EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – October 14, 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 V. Mary called the October 14, 2026, council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, Allegheny County District I Rep was introduced.

Allegheny County District I Representative – Hon. Kathleen Madonna Emerling
Ms. Emerling represents 15 communities and 7 school districts in District I. Ms. Emerling offered assistance through letters of support for borough projects; she updated council on various county policies including county council to vote on a 12-week parental leave after the birth, adoption or stillbirth providing 100% of pay; the proposed property reassessments and a ballot referendum to allow county council members to have a county-funded staff, offices and benefits. Ms. Emerling concluded her report by requesting to be kept informed on borough priorities and underscored the importance of the borough and county working together.

MINUTES APPROVAL
MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the September 9, 2026, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote; Ms. Boyd abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Lucas Leighty thanked Facchiano on the recent work done within the borough and thanked EVFC for their time and effort visiting schools during fire week.

Ellen Conrad Winslow addressed council and distributed paperwork relative to the TreeVitalize Program. Eleven trees will be planted Saturday, November 14 and volunteers were encouraged to attend. Mr. Leighty expressed concern about trees slated for planting at 235-237 Center Avenue as this property is scheduled for demolition.

MAYOR REPORT – Chaz Bolte
Public Safety: OTPD: 134 calls; EVFC: 61 calls; QRS: 25 calls
Mayor Bolte reported he was invited to a recent regional progress forum at the University of Pittsburgh. Mayor Bolte read a proclamation recognizing borough treasurer, Rebecca De Stefano.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.
Sol. McTiernan is working with Gateway Engineers on an agreement with West View Water Authority for Locust Street restoration, to delay paving of this street to allow settling and then pave in 2027. Mr. Getz reminded council Locust Street is a state street.

ENGINEER REPORT – Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.
2025 Corrective Action Repairs – Gateway submitted forms for $293,899 reimbursement for this project.
SHACOG - Gateway recommends replying yes to the surveys that will be discussed under Infrastructure.
2026 Pavement Management – Milling work began on Kilbuck, Vista and Courtney Streets; ADA ramp work in this area will be completed prior to paving.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan/JohnTadler
No Report

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Jessica Boyd/Abigail Donovan
Halloween Parade - Saturday, October 24 at 10 a.m. Pre-registration for residents ages 12 and under will be held at the borough office during the week of October 19.
Trick or Treat - Saturday, October 31, from 6 -8 p.m.
Avonworth Community Park - Saturday, October 24, 7:30 p.m.; Camp Horror
General Election Day – Tuesday, November 3, the borough hall is the only voting station in the borough.

GRANTS – Paul F. Getz/Michael V. Mary
Mr. Leighty met with a representative from the Active Transportation grant for a pre-planning meeting; the grant application will be submitted March 2027.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/Lucas Leighty
SHACOG CCTV O&M Year 26 – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Leighty to participate in the SHACOG CCTV O&M Year 26 for cleaning and inspecting sanitary sewer lines. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SHACOG CCTV O&M Year 15 – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to participate in the SHACOG CCTV O&M Year 15 for preventive maintenance. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SHACOG CCTV O&M Year 19 – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to participate in the SHACOG CCTV O&M Year 19 for pipe lining. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SR 65 Paving - Mr. Getz reported PennDOT will be milling and paving SR 65 in 2027 and PennDOT has requested three manholes be raised; Emsworth will buy the lids and PennDOT will install.

Center Avenue Bridge Lights – Mr. Leighty is working with Duquesne Light relative to getting the bridge lights upgraded and in working order.

PERSONNEL/PUBLIC WORKS – Jessica Boyd/Abigail Donovan
No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY – Michael V. Mary/Chaz Bolte
Emsworth/Ben Avon Borough and Emsworth/Kilbuck Twp. Fire Agreements – Mr. Getz reported he met a representative from the fire commission at the Hershey Conference who recommended a fire audit be performed; no particular agency was recommended for the audit. Mr. Getz stated the last audit was over 10 years ago and added when he did an investigation, he uncovered estimated hidden costs of $135K and implored council to consider a one-year current contract extension until an audit can be conducted. It is hoped contracted municipalities would add more funding so Emsworth taxpayers do not bear additional costs. Mayor Bolte noted Kilbuck Twp. has already approved their five-year contract and expressed concern this would give Ben Avon the opportunity to explore other options and sign with another fire department. Mr. Yurkovich suggested the contract decision be tabled one month to allow public safety, the solicitor and fire company time to discuss. Michael Kohl stated fire company officials met with the

public safety committee in June and this new contract was reflective of the meeting. The fire company has been awaiting a follow-up meeting with public safety. He added both Ben Avon Borough and Kilbuck Twp. are satisfied with the five year proposed contract. Mr. Kohl explained the contract numbers came from the most recent Census and equated to $35/person but the end goal was to be at $40/person at the end of the five year contract. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Leighty to extend the current Emsworth Borough fire contract with Ben Avon Borough and Kilbuck Township for one year. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz, CBO
Bulk Rock Salt Contract – Low bidder through QVCOG bulk rock salt initiative was Morton Salt in the amount of $139.61 /ton. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Leighty to participate in the QVCOG Bulk Rock Salt Contract with Morton Salt for the 2026-2027 season; est. 300 tons, $139.61/ton covered by Res. No. 2026-10. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PA Resource Council (PRC) in conjunction with QVCOG will hold a recycling event at Buncher Industrial Park, Leetsdale, on October 17; pre-registration is required at PRC.org.

Annual Intergovernmental Reception – Wednesday, October 28 from 6-8 p.m. at the Edgeworth Country Club; $75/person. There was no interest to attend.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/JohnTadler
None

FINANCE – Abigail Donovan/Lucas Lieghty
Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Leighty, second by Mr. Getz to approve the bill list as presented with the following additions: EVFC $175; Tri State Maintenance $410; Facchiano Construction $2931; Emsworth Borough transfer from sewer fund to general fund for corrective action repairs $200K. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2027 Budget - Draft Budget distributed for council's review; motion to advertise at the November meeting and adopt at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
Ms. Boyd reported telephone pole upgrades by Duquesne Light and Verizon in the borough and questioned what happens with the veterans banners if they need to be removed and not rehung by the utility company. Mayor Bolte offered to head the initiative to rehang any banners that are removed.

OLD BUSINESS
Mayernik Field Cameras – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to work with the Surveillance Group to install cameras at Mayernik Field not to exceed $6k. Discussion: Pres. Mary reported the current cameras are 25 years old and need upgraded, OTPD pledged $3K from a grant towards this upgrade. 7 IP based cameras, wireless nodes, recorder and accessories to provide coverage of field, parking lot and parameter. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Dan Lenz, 247 Camp Horne Road – questioned if the fire company/borough was reimbursed by the government for a fuel tax. Mr. Getz replied Wright Express removes this state tax before billing.

ADJOURN
MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to Adjourn the October 14, 2026, meeting at 7:45 p.m.
Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary