution No. 2023-06, sanitary sewer funding request in conjunction with the ALCOSAN GROW Grant. Motion unanimously carried by roll call

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan/David J. Lang**

Ms. Donovan noted a call to the borough office requesting the borough take reservations for pickleball leagues. Discussion: this is the first request since the courts were installed several years ago, it was decided to continue on a first come-first serve basis but council would revisit if necessary.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/David J. Lang**

No Report

**MS4 – Brian J. Fashian**

Mr. Fashian posted on social media a video regarding fall leaf clean-up.

**PERSONNEL/PUBLIC WORKS – Abigail Donovan/Michael V. Mary**

No report

**QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashian**

CDBG - Mr. Getz reported CDBG funding is available for handicap ramps throughout the borough. There are approximately 68 ramps borough-wide at a cost of \$6800/ramp. Mr. Getz met with Patrick Connors, QVCOG, and Dennis Flynn to discuss how this funding correlates with proposed 2024 road work. A pre-app has been submitted with the full application due in October. Mr. Connors will request \$42K in funding with a zero-dollar match from the borough for six handicap ramps.

QVCOG Dinner - Thursday, October 5, 6 p.m. at the Edgeworth County Club, \$75; there was no interest to attend.

**FINANCE – Michael V. Mary/Brian J. Fashian**

Cummins Power – Contract renewal from Cummins Power for generators at the borough building and SR 65 pump station was discussed. Past issues with Cummins prompted Council to consider to look into other companies. Mr. Getz noted Cummins Power is the factory authorized service provider. The current contract for the borough and pump station generators was accepted.

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to approve the bill list with the following additions: Cummins Power preventive maintenance contracts for \$900.91 and \$660.54. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2024 Budget - Pres. Yurkovich requested council submit their 2024 budget items to the finance committee as preliminary budget proceedings are underway.

**ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz**

235-237 Center Avenue – Zoning Hearing Board met Sept. 12 for a request from property owner, Dominic Mantella, for a special exception from the borough's ordinance to build a wall/fence with height exception. Request was granted.

179 Orchard Avenue – Zoning Hearing Board will meet Tuesday, October 10, 7 pm, for a variance request from Lucas Leighty who is seeking set-back relief from the borough's ordinance for a non-corner lot to build a garage.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Salt Shed – Bid opening held September 12 at 10 a.m., one bid submitted from Pampera in the amount of \$204,740. Mr. Flynn stated roofing and asphalt pad increased the bid from this contractor and recommended removing the asphalt pad from the bid spec and adding the asphalt pad to the 2024 road paving contract. Re-bid scheduled for early 2024. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to reject the single bid received for the salt shed. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Park Cameras – Mr. Fashian reported four cameras have been installed and Comcast will be contacted for internet installation. The motion sensor cameras work in inclement weather, have excellent image quality and store recordings for 60 days. The cameras were donated by Ohio Twp. Police Dept.

Vinegar Hollow – Meeting with Ben Avon officials the week of September 18; Bauer Excavating submitted a bid to perform this catch basin work. Originally Ben Avon, Kilbuck and Emsworth had agreed to split the costs.

73 Hiland – Mr. Getz reported upon research, Hill Street, had been vacated by the borough and a letter will be sent to the property owner indicating this action. It was noted this is a utility easement and if Green Mountain Catering was putting a dumpster on a concrete pad at this location, any future utility work in this area causing damage to the pad would be Green Mountain's responsibility to repair.

**NEW BUSINESS**

PSAB Fall Conference, Erie, October 13-15; \$240 registration; \$164/night/hotel – there was no interest to attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJOURN**

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to Adjourn the September 13, 2023, council meeting at 7:10 p.m.  
Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES  
Borough Secretary