

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2025

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

President Kevin Yurkovich called the February 12, 2025, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the January 8, 2025, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to approve the January 8, 2025, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Lenz voted nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR REPORT – Jessica Boyd

Public Safety: OTPD: 124 calls; EVFC: 57 calls; QRS: 19 calls
Mayor Boyd thanked the volunteer fire company for their responses during the recent extreme cold temperatures.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

Ord. 1018, Stipend for Council and Mayor, has been advertised and is ready to consider to adopt. Sol. McTiernan reminded council this would become effective after the 2025 election. MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski to adopt Ord. 1018. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

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

O&M CCTV Inspection and Cleaning of Sanitary and Storm Lines, Year 15. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to advertise for Year 15 O&M Inspection and Cleaning as recommended by Gateway Engineers. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

O&M Open Cut Repairs, Year 13 – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to participate in the Year 13 O&M Open Cut Repairs as recommended by Gateway Engineers. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2025 Corrective Action Contract Repairs – Three bids were received (Insight Pipe; Insituform; Jet Jack); low bidder is Insituform with a bid of \$530,416. If the add-alternate is factored in, Jet Jack would be the low bidder. After discussion, and on the recommendation from Gateway Engineers, council decided to award on the base bid only and apply for grants for the future work. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to award the 2025 Corrective Action Contract Repairs to Insituform in the amount of \$530,416. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2025 Road Paving Program – 2025 Road paving project will include a portion of Huntington Avenue and Western Avenue with the public works parking lot as an add-alternate; estimated cost is \$255-288K. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to advertise to bid the 2025 Road Paving Program. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Marmo Park – DCNR grant is progressing. Mr. Flynn and Ms. Donovan will meet shortly to review the grant and begin the planning phase for the Marmo Park upgrades. Additional grant funding will be applied for through a small community grant which is a 50-50 share. This grant application is due beginning of April and will need a concurring resolution which Gateway Engineers will provide at the March 12 council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan

Leak in mens' restroom ceiling. Mr. Fashion called My Pittsburgh Roofing to check the leak as the restroom is under the recent flat roof install. MPR tech cited frozen area around the drain; once temperatures rose above frigid, there was no further leaking.

Centennial Clock motor needs repaired. Messrs. Getz and Fashion will remove the motor and send to Herwig Lighting for repair.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz

Walliston Avenue – After cameraing, two collapsed pipes on Walliston Avenue were discovered: 157 ft. down from the manhole at Walliston and Ivanhoe and 50 ft. up from the manhole at Center and Walliston, approximately 60 ft. section of 8” terra cotta pipe is collapsed between the pipes. Repair bids are being solicited. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Mary to award the bid for the Walliston Ave sewer repairs to the contractor under \$23,800. Three bids must be received. Mr. Getz added state purchases and contracts figures were increased for 2025: purchases and contracts below \$12,900 require no formal bidding or written/telephone quotes; between \$12,900 and \$23,800 requires three written/telephone quotes and over \$23,800 requires formal bidding. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Mr. Getz questioned when prevailing wages can be waived; i.e., when the project is only replacing existing materials and not making improvements. Sol. McTiernan will research this for council.

PERSONNEL – Kevin Wisniewski

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary

Mr. Mary commended Mr. Fashian for the great job in keeping the borough roads clear during the recent snow events.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz

No Report

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary, Jr.

Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to approve the bill list with the following additions: Marmo Technology \$1117.95; State Pipe Services \$1040; SWIF \$882; Tri State Maintenance \$410. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

ALOM 7 Springs Conference, April 3-6 – Mr. Getz was interested to attend. MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski to send Mr. Getz to the Allegheny League of Municipalities Spring Conference at 7 Springs at a cost of \$1244.45 for the three-day conference. Registration fee is complimentary as the borough is a Banner Community. Motion unanimously carried by roll call; Mr. Getz abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Getz to Adjourn the February 12, 2025, meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary