

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2022

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

Council Members Absent – Jason Helfrich

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 October 12, 2022, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the September 14, 2022, Minutes were presented for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Fashian; second by Mr. Mary to approve the September 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

MAYOR'S REPORT - AmySue Lille

Public Safety: OTPD: 104 calls EVFC: 25 calls

Mayor Lillie is working with Avonworth seniors for their volunteer hours; students are checking the honor banners for any maintenance needed and certifying the banner placements match her spread sheet.

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

202 Hazelwood Avenue – Violation letter sent re AirBnB operating in a non-permitted use district. Letter was ignored and no appeal was requested. Next step is a hearing at District Magistrate's office Nov. 2. Pres. Yurkovich stated the borough should receive back fines/penalties for this business operation.

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

2021-22 Road Paving – October 24 is the start date for the road paving on lower Walliston Avenue and Courtney Street; pre-construction meeting will be scheduled prior to the start date.

8131 Ohio River Boulevard – Gateway Engineers prepared comments for this development at Snowy White Laundramat; Planning Commission did approve the lot consolidation and the land development contingent upon a required variance.

DCNR – This park grant is due at the end of the month. MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Lenz to adopt Res. No. 2022-04 for Marmo Park Rehabilitation which would include equipment, playground mulch and lighting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Jason Helfrich/Abigail Donovan/Dan Lenz

Ms. Donovan will follow up with Gateway Engineers consultant, Kathy Frankel, regarding the playground surface grant.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Brian J. Fashian/Mike Mary/Abigail Donovan

Halloween – Halloween Parade will be held Sat. Oct. 29, 10 a.m. beginning at Pennsylvania Avenue.

Trick or Treat will be celebrated Monday, October 31 from 6 – 8 pm. Mayor Lillie will issue costume prizes for the Avonworth Band.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Dan Lenz/Paul F. Getz/Jason Helfrich

Mr. Getz reported Saladino Excavating completed the approved catch basin work throughout the borough.

PERSONNEL – Brian Fashian/Michael V. Mary

Snow Removal Hire – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to advertise in The Citizen for temporary seasonal employees for snow removal 21 years of age or older. Motion unanimously carried by roll call. Mr. Fashian thanked Mr. Getz for his 20+ years of snow removal service for the borough,

Snow Removal Pay Rate – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Mary to approve a rate increase for the snow removal team to \$100 for a three-hour minimum callout within a 12-hour period; rate would be \$33/hour thereafter. Current public works employee is compensated the same for evening or weekend call-outs but is paid regular salary during daytime work hours. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Mr. Fashian will be in charge of the callouts for the snow removal team. Personnel and Public Works Committees will work with DPW regarding getting the snow equipment ready.

PUBLIC WORKS – Dan Lenz/Abigail Donovan

Ms. Donovan reported Ray Rapp is taking zoom winter maintenance classes and Messrs. Lenz and Rapp will participate in a PA One Call Locators class.

Mr. Lenz reported truck #485 has been inspected and needed a tie rod replacement and alignment. Truck #484 will be inspected next.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashian

Mr. Getz reported the borough secretary was recently recognized by the QVCOG Board at their annual dinner for 30 years of public service.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz

No report.

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary/Brian J. Fashian

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Fashian second by Mr. Mary, to approve the Bill List as presented with the following additions: Wright Express \$405.83 and W.B. Mason \$54.99. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

8131 Ohio River Boulevard, Lot Consolidation – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission for a lot consolidation at this property, Snowy White Laundramat, Joe Haney, owner. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

8131 Ohio River Boulevard, Land Development – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Getz to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission for land development at this property, Snowy White Laundramat, Joe Haney, owner; contingent upon remaining items as set forth by the Planning Commission including a Variance. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

NEW BUSINESS

Shred-It – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to accept the Shred-It Proposal up to \$500 for on-site shredding at the borough. As state reps offer shredding events annually, this will not be open to the public. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

E-Code – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to approve the annual maintenance proposal from E-Code for the borough's ordinance codification. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Vending Machines – Call to the office to inquire about permitting vending machines along Center Avenue at businesses or at Marmo Park. Council rejected both; not on borough property and cannot be in the right away of pedestrian traffic.

Covered Vehicles – After discussion, Pres. Yurkovich requested the borough solicitor draft an amendment to a borough ordinance prohibiting covering wheeled vehicles on the streets of the borough this includes but not limited to cars, trucks, RVs, motorcycles, ski-doods, trailers, etc.

Dumpsters – After discussion and review of the dumpster ordinance, Council directed the borough secretary to issue a 30-day permit for a dumpster. There is no charge for this permit but it will help make residents aware that dumpsters can only be on the street for 30 days, must be placed on wood and not on the street, and must have reflective safety cones at each end.

Election – Pres. Yurkovich will be reaching out to candidates Cindy Kirk and Arvind Venkat to discuss capital improvements within the borough; i.e. sewer repairs and how they can help the borough if elected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to Adjourn the October 12, 2022, council meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary