

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2025

Council Members Present – Paul F. Getz, CBO; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary; Kevin Wisniewski;  
Kevin Yurkovich

Council Members Absent – Abigail Donovan; John Tadler

Others Present – Jessica Boyd, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.; Cathy Jones,  
Borough Secretary

President Kevin Yurkovich called the September 10, 2025, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the August 13, 2025, Minutes were considered for approval.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski to approve the August 13, 2025, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

**AVONWOTH COMMUNITY PARK** – Kristen Hahn Bennett, Avonworth Municipal Authority Representative, distributed the park audit and presented the annual park report to Council: Park Board has increased security cameras; Miller Hall received renovations; the Pavilion had the floor refinished and a new roof; and a bocci court is being planned. Upcoming events are Octoberfest, October 11; Halloween Party, October 25; Holiday Reception, December 2; Breakfast with Santa, December 7. Challenge is the aging swimming pool; \$24K spent in in 2024 for maintenance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MAYOR REPORT – Jessica Boyd**

Public Safety: OTPD: 228 calls; EVFC: 37 calls; QRS: 12 calls

Sportsman Cash Bash, October 11, 6-8 p.m. sponsored by Emsworth and Avalon Volunteer Fire Companies will be held at the West View Banquet Hall.

**SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.**

Ord. 1019 – Amend Ord. 880 to allow parking on the west side of Orchard Avenue from Center to the unnamed alley. MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski to adopt Ord. 1019, allowing parking on the west side of Orchard Avenue from Center Avenue to the unnamed alley. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

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

2025 Paving – El Grande has completed 2025 paving project; punch-list to be completed and final payment should be ready for council's consideration at the October meeting. Mr. Fashian added the area in front of the borough garage (Western Avenue) was removed from the list pending the proposed salt facility build at this site.

Traffic Study, Center Avenue @ Plummer – Site distance evaluation performed and indicated no stop sign was warranted for Center Avenue intersection. Some on-site parking may need to be eliminated in order to for appropriate site distance when stopped on Plummer venue. Gateway is gathering additional information from Ohio Twp. Police regarding any accidents in this area, then the formal traffic study will be distributed to council.

SHACOG CCTV – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve Pay App #1 to Robinson Pipe for CCTV work in the amount of \$11,444.48. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SHACOG O&M Lining – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve Pay App #1 & Final to Jet Jack for O&M Lining work in the amount of \$14,517. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SHACOG Preventive Maintenance – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve Pay App #1 & Final to State Pipe for preventive maintenance work in the amount of \$9267.10. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **BOROUGH PROPERTY – Michael V. Mary**

Salt Shed Proposal – One sealed bid received from RCC Contracting for demo and foundation work. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Wisniewski to accept the bid from RCC to demo the existing salt storage shed; tear down structure; remove all materials; break out side and front walls (leave rear wall) in the amount of \$18,592. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Wisniewski to accept the bid from RCC to supply and set approximately 40 concrete blocks to make 3 sides 30 x 24 size (leave rear wall); 3 courses high for salt shed, in the amount of \$20,016, increasing the facility size to hold two times the amount of salt now stored. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Mr. Fashion, DPW, had received bids from Karp, \$21,500k; Greystone \$49,795; Elemental Shelter \$26,929.02 for the structure to sit atop the foundation. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to purchase a structure from Karp Structures for new salt storage facility in the amount of \$21, 500. Total cost \$60,108. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

##### **COMMUNITY EVENTS – Kevin Wisniewski**

Halloween Parade will be held Saturday, October 25 beginning at 10 a.m.; Trick or Treat will be celebrated Friday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m.

##### **INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz**

No Report

##### **PERSONNEL – Kevin Wisniewski**

No Report

##### **PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary**

Summer Help has wrapped up for the season. Trees removed along Center Avenue has opened up the business district view.

##### **QVCOG – Paul F. Getz**

Pittsburgh Regional Transit (PRT) announced plans to cut service in the QVCOG district, most notably Route 19L, which eliminates the Emsworth Limited; plus eliminate the three bridges between Emsworth, Ben Avon and Avalon; residents are encouraged to contact regional legislators.

GEDTF Grants - Concurring resolutions are required for the recently submitted GEDTF grants.

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to adopt Res. No. 2025-08, GEDTF grant for Marmo Park upgrades in the amount of \$485,950. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to adopt Res. No. 2025-09, GEDTF grant for retro-fit lighting and walkway at Mayernik Field in the amount of \$293,300. Mr. Mary mentioned there is a zero match from the borough required. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

##### **ZONING – Michael V. Mary**

No Report

**FINANCE – Michael V. Mary, Jr.**

Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz, to approve the bill list with the following additions: Columbia Gas \$51.51; Gateway Engineers \$40,912.25; SWIF \$4972; Tri State Maintenance \$280; Tri State Maintenance \$410; State Pipe \$1040. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Pres. Yurkovich noted a truck with attached camper parked on Center Ave. at Walliston impeding the site line off Walliston Ave. Chief Hanny reported OTPD has tagged the vehicle and will follow-up. Mr. Mary suggested council revisit the current \$5 parking ticket as other municipalities range from \$25-\$50 for parking violations.

PA One Call – T2 Utility Engineers is under contract to perform PA One Calls in the borough. Pres. Yurkovich announced T2 invoiced the borough \$6K for the past month (\$97.50/call-out) and Gateway added \$900 (\$300 the previous month) for GIS services associated with these call-outs. Mr. Mary added T2 did not disclose they would be using the borough's GIS, T2 should purchase their own GIS license. Sol. McTiernan will review T2 contract.

2025-26 Snow Removal – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski to advertise for snow removal personnel; \$33/hour for three-hour call out; must have a valid PA driver's license and be available evenings and weekends. Motion unanimously carried by roll call

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chaz Bolte, 141 Locust – is hopeful council will review restroom policy and unlock Marmo Park restrooms daily. Mr. Bolte read a letter from resident Donna Kuban whose property abuts the park regarding seeing public urination. Pres. Yurkovich reiterated from last month's meeting regarding on-going vandalism when the restrooms are unlocked; leading council to the decision to unlock only when there is a park rental. A port-o-john was suggested. Mr. Mary interjected that the port-o-john at Mayernik Field gets tipped and funds are spent to reset. Pres. Yurkovich added new faces to council meetings do not understand the vandalism that occurs when restrooms are unlocked and asked for a solution. Mr. Bolte replied just pay for it. Mr. Mary added damages range from clogged commodes, broken mirrors, stall doors ripped off hinges, water left running, etc. then that takes public works from a project to repair damages. Pres. Yurkovich stated there is little respect from youth for property. Mr. Bolte made an inappropriate personal comment to Pres. Yurkovich, prompting Pres. Yurkovich to leave the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Vice Pres. Mary Adjourned the September 10, 2025, meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES  
Borough Secretary