EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2025

Council Members Present – Abigail Donovan; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary; John Tadler; Kevin Wisniewski; Kevin Yurkovich
Council Members Absent – Paul F. Getz, CBO
Others Present – Jessica Boyd, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Kevin Yurkovich called the December 10, 2025, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the November 12, 2025, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL
MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Tadler to approve the November 12, 2025, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Yurkovich abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None
Megan Migynko announced the mural committee will meet December 11 at 6 pm and December 13 at 10 am at the borough building for discussion on the proposed mural to be installed at 206 Center Avenue.

MAYOR REPORT – Jessica Boyd
Public Safety: OTPD: 118 calls; EVFC: 42 calls; QRS: 9 calls

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.
Ord. 1021, 2026 Tax Millage - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski to adopt Ord. 1021, setting the 2026 tax millage at 6.955. Motion carried by roll call with Mr. Lenz voting nay.

ENGINEER REPORT – Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.
CDBG Year 50 ADA Ramps – bids opened but no recommendation to award pending legal advice and input from QVCOG on low bidder; quotes good for 60 days. Action tabled until the January meeting.

Corrective Action Lining – work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

SR 65 Pump Station – Mr. Mary reported Tri State informed council of additional debris and cleaning at the pump station. Mr. Flynn stated the lines have been cameraed and showed nothing out of the ordinary. During the lining project last week on SR 65, excess infiltration had been noticed and West View Water Authority was contacted. A leak in the WVWA line was the cause and the utility company repaired.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
BOROUGH PROPERTY – Michael Mary
No Report

COMMUINITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan
Light-Up Recap – good community turnout and camaraderie for this annual event.
Mural Meeting – Thursday, December 11 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday. December 13 10 a.m. -Noon

INFRASTRUCTURE
No Report

PERSONNEL – Kevin Wisniewski
No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary
Two callouts for snow removal this month. Mr. Mary requested residents make certain their refuse and recycling bins are off the street after collection in case the snow team is called out.

QVCOG – Kevin Yurkovich
Patrick Conners, Executive Director for the QVCOG has taken a position as Director of the South Hills Council of Governments effective January, 2026.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan
No Report

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary, Jr.
2026 Budget Adoption - MOTION by Mr. Mary second by Ms. Donovan to adopt the 2026 Budget in the amount of $2,681,893. Motion carried by roll call with Mr. Lenz voting nay,

Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Tadler to approve the bill list as presented with the following additions: Cargill $2065.78; Comcast $256.03; ComDoc $45.76; Frew Plumbing $14,171; Gateway Engineers $762.50; Walt's Landscaping $745; Holiday Outdoor Décor (Banner) $313.99. Motion unanimously carried by roll call with Mr. Wisniewski voting nay

OLD BUSINESS
Newly Elected Officials Course – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski to send up to four officials to the PSAB Newly Elected Officials Course. Ms. Boyd, Mr. Tadler, Mr. Hollis Bolte were interested to attend; the invitation will be extended to the newly appointed official in January. Motion unanimously carried by roll call

Emergency Management Coordinator, Joe Koehler, announced he will have information at an upcoming council meeting from Allegheny County as to a suggested course to be taken by borough officials.

Holy Family Institute – Sol. McTiernan reported Holy Family Institute challenged the litigation invoices included with the Borough's reimbursement letter. Sol. McTiernan stated under the PA Municipalities Planning Code the Borough can only recover reasonable and necessary charges for reviews conducted by professional consultants; not litigation charges. Pres. Yurkovich expressed his frustration with Holy Family and the Borough just cannot win against them. If HFI loses at the local level, they appeal downtown. Further, HFI buys properties and they are tax exempt, putting a burden on the rest of the community. Pres. Yurkovich urged Avonworth School Board to challenge the tax-exempt basis of Holy Family. MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski to deduct $26,681.50 from the Borough's claim against Holy Family Institute for reimbursement of legal fees. Discussion: Sol. McTiernan reported Attorney Ayoob (HFI) agreed to accept Gateway Engineers' invoices "as is" if council agrees to the reduction of the Tucker-Arensberg bills. Motion carried with Pres. Yurkovich voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS

Lot Consolidation 8347-8349 Ohio River Blvd., 275-S-35; 275-S-72 - WMB Restoration request was approved by Planning Commission November 26, 2025; now considered for adoption by Emsworth Council. MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to approve the proposed lot consolidation at 8347-8349 Ohio River Blvd. Discussion: Mr. Lenz reported WMB Restoration plans to demo the house and out buildings and add on to the existing building, crossing parcel lines. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Act 172, Firefighter Tax Credit – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to approve the firefighters list as provided by James Kohl, Chief, for Act 172 reimbursement. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Avonworth Community Park Reappointment – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler, to reappoint Kristen Bennett to the Avonworth Community Park Board; term expires 12/31/2026. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Planning Commission Reappointment – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Tadler, to reappoint Andrew Potoski and Walter Kenderski to the Planning Commission; term expires 12/31/2029. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Zoning Hearing Board Reappointment - MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Mr. Lenz, to reappoint Brian Schmigel to the Zoning Hearing Board; term expires 7/1/2028. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Katheen Wilwohl, 226 Walliston Avenue, requested confirmation on the 2026 tax millage (6.955).

ADJOURN

MOTION by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Tadler to Adjourn the December 10, 2025, meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary