

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2025

Council Members Present – Abigail Donovan (Telecom); Paul F. Getz, CBO; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary; John Tadler; Kevin Yurkovich
Council Members Absent – Kevin Wisniewski
Others Present – Jessica Boyd, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.;
Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Kevin Yurkovich called the October 8, 2025, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the September 10, 2025, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to approve the September 10, 2025, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote; Ms. Donovan and Mr. Tadler abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Megan

MAYOR REPORT – Jessica Boyd

Public Safety: OTPD: 212 calls; EVFC: 42 calls; QRS:17 calls

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

No Report

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

Insituform Pay App #3 – Gateway has reviewed Pay App #3 and recommends payment. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to approve Insituform Pay App #3 in the amount of \$160,151,98 for 2025 Corrective Action Work. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote. Mr. Flynn added the Insituform work scheduled for SR 65 has been paused.

2025 Paving – Punchlist follow up with El Grande is being scheduled.

Traffic Study, Center Avenue @ Plummer – Gateway Engineers performed a traffic study of this area and the report was distributed to Mayor and Council. The study did not warrant an all-way stop control; traffic volume, crash history and sight distances were considered in the traffic study.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Michael Mary

Borough Building Boiler – The 30+ year old boiler at the borough building is in need of replacement. Two proposals received for the boiler replacement; Siegle \$16,500 and Wade \$15,500. MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to award the boiler replacement project to Wade in the amount of \$15,500. Discussion: Mr. Lenz questioned the efficiency rating; Mr. Mary replied Wade, 84%; Siegle, 83%. Motion carried by roll call.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan

Hard to Recycle Event – Northgate High School, Saturday, Oct. 18, pre-register at PRC.org.

Halloween Parade will be held Sat. October 25 beginning at 10 a.m.; pre-register at the borough office.

Trick or Treat will be celebrated Friday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz

No Report

PERSONNEL

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary

Salt Shed – RCC will begin dismantling and rebuilding the foundation and walls of the salt shed.
Snow Team –No letters of interest received; Chad Mueller and Jeff Wood will assist Mr. Fashion.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz

PRT received funding for the bridges linking Emsworth-Ben Avon-Avalon; they will stay open.
Handicap Ramps – Meeting with QVCOG and borough engineer to determine which handicap ramps will be added as ramps on the list were replaced during Columbia Gas recent pipeline upgrade project. Emsworth received \$41K funding for handicap ramps through Allegheny County/QVCOG efforts.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan

No Report

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary, Jr.

2026 Budget – Mr. Mary reminded council to submit their 2026 budget requests this month.
Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary, to approve the bill list as presented. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

PA One Call – T2 Utility Engineers perform PA One Calls in the borough at a rate of \$97.50/call out. Mr. Mary spoke with T2 and negotiated a price of \$37.50/call out pending access to the borough's GIS system, which T2 will pay for the license through Gateway Engineers; and \$97.50 for emergency callouts. Motion carried by roll call: Yea: Ms. Donovan, Messrs, Mary, Tadler, Yurkovich; Nay: Messrs. Getz, Lenz.

Traffic Study/Crossing Guard at Plummer and Center Ave. – Ms. Donovan spoke with Avonworth School District and was informed a crossing guard would be employed by the borough and the borough reimbursed by the Avonworth School District.

PennDOT Winter Maintenance – Locust Street Winter Maintenance. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve PennDOT winter maintenance for Locust Street. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Increase Parking Fines – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to increase all \$5 violations to \$25 and authorizing Sol. McTiernan to draft an ordinance to cover same. Discussion: Pres. Yurkovich stated OTPD should not overturn any tickets; including parking left wheel to curb (cross street parking) as prohibited by state law. A courtesy period would be initiated prior to the tickets being issued; the borough's web site and social media would be posted. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

Pres. Yurkovich expressed frustration with the utility companies working in the borough. Daily, various streets are closed and construction flaggers are sending vehicles the wrong way on one-way streets without a flagger at the opposite end. Mr. Getz recommended meeting with the utility companies in 2026 before pipeline upgrades begin to better coordinate communication with council.

Salt Shed Floor – Proposal from RCC Contracting, who was awarded the demo of the salt shed and rebuild of the foundation wall, to add an asphalt floor to the salt shed in the amount of \$6720. MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to approve the proposal from RCC in the amount of \$6720 to add an asphalt floor to the salt shed. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lucas Leighy, 179 Orchard Avenue - echoed Pres. Yurkovich safety concerns regarding utility companies closing streets, and added school busses also get re-directed.

Dan Lenz attempted to rehash personal attacks from the September meeting; Pres. Yurkovich left the meeting. Ms. Donovan accused Mr. Lenz of participating just before the election for his own benefit.

Meghan Migyanko, 77 Courtney Street, presented a proposal to Council for a community mural in conjunction with Bellevue Forward to be painted at 201 North Avenue, Comfy House. Council was enthused about the project. Meeting information will be posted on social media once available. Artist is Vincent Beatty; mural is weatherized to preserve color; materials will be stored at St. James Church; Reveal is scheduled for April/May 2-236.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to Adjourn the October 8, 2025, meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary