

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – November 8, 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 November 8, 2023, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, President Yurkovich called for approval of the October 11, 2023, Minutes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second Mr. Mary to approve the October 11, 2023, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Pres. Yurkovich abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Edward A. Miller, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD: 74 calls; EVFC: 33 calls

BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

No Report

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

CCTV – Robinson Pipe will begin CCTV work in the borough next week.

Vinegar Hollow – Ben Avon has agreed to a third funding on this project. Bauer Excavation will begin this work next week and is expected to be completed by the end of November.

LSA Grant - request through DCED for Mayernik Field Lighting requires an accompanying resolution. MOTION by Mr. Gerz, second by Mr. Lenz to adopt Res. No. 2023-07, LSA Grant for Mayernik Field for retrofit lighting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan/David J. Lang

No Report.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan/Michael Mary/Brian Fashian

Light Up will be held Sunday, December 3 beginning at 5 p.m. Mr. Fashian reported the Young Family has again offered to decorate the borough building on Saturday, November 18. Pres. Yurkovich reported State Rep. Venkat will be in attendance for a “big check” presentation at Light Up. Mr. Fashian has lined up returning horse drawn carriage rides, magician, acoustic singer, face painter, and a stilt walking juggler for the event. Refreshments will be provided.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/David J. Lang

No Report

MS4 – Brian J. Fashian

MS4 information continues to be added to the borough's social media for MS4 compliance.

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

Snow Removal – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Fashian to hire the following for the 2023 snow removal team to include Chad Mueller, Ron Thomson, Frank Sessi, Chuck Merry at a rate of \$33/hour; 3-hour minimum. Motion unanimously carried by roll call

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QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashian
No Report

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary/Brian J. Fashian

2024 Budget – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to advertise the 2024 Budget in the amount of \$2,357,690. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Ord. 1016/Millage Increase – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Fashian to advertise Ord. 1016; setting millage at 5.955, one mil increase. Discussion: Pres. Yurkovich stated this was the first tax increase in four years. Motion carried by roll call with Messrs. Lenz, Getz and Lang voting nay.

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Lang to approve the bill list with the following additions: Cargill \$1971.35; Columbia Gas \$38.99; Gateway Engineering \$25,036.05; Jordan Tax Service \$375.21; Mike’s Plumbing \$847.00; SWIF \$771.00. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz
No Report

OLD BUSINESS

18 Hiland Avenue – Variance submitted by property owner requesting this residential property be permitted to be a part-time short-term rental. Mr. Getz reminded council that Borough Ord. No, 1008 allows short term rentals in an R-3 district only. He will plan to attend the zoning hearing board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ACBA Annual Dinner Meeting – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Mary to send Mr. Getz to the ACBA Dinner in the amount of \$60 to be held Thursday, December 14, 6 pm at the Holy Trinity Center, Pittsburgh 15237. Motion unanimously carried by roll call; Mr. Getz abstained.

ALCOSAN 2024 Rate – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Fashian to adopt ALCOSAN 2024 Rate Structure with a 7% increase; \$567,654.38 for Emsworth. Discussion: example: the average customer who uses 12K gallons of water per quarter will pay \$10.29 more for a three-month service period. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2023 Snow Team – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Lenz to add Edward Miller to the 2023-24 snow removal team at the rate of \$33/hour for a 3-hour minimum. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Act 172 – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve the eligible volunteer fire fighter list as submitted by Chief Kohl for Act 172 credit. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

DPW - Mr. Fashian reported four new tires for Truck #485 will be purchased; Truck #484 tires are still operational. Mr. Fashian checked three places for prices and is using A&M Tires as they had the best price.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Lang to Adjourn the November 8 2023, council meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary