

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2026

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

Vice President Abigail Donovan called the June 10, 2026, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the May 13, 2026, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Boyd to approve the May 13, 2026, Minutes as presented.
Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR REPORT – Abigail Donovan for Mayor Bolte

Public Safety: OTPD: 141 calls; EVFC: 45 calls; QRS: 6 calls
Chief Hanny reported there were two state-funded aggressive driving details recently held on SR 65.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

Sol. McTiernan deferred his report to Dennis Flynn regarding the ADA ramp re-bid.

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

2026 Paving Program - Pre-construction meeting with Youngblood will be scheduled in early July to set the work dates for the 2026 paving program.

Marmo Park Improvements – GTRP grant submitted; and will be awarded at the end of 2026 or early 2027. Total Cost: \$294,089.18; Funding Requested: \$249,975.80; Borough Match: \$44,113.38.

ADA Ramps – One bid received for ADA ramps from N&N Landscaping, \$39,120. Allegheny County requests soliciting for additional bids to meet their two-bid minimum requirement.

Agenda Addition – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Boyd to Amend the June 10, 2026, Agenda to include discussion of ADA Ramps. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Leighty to authorize Gateway Engineers to award the ADA ramp project not to exceed \$39,120; contingent upon Allegheny County approval. Gateway will coordinate with QVCOG to reach out to other contractors to meet the two-bid minimum requirement as set by Allegheny County. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan

No Report

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Jessica Boyd/ Abigail Donovan

North Boroughs Community Day will be held July 11 at the Avalon Community Park beginning at 6 p.m.

GRANTS – Paul F. Getz/Michael V. Mary

No Report

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/Lucas Leighty

No Report

PERSONNEL/PUBLIC WORKS – Jessica Boyd/Abigail Donovan

COLA Salary Increase – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Ms. Boyd to increase salaries by 3% for B. Fashian, C. Jones, R. De Stefano and K. Taschner. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz, CBO

Refuse/Recycling Contract – Refuse/Recycling contract with Waste Management terminates at the end of the year. TribLive reported Hampton Council, North Hills COG, has awarded a contract to Vogel Disposal. Hampton residents are expected to see a 23% reduction in monthly costs. Mr. Getz requested council to consider staying with QVCOG in a joint refuse bid or bid on our own. Mr. Yurkovich offered to assist Mr. Getz with this refuse contract. Action tabled until the July meeting.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan

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: Gateway Engineers \$31,889; WB Mason \$51.91; Mike's Plumbing \$473; Mike's Plumbing \$627; SWIF \$2354; Tri State Maintenance \$3280. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Marmo Park – Ms. Boyd met with Mr. Marmo regarding the proposed bocce court he is sponsoring. Due to the ADA sidewalk being cost prohibitive, Mr. Marmo discussed moving the location of the proposed bocce court from behind the pickleball court to in front of the court, before the small picnic table. This action would result in a shorter court; not regulation size. Maintenance responsibility of the court was also discussed. Action tabled.

Center Avenue Bridge Lights - Proposal received from Duquesne Light to upgrade the Center Avenue Bridge lights to LED at a cost to the borough of \$16.02 month per light. Center Avenue Bridge is a Pittsburgh Regional Transit-owned bridge and the borough has no responsibility for anything bridge related. No action taken.

Shade Tree Committee/Tree Vitalize – Coordinator Ellen Conrad Winslow reported the grant has been submitted for trees with Western PA Conservancy. Planting locations are still in discussion with borough property committee but trees are likely to be planted at Marmo Park. A resolution will need to be drafted for this committee.

Deputy Fire Marshal – Fire Marshal Rob Bennett submitted a request to council for two deputy fire marshals to assist him and learn the duties. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Boyd to appoint Michael Kohl and Sean Boaks as Deputy Fire Marshals to Rob Bennet, Fire Marshal. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Hearing Board, Reappointment – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Leighty to reappoint Ed Young to the Zoning Hearing Board to a term which expires 7/1/2029. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Planning Commission, Resignation – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Boyd to accept with regret for his long service to the community, the resignation from William Rumpf. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Planning Commission, Appointment – Ms. Boyd nominated Jessica Gorby; Mr. Leighty nominated Patrick Kaderka to the vacancy. Roll call was unanimous for Ms. Gorby. MOTION by Ms. Boyd, second by Mr. Getz to appoint Jessica Gorby to the Planning Commission to a term which expires 12/31/2027. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Planning Commission, Alternate – MOTION by Mr. Leighty, second by Mr. Getz to appoint Patrick Kaderka to the Planning Commission as an Alternate. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Leighty acknowledged the successful Memorial Day Parade and services and thanked all who helped with this annual event.

Mr. Getz reported on his attendance at the PSAB Hershey Conference. One item discussed was increasing the bidding threshold tied to construction work

Josie Ramsey, 240 Greenwood Avenue – frustrated there is little to no communication from Columbia Gas relative to the on-going pipeline upgrades and road closures. Ms. Ramsey also announced the Union Pacific “Big Boy” locomotive is making its way across the United States in honor of the country’s 250th birthday. The train is scheduled to pass through Emsworth on July 11 around 5 p.m. before making a stop in Leetsdale.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Boyd to Adjourn the June 10, 2026, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary