

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2026

Council Members Present – Jessica Boyd; Abigail Donovan; Paul F. Getz, CBO; Lucas Leighty; Michael V. Mary; John Tadler; Kevin Yurkovich
Others Present – Chaz Bolte, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Michael Mary called the May 13, 2026, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the April 8, 2026, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to approve the April 8, 2026, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR REPORT – Chaz Bolte

Public Safety: OTPD: 211 calls; EVFC: 46 calls; QRS: 11 calls

Mayor Bolte read and presented a proclamation to Joseph Hanny, Chief, Ohio Township Police, in honor of National Police Week and extended a thank you to all officers.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

ALCOSAN Real Estate Tax Exemption Request – ALCOSAN submitted a real estate tax exemption application to Allegheny County Office of Property Assessment commencing with tax year 2026 for tax parcel B/L No. 213-G-51, Lowries Run Road.

After review, there was no opposition from legal or engineering on this application. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Leighty to approve the real estate tax exemption request from ALCOSAN for parcel B/L No. 213-G-51, Lowries Run Road property. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

107 Red Bird Point – Series of maintenance citations filed against this property. There was a recent sale of this property and investment owners have been in contact with code enforcement that they will rectify.

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

Marmo Park, Res. No. 2026-03

Resolution required for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP). Total project cost: \$294,089.18; Funding Received: \$249,975.80; Borough Match: \$44,113.38. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to adopt Res. No. 2026-03 for Marmo Park GTRP grant. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2025 Corrective Action Repairs - Pay App #5, \$28,151.58 has been submitted by Insituform Technologies for 2025 Corrective Action Repairs for work completed through May 7, 2026. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to approve pay app #5 to Insituform in the amount of \$28,151.58. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2026 Pavement Management Program – Six sealed bids received and opened May 12. Gateway has reviewed and tabulated the bids and recommends awarding to Youngblood Paving. Base Bid, \$159,735; Add Alternate #1, Gibb Street, \$53,338; Add Alternate #2, Columbia Gas Restoration, \$215,190.

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Leighty to approve Youngblood Paving for the 2026 paving project as recommended by Gateway Engineers. Note: add Alt. #2 is contingent upon Columbia Gas reimbursing Emsworth. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ADA Ramps – In conjunction with QVCOG and Gateway, the ADA ramp project will be re-bid.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan/John Tadler
No Report

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Jessica Boyd/ Abigail Donovan

Avonworth Post 866 Memorial Day Parade- the 80th annual Memorial Day Parade will be held May 25, 10 a.m. Services at the Ben Avon Community Presbyterian Church at 11:30 a.m.

Primary Voting – Tuesday, May 19; all residents will vote at the Emsworth Borough Building 7am–8 pm.

North Boroughs Fireworks Donation – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Getz to authorize \$1K to the North Boroughs Fireworks Committee. Motion unanimously carried by roll call,

GRANTS – Paul F. Getz/Michael V. Mary

Columbia Gas will be replacing ADA ramps as part of this phase of gas line upgrades in the borough.
Mayernik Field Lights - awaiting review and sign-off at the state level for this project.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/Lucas Leighty

Mr. Leighty reported the astronaut sign has been removed at the boulevard triangle. Infrastructure is working to replace this sign along with an acknowledgement to the Avon Club for maintaining the flower beds. Avon Club has also volunteered to maintain a flower bed at the Center Avenue Bridge. QVCOG has been working to have consistent boundary signs implemented along SR 65, Ohio River Boulevard. The committee recommended DPW reinstall the Welcome to Emsworth signs that were removed during road construction; be placed at the intersection of Clearview and Roosevelt and on Center Avenue at the entrance to Emsworth from Ben Avon.

Greenwood Avenue – Mr. Yurkovich reported Greenwood Ave. garbage was not picked up today; but recycling was picked up. Columbia Gas flaggers were not letting vehicles have access, including deliveries; residents were being told to find another route. In addition to this road closure, Columbia Gas has left a deep ditch exposed during the day. Mr. Yurkovich also brought to council's attention that no one on the street received any communication as to the road closure or how residents will be notified when inside meters will need to be accessed. Pres. Mary will follow up with Columbia Gas on these concerns.

PERSONNEL/PUBLIC WORKS – Jessica Boyd/Abigail Donovan

DPW Summer Help – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Getz to approve Ian Fashian for DPW summer help; \$15/hour up to 35/hours/week beginning June 8 for the summer season. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Amend Agenda – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Leighty to amend the May 13 Agenda to reflect discussion of employee salaries. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.
Salary discussion began; but was tabled. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Leighty to table salary discussion until the June 10 meeting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Michael Mary/Chaz Bolte

Pres. Mary reported graffiti had been sprayed around the borough; OTPD is aware.

Pres. Mary concerned about amount of triaxles using Center Avenue to Roosevelt Road in Kilbuck Twp. to dump at a private property. OTPD is aware of this truck traffic and will instruct drivers to use Mt. Nebo Road to Roosevelt to access this property and not borough roadways since it is not local deliveries. An OTPD officer is certified to weigh vehicles and scales are available to weigh the trucks.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz, CBO

No Report

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/John Tadler

No Report

FINANCE – Abigail Donovan

Bill List - MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Ms. Boyd to approve the bill list as presented with the following additions: Cavaliere Court Reporting, \$150; Ohio Township \$279.94; SWIF \$1177; WB Mason \$230.08; Xerox \$51.14; Tri State Maintenance \$1030. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

206 Center Avenue – No Update

Shade Tree Committee – A resolution will need to be drafted for the proposed shade tree committee. Ellen Winslow, who brought the idea to council, will meet with interested council members for a site walk; Ms. Boyd will meet with Ms. Winslow on May 14 for additional information on this committee.

Deputy Fire Marshal - Action tabled until the fire marshal submits report and a request for deputies.

NEW BUSINESS

Allegheny County Hazardous Mitigation – updated resolution for A/C Hazardous Mitigation has been reviewed by borough emergency management coordinator, Joe Koehler, with no exceptions. MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Mr. Getz to adopt Res. No. 2026-04, Allegheny County Hazardous Mitigation. Motion unanimously carried by roll call. The resolution will be submitted to Allegheny County.

Center Avenue Bridge - Several lights are out on the PRT-owned Center Avenue Bridge. Responsibility for these lights has been discussed with PRT and Duquesne Light, neither taking responsibility. Duquesne Light sent a proposal to switch to LEDs and then the borough would be billed monthly for the lights. Mr. Yurkovich reminded council that PRT owns the bridge and the borough has never paid for the existing lights. Action tabled.

Planning Commission Appointment – Three candidates submitted letters of interest for the vacancy on the planning commission. Mr. Kaderka was in attendance and addressed council with his interest. Mr. Tadler nominated Mr. Kakerka; Ms. Donovan nominated Ms. Phillips. There were no other nominations.

Voting: Mr. Kaderka: Messrs. Yurkovich, Getz, Tadler

Ms. Phillips: Ms. Donovan, Ms. Boyd; Mr. Leighty

Tie Breaker: Pres. Mary for Ms. Phillips

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Leighty to appoint Sarah Phillips to the planning commission to a term which expires 12/31/2027. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2026 Banner Community - Pres. Mary announced Emsworth Borough has again been acknowledged as an Allegheny County Banner Community. This annual recognition is awarded to communities who practice professional development, intergovernmental cooperation, and sound fiscal management.

MS4 - Mr. Flynn reported several municipalities have received letters for non-compliance and potential fines for MS4. A meeting with Emsworth and Ben Avon will be scheduled to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Josie Ramsey, 240 Greenwood – acknowledged there has been no notification from Columbia Gas as to road closures on this street.

Brian Fashian, DPW, reported RCC Construction will work in conjunction with West View Authority on a water line replacement beginning at Center and Locust and crossing Ohio River Boulevard to the river side of Locust starting in June.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to Adjourn the May 13, 2026, meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary