

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – April 8, 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.; Dan Geiger, P.E.; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Michael Mary called the April 8, 2026, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the March 11, 2026, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Mr. Getz to approve the March 11, 2026, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Koehler, 30 Center Avenue – thanked OTPD and council as there has been a resolution to the nuisance property at 46 Center Avenue.

Anna Findish, 180 Orchard Avenue – addressed council on behalf of Avon Club, a civic service organization, who is offering to contribute towards a new Mike Fincke, NASA Astronaut, sign on SR 65, Ohio River Blvd. at Memorial Drive. Avon Club maintains flower beds at this intersection and the contribution towards a new sign would also add Avon Club name as sponsor of the flower beds. Pres. Mary responded Michael Baker International, in conjunction with QVCOG, is coordinating entrance signs along SR 65 to differentiate community boundaries and this would be taken into consideration. Mr. Getz offered to have the faded astronaut sign removed. Ms. Findish also made council aware of an Avon Club social community event tentatively scheduled in July; details to follow.

MAYOR REPORT – Chaz Bolte

Public Safety: OTPD: 297 calls; EVFC: 74 calls; QRS: 16 calls

Mayor Bolte announced Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to Noon at St. James Church a mural event will be held. The mayor will speak on his Emsworth history initiative. Details on the mayor's social media and the borough will post information also.

Mayor Bolte also announced Bellevue Forward will host a day-long conference/organization fair at AGH Bellevue on May 7 for municipalities to collaborate on economic development, technology and other subjects. County council representative Katheleen Madonna Emerling will be in attendance as well as several other speakers, including Mayor Bolte. Details on Bellevue Forward web site.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

ALOM – Two colleagues from Tucker Arensberg will be speaking at this conference.

Vacant Properties - Two inquiries for vacant property were received at the borough office; one, a borough paper street and the other is a tax delinquent property. Sol. McTiernan will research and advise council.

ENGINEER REPORT – Daniel Geiger, P.E.

2026 Pavement Management Program – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to authorize Gateway Engineers to advertise the 2026 paving program to include Gibb Street, Plainfield Avenue, Kilbuck Street, Vista Street and the DPW parking lot; bid will be awarded at the May meeting. 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/ Abby Donovan

Ms. Boyd reported there was a great turnout for the annual egg hunt April 4.

The Memorial Day Parade, will be held May 25, 10 a.m. in conjunction with Avonworth Post 866.

GRANTS – Paul F. Getz/Michael V. Mary

No Report

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/Lucas Leighty

Mr. Getz reported a sewer blockage on Locust Street was jettered and cleared by Robinson Pipe today.

PERSONNEL/PUBLIC WORKS – Jessica Boyd/Abby Donovan

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY – Michael Mary/Chaz Bolte

Mayor Bolte thanked OTPD and thanked the community for patience as the eviction process at 46 Center Avenue was in process and has been resolved.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz, CBO

Bulk Rock Salt Contract - Mr. Getz reported Compass Minerals will not be exercising their first option year renewal to provide bulk rock to the QVCOG communities.

ADA Ramps – This project will be rebid.

Mayernik Field Lights – Mr. Getz is awaiting details on this grant..

ZONING – Abby Donovan/John Tadler

No Report

FINANCE – Abigail Donovan

Bill List - MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Getz to approve the bill list as presented with the following additions: Commonwealth of PA O&I \$113.64; EVFC \$255.23; Gateway Engineers \$18,779.75; Mike's Plumbing \$200; SWIF \$1177; Tri State Maintenance \$410. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Getz to ratify Chaz Bolte and Lucas Leighty, \$50/official, for a PSAB Sunshine Act Webinar. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

206 Center Avenue – No Update

Shade Tree Commission – Action tabled pending report from Gateway Engineers. Pres. Mary reported Ben Avon has a Shade Tree Commission and he will follow-up with Ben Avon for additional information. Sol. McTiernan advised a committee versus a commission was the optimum way for Emsworth to approach this. Ellen Conrad Winslow, who brought this program to council last month, has continued to follow through on the TreeVitalize project and would like to meet with council to select planting sites.

Ms. Donovan and Mr. Tadler, who is affiliated with PA Master Naturalist Program, will meet with Ms. Conrad Winslow; they will then meet with the Western PA Conservancy.

Deputy Fire Marshal – No report received from the current fire marshal regarding the appointment of deputy fire marshals.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission Resignation – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to accept with regret the resignation of Walter Kenderski from the planning commission. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Planning Commission Appointment – Ms. Donovan will post on social media the planning commission vacancy.

Local Government Week - Resolution No. 2026-02 MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to adopt Res. No. 2026-02 acknowledging Local Government Week, April 19, 2026. Motion unanimously carried voice vote.

Pres. Mary announced he attended the first of quarterly meetings with municipal presidents from Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Bellevue and Avalon. Emsworth will have the opportunity to join a multi-borough comprehensive plan to update Emsworth's 2002 comprehensive plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to Adjourn the April 8, 2026, meeting at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary