

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202  
Business Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2021 via ZOOM

**Council Members Present** – Brian Fashian; Paul F. Getz; Jason Helfrich; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary, Jr. Kevin Yurkovich

**Council Member Absent** – Jolene Bennett

**Others Present** – AmySue Lillie, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq., Borough Solicitor; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E., Borough Engineer; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Yurkovich called the June 9, 2021, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., the May 12, 2021, Business Meeting Minutes were considered for approval.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Helfrich to approve the May 12, 2021, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Fashian abstained; Mr. Lenz voted nay.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie, Mayor**

Public Safety: OTPD – 92 calls; EVFC – 27 calls

Mayor Lillie thanked Ohio Twp Police and Emsworth Volunteer Fire Co. for their service to the community.

Rep. Anita Kulik and reps from Allegheny County Health Dept. will meet June 11, 1:30 p.m. at the borough hall for the discussion of Metallico on Neville Island and its impact of noise and odor on our community.

Honor Banners – The mayor is in receipt of additional banner orders and is closer to the minimum quantity of ten as now required from Raleigh’s Outdoor Advertising.

Dare to Dream Scholarship – 2021 winners of \$500 each are: Maxwell Fisher; Natalie Grillo; Adrianna Guisto and Kamden Otstot.

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

No report this evening.

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

Force Main Replacement Project – Mr. Flynn reported the pre-construction meeting for the force main project was held June 4; Petrakis Contracting plans to start at the beginning of July for the 4-week project. Grant awards: GROW Grant, \$111,900 (37.7% of construction costs); Small Water & Sewer Grant, \$140,000; total project cost: \$184,000; cost to the borough should be minimal.

2021 Road Program – West View Authority is completing their line replacement work. Columbia Gas should begin their line replacement work in late June.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOROUGH PROPERTY – Mr. Helfrich**

Mr. Mister – Misting system has experienced leaking; parts are hard to find; council should consider replacing or remove; contact Mr. Helfrich with ideas or comments.

Marmo Park Restrooms - Mr. Helfrich reported the actual cost for professional cleaning of the park restrooms to Adams Comm. Property Maintenance Service is \$35 per side; not per visit, as had been voted on last month; making the total \$70/visit. Discussion followed as to accept additional \$35 fee from those who have paid to date; then assessing an additional \$35 to those renters who have not yet paid. Mayor Lillie offered to donate \$500 towards the seasonal cleaning fees; and, Sol. McTiernan acknowledged the mayor could do this as a personal donation. Mr. Fashian recommended the borough, through the park maintenance account, pay the additional cost for all renters this season (15-20 rentals) keeping the cost at \$95/rental plus \$25 deposit for residents; \$135/rental plus \$50 deposit for non-residents. MOTION by Mr. Helfrich, second by Mr. Fashian to pay \$70/visit for cleaning the restrooms to ACPMS after a pavilion rental at Marmo Park; the borough will cover the additional \$35 from the incorrect motion at last month's meeting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS – Messrs. Fashian/Mary**

North Boroughs Community Day – North Boroughs Fireworks Committee will hold its annual Community Day on July 3. MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Helfrich to donate \$500 to the North Boroughs Fireworks Committee. Discussion: It was noted Council had approved \$1K in April (\$500 for 2020; event was cancelled due to CoVid and \$500 for 2021). Messrs. Fashian and Helfrich rescinded their motion.

Identity Theft Prevention and On-Site Shredding will be held June 12 from 9-11 a.m. at the Moon Area Middle School Parking Lot, sponsored by State Sen. Devlin Robinson.

**PUBLIC WORKS – Messrs. Fashian/Lenz**

Pres. Yurkovich reminded council there is a chain of command for public works; the committee is Messrs. Fashian and Lenz who should be contacted for anything public works related.

**SR 65 PUMP STATION – Messrs. Getz/Lenz**

No report this evening.

**QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashian**

PA Resource Council Traveling Glass Recycling will be at Aleppo Municipal Lot June 26-July 1. Future glass recycling site information is on the borough's web site.

**ROADS – Messrs. Getz/Mr. Helfrich**

Mayor Lillie reported she has been contacted re stones and debris that accumulate at the bottom of Clearview on Bryson. Mr. Fashian will talk with the DPW to sweep this up and keep a check on it.

**SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashian**

No report this evening.

**FINANCE – Mr. Mary**

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Getz to approve the Bill List as presented with the following additions: Columbia Gas, \$37.13; North Boroughs Fireworks, \$1000 (approved April 2021); Tri State Maintenance, \$1025; AGAA \$2785.60; Gateway Engineers \$3103.20. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resignation – Pres. Yurkovich announced Jolene Bennett submitted a letter of resignation from council as she was moving from the borough effective May 31, 2021.

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Helfrich to accept the resignation of Jolene Bennett effective May 31, 2021. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Discussion followed as to a date within the 30-day timeframe to appoint a new member of council.

Special Meeting - MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Mary to hold a special meeting of council on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 6:30 p.m. to fill the vacancy on council. Letters of interest should be submitted to the borough office. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Re-appointment – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to re-appoint Brad Collins to the Zoning Hearing Board to a term that expires July 1, 2024. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

GIS, Gateway – Pres. Yurkovich announced a user-friendly software program for Public Works and Council that will track PA One Calls, sewer videos, catch basin maintenance throughout the borough as well as other services. Mr. Flynn will prepare a short presentation to be held before the July 14 meeting.

Mr. Getz questioned if council meetings will be held in person beginning with the June 30 special meeting to fill the vacancy on council. Pres. Yurkovich stated yes, all meetings will now be held in person at the borough hall. Mr. Flynn was questioned if he could be ready with the GIS presentation after the short June 30 special meeting. Mr. Flynn will check his colleague who will also attend to present and advise council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**ADJOURN**

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to Adjourn the June 9, 2021, council meeting at 7:20 p.m. Pres. Yurkovich thanked everyone while the meetings were held via Zoom but looked forward to in-person meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES  
Borough Secretary