

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2023

Council Members Present – Abigail Donovan (6:34); Brian J. Fashian; Paul F. Getz; David J. Lang; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary (telephone); 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 May 10, 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 April 12, 2023, Minutes.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to approve the April 12, 2023, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Getz abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Edward A. Miller, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD: 70 calls; EVFC: 41 calls

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

Sol. McTiernan in conjunction with Gateway Engineers drafted a letter to Kilbuck Twp. supervisors regarding the potential Vinegar Hollow improvements.

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

2023 Paving Program – Pre-construction meeting was held with Youngblood Paving regarding the paving program. Youngblood plans to start preparations in mid-May.

GTRP Grant - Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant in the amount of \$250K is being submitted for Marmo Park Playground rehabilitation. MOTON by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to approve Res. 2023-03 for the GTRP grant. Borough matching share is \$37,500. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SHACOG Joint Bid for DPW Emergency Services – MOTON by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to participate in the SHACOG Joint Bid for DPW Emergency Services survey. Moton unanimously carried by roll call.

Spot Lining, Year 16, Contract A – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to participate in the SHACOG survey for Spot Lining, Year 16, Contract A. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan/David J. Lang

Salt Shed – Several quotes received for the proposed salt shed. Committee meeting will be held prior to the June 14 council meeting to determine size of the shed, asphalt surface size and recommendation to award the project.

Cummins Power, Generator Service - Pres. Yurkovich spoke with a manager at Cummins re the outrageous invoice submitted after a recent emergency callout when the power was recently out, the fire station doors did not operate. It was determined the missed parts should have been noted if the fire station garage doors had been tested during the last preventive maintenance appointment. Cummins will waive all travel expenses. Borough Property will research other companies who perform generator preventive maintenance to determine whether or not to stay with Cummins or go with another company. Ms. Donovan recommended staying with Cummins for the upcoming preventive maintenance check and making a determination thereafter.

Retro Lights – Chaz Lindell has completed the retro-fitting of LED lights at the borough building except for the lighting above the outdoor sign. A 20% savings in electricity has already been noted in the first month.

Bulk Rock Salt Storage – Ms. Donovan reported a letter was recently received from Cargill regarding storage of unpurchased bulk rock salt due to the mild winter. Emsworth has approximately 260 unused tons of salt to be purchased and delivered by end of the year. Pres. Yurkovich reminded council once the new salt building is installed, delivery of this tonnage would be scheduled. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to participate in the Cargill Agreement through SHACOG for storage of unused bulk rock salt. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Brian Fashian/Abigail Donovan

Avonworth Post 866 Memorial Parade will be held Monday, May 29, 10 a.m.; Field Services at 11 a.m. at the Patrick Kenny Field. State Rep. Hon. Arvind Venkat will be the principal speaker. Pres. Yurkovich added if Youngblood Paving cannot complete the roadwork on Memorial Drive before the parade, they will not start on this street.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/David J. Lang

201 Roosevelt, Kilbuck – Pres. Yurkovich reported continued storm water runoff from this property continues to impact Clearview Road and Bryson Avenue with mud and debris. Kilbuck has been notified and the borough solicitor will send a letter to put the township on notice.

PERSONNEL – Brian Fashian/Michael V. Mary

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Brian J. Fashian/Abigail Donovan

No Report

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashian

Recycling Tour – Greenstar Recycling Tour will be held at the Neville Island Facility on June 7 at 10 a.m. registration will be held through the QVCOG Office.

PurpleAir PA Monitor – Host sites are being recruited for air quality monitoring through GASP (Group Against Smog & Pollution) on borough property with dedicated outdoor power source and WiFi. Mr. Getz suggested monitoring in the area of the pump station to capture numbers from the Metallico plant on Neville Island. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lang to contact QVCOG to be a host site for a PurpleAir Monitor System. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Hard to Recycle Event – June 3 at the Pittsburgh Mills.

Household Chemical Collection – June 17, Fayette County; June 24 – Washington County.

Details are on the borough's website or through the QVCOG; advanced registration is required for both events.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz

No report

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary/Brian J. Fashian

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Fashian to approve the bill list with the following additions: Columbia Gas, \$41.49; Tri State Maintenance \$280; Gateway Engineers \$42,021.86; QVCOG/RAD \$2914.68. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Pres. Yurkovich welcomed back Mr. Getz after his recent absence.

Voting – The only voting station in Emsworth will be at the Borough Building, Election Day is Tuesday, May 16.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to Adjourn the May 10, 2023, council meeting at 7 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary