

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
Business Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2022

**Council Members Present** – Abigail Donovan; Brian J. Fashian; Paul F. Getz; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary; Kevin Yurkovich

**Others Present** – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq., Borough Solicitor; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E., Borough Engineer;(via telephone); Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

**Absent** - AmySue Lillie, Mayor; Jason Helfrich

President Yurkovich called the April 13, 2022, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the March 9, 2022, Minutes were presented for approval.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mr. Fashian; second by Ms. Donovan to approve the March 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Getz abstained.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**MAYORS REPORT – Pres. Yurkovich for AmySue Lillie, Mayor**

No public safety report this evening.

PSAB Hershey Conference, May 22-25 – There was no interest/availability to attend.

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq., Borough Solicitor**

No Report this evening.

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

2021 Paving Program – Courtney Street and Wallison Avenue utility work was completed in 2021. Columbia Gas has indicated a plan to replace lines under Hiland Ave., Emsworth Ave., Avon Drive and Race Street in 2022. Updated cost estimates are being prepared for this work. Milling and paving for Courtney and Wallison was preliminarily estimated at \$192,800; cost increase is expected for 2022.

7600 Brighton Road/Vinegar Hollow – Survey and site investigation was performed. Field assessment will be made during drier weather to determine a solution. A meeting will be scheduled with Kilbuck Twp. and Ben Avon Borough officials as Vinegar Hollow encompasses these communities as well as Emsworth.

Consent Order Phase II – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Donovan to authorize and sign Dukes iTrackers proposal to perform flow isolation work in the amount of \$14,400.00. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Consent Order Contract B MH-MH – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to authorize payment of No. 1 and Final to Jet Jack in the amount of \$9945.10 for Consent Order Work, Contract B, MH-MH Lining. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

SHACOG O&M Year 12 – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Ms. Donovan to concur with SHACOG award O&M CCTV Year 12 to State Pipe in the amount of \$294,300; Emsworth share is \$19,050. Motion carried by roll call.

GROW Grant – Reimbursement to W. Petrakis is underway through the Grow Grant and Small Water & Sewer Grant for the SR 65 force main replacement project completed in 2021.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan**

Ms. Donovan reported Csaszar Plumbing was called to work on the small boiler; parts have been ordered. The pump to the boiler needs replaced; Csaszar indicated the couplers were installed backwards. Mr. Lenz clarified he only worked on the big boiler, not the small boiler and received approval for the aqua stat. It was the opinion of Mr. Mary

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and the concurrence of council that it is in the best interest of the borough to contract work out rather than have work done in-house.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS – Brian Fashian/Michael Mary/Abigail Donovan**  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. at Marmo Park.

**INFRASTRUCTURE – Dan Lenz/Paul F. Getz**  
No report this evening.

**PERSONNEL – Brian J. Fashian/Michael V. Mary**  
No report this evening.

**PUBLIC WORKS – Dan Lenz/Abigail Donovan**  
DPW Truck #485 – Tires rotated; #485 license plate is missing; replacement plate has been ordered; cracked light lens; salt spreader was bent and will need addressed before winter season. Garage has been cleaned up.

Seasonal Help - MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Fashian to advertise for part-time summer help at a rate of \$10/hour. Discussion: Pres. Yurkovich reminded council if the part-time employee is under 21, they cannot drive the borough trucks and if DPW has a call off, no one can work that day. Mr. Lenz would like to have a discussion for a part-time maintenance supervisor for public work. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashian**  
Mr. Getz reported the glass recycling is doing well in Sewickley. A Hard to Recycle event is planned for July 23 at the Quaker Valley High School from 9 am – 1 pm. This event is hosted by PA Resource Council and registration is required prior to the event at prc.org.

**ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz**  
No report this evening.

**FINANCE – Michael Mary/Brian J. Fashian**  
Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Fashian, to approve the Bill List as presented with one addition to Logi-Tek in the amount of \$95.00. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
Two Catch Basins on Center Avenue and One Catch Basin on Glenn Street – Two proposals were received; G. Sadler Construction & Excavation and G. Salandro Excavation. MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Mary to award the catch basin work on Center Avenue and Glenn Street to G. Salandro in the amount of \$7800. Mr. Getz reported a sinkhole on Kilbuck Street under the curb was recently reported. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

192 Superior Avenue, Turnkey Solutions – Basement walls are due to be delivered by the end of April, but it is still a dangerous situation with an open hole and plastic fencing that falls over, since October 2021. Sol. McTiernan has spoken with the owner and sent a letter. Code enforcement will file a citation at the district magistrate's office.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
Holy Family Institute – Gateway reviewed the proposed improvements of the HFI parking lot and has submitted comments to the applicant. Recent meeting was held with engineering, legal and Messrs. Yurkovich and Fashian. Mr. Lenz expressed an interest to attend future meetings so he can report to the planning commission.

73 Hiland, Public Hearing & Ord. 1012– MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Donovan to advertise a public hearing set for Wednesday, May 11, 6 p.m. for the discussion to rezone 73 Hiland, former church and vacant lot, from R-1 to C-2 upon the recommendation of the planning commission. Zoning officer Chris Rearick has filed appropriate information with the Allegheny County Planning Department; motion is to also advertise Ord. 1012 covering the rezone from R-1 to C-2 and to update the zoning map.. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

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Ord. 1012 – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Donovan to advertise Ord. 1012 to rezone 73 Hiland Avenue, two parcels, from R-1 to C-2. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

235-237 Center Avenue – Mr. Lenz reported that Dominic Mantella, property owner, has reduced the proposed apartment size from ten to eight units and will present at the April 27 meeting of the planning commission.

Local Government Week - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Fashian to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01, recognizing Local Government Week, April 11-15, 2022. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

National Volunteers Week – The community members who volunteer and represent Emsworth on the board at Avonworth Community Park, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and also the Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company were thanked during this recognition week.

Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee (ANTCC) Appointment – Letter received from resident Alexander Nalevanko expressing an interest to be appointed to the ANTCC. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Fashian, to appoint Alexander Nalevanko to the ANTCC. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**ADJOURN**

Pres. Yurkovich Adjourned the April 13, 2022, council meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES  
Borough Secretary