

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – August 12, 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 August 12, 2026, council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the July 8, 2026, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Mr. Getz by to approve the July 8, 2026, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR REPORT – Chaz Bolte, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD: 202 calls; EVFC: 42 calls; QRS: 14 calls

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.

Vape Shop Ordinance – Draft ordinance will need to be sent to Allegheny County Planning Dept.; and Emsworth Borough Planning Commission prior to advertising for a public hearing and adoption of the ordinance.

State Farm, December 2025 Accident, Allegheny Avenue – Check reportedly has been mailed to the borough, it is not full payment. Once the control box has been installed by Traffic Systems, the additional \$38K claim will be submitted to State Farm.

Vacant Lots – Several vacant properties have adjacent interested parties. Discussion followed as to taking this action through Sheriff Sale at a cost of \$10-12K paid by the interested buyer or joining Allegheny County's Vacant Property program which involves passing a resolution to join this program and signing an agreement with Allegheny County. Sol. McTiernan will forward information to council.

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

2025 Corrective Action Repairs – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler, to approve Pay App #6 & Final to Insituform in the amount of \$20,154.62. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2025 Paving Program - MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to approve Pay App #2 & Final to El Grande in the amount of \$21,570.69. Discussion: Mr. Getz questioned if the water ponding on Atlantic Avenue at the borough garage was addressed. Mr. Flynn said it had been, but added in the future a catch basin may need to be added in this area. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Mayernik Field Lighting – Project awarded to Musco Lighting; MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to approve contractor to proceed with Option B for the LED lighting upgrades in the amount of \$175,324.00. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

CDBG YR52, ADA Ramps – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to authorize Gateway Engineers to proceed with the ADA design to bid early 2027. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Planning Commission, Holy Family Institute - MOTION by Mr. Yurkovich, second by Ms. Donovan to reject the recommendation from the planning commission to allow Holy Family Institute to proceed with their proposal for an additional parking lot adjacent to Maple Avenue until a traffic study is performed. HFI will be notified of this decision. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Planning Commission, GS Jones – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the recommendation from the planning commission, pending punch list review and authorization from Gateway Engineers, to proceed with their proposed land development. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

GIS Data Base – Gateway Engineers is updating the GIS data base to include road projects, street evaluations, ADA ramps and other infrastructure items.

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan

Shade Tree Committee – Inaugural meeting held with interested residents. MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Ms. Boyd to appoint the following to the Shade Tree Committee to a term which expires 8/31/2029: Ellen C. Winslow; Marta Lysik; Sam Burns; Megan Migyanko, Abby Donovan. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Jessica Boyd/ Abigail Donovan

No Report

GRANTS – Paul F. Getz/Michael V. Mary

Technical Assistance Program – Mayor Bolte reported on an Allegheny County Technical Assistance Program through Main Streets Allegheny which supports revitalization of neighborhood commercial districts. Businesses apply direct to the County by the August 28 deadline; there is no input from council required, although a letter of support will be sent if requested.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz/Lucas Leighty

SR 65 @ Orchard Avenue – Storm sewer blocked on Ohio River Blvd. at Orchard Avenue; heavy rain lifted roadway. Line was jettered but unsuccessful, camera revealed large broken chunks of terra cotta pipe. RCC is currently mobilized as subcontractor for West View Authority and will complete the emergency repair work.

Mayernik Field Wireless Router – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to approve Verizon wireless router static line installation at Mayernik Field to boost signal to cameras to include concession stand, dumpster and walkway area at a cost not to exceed \$650 with a \$45/month charge. Mr. Mary added this is for safety only; no televised softball games. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PERSONNEL/PUBLIC WORKS – Jessica Boyd/Abigail Donovan

No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY – C. Bolte/M. Mary

No Report

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz, CBO

QVCOG Refuse/Recycling Contract – Bid is in process.

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Res. 2026-07, SR 65 Safety Audit – QVCOG sent draft letter to municipalities for review and requested a letter mailed to PennDOT requesting a safety audit of the Ohio River Boulevard prior to proposed paving in 2027. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to adopt Res. No. 2026-07 requesting PennDOT to perform a safety audit of SR 65, Ohio River Boulevard, prior to their proposed 2027 paving project. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan

500 Huntington has been inspected by the borough's code enforcement agency, The Harshman Group. The splash park has been shut down and alligators removed. Tenant plans to submit a zoning application to use space as a warehouse. Harshman Group reports the balance of the building is in compliance.

FINANCE – Abigail Donovan

Bill List - MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Getz to approve the bill list as presented with the following additions: Cummins Sales \$362.91; Lindy Paving \$242; NAPA \$159.99; Tri State \$930; Tri State \$4029.25; Xerox \$47.84; Insituform \$20,154.62; El Grande \$21570.69. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2027 Budget – Council was requested to send committee considerations for the 2027 budget to the finance committee.

NEW BUSINESS

PSAB Erie Fall Conference – Mr. Getz expressed interest to attend. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Leighty to send Mr. Getz to the PSAB Erie Fall Conference, October 9-11; \$200/registration plus \$169 plus tax/night for hotel accommodation. Motion unanimously carried by roll call; Mr. Getz abstained.

Zoning Hearing Board Reappointment – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to reappoint Ed Young to the Zoning Hearing Board to a term which expires 7/1 2029. Motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Addition - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to add to the August 12 Agenda discussion of bulk rock salt. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SHACOG Bulk Rock Salt – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to participate in the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance with American Rock Salt for bulk rock salt delivery for the 2026-2027 season at a rate of \$166.00 per ton. Mr. Getz reported American Rock Salt was the only bidder; and the amount is double from the previous season. Co-Stars has closed their contract participation for this year, currently leaving no other option. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Marmo Park Bocce Court – After discussion of the proposed bocce court including location change, smaller court size and maintenance, council will respectfully decline the offer from Mr. Marmo. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Leighty to decline the proposal from Mr. Marmo to install a bocce court at Marmo Park. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Drew Potoski, 228 Greenwood Avenue – distressed about speeders on SR 65, Ohio River Blvd., and sees no police enforcement. Mr. Mary added the resolution passed tonight requesting PennDOT to perform a safety audit of SR 65 before paving in 2027 is part of this public safety concern. Sgt. Beck, OTPD,

replied numerous municipalities are encountering speeding problem; and added if someone sees an officer sitting they are usually running traffic detail or are completing on-line reports. Sgt. Beck concluded that radar would be a major assistance with speeding enforcement.

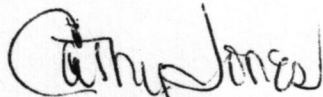
Kathleen Wilwohl, 226 Walliston Avenue – questioned if Maple Avenue residents were made aware of the planning commission meeting with regard to Holy Family Institute proposed parking lot. Sol. McTiernan replied municipalities have no obligation to send individual notices. Pres. Mary added Ms. Donovan posts on the borough's Facebook page for meetings and events.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to Adjourn the August 12, 2026, meeting at 8:30 p.m. to an executive session.

Executive Session - An executive session of council will be held immediately following the meeting for discussion of possible litigation. No motions will be entertained; the meeting will be held in compliance with the Sunshine Laws. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cathy Jones", written over a horizontal line.

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary