EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2025

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

President Kevin Yurkovich called the April 9, 2025, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the March 12, 2025, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL
MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the March 12, 2025, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Tadler abstained. Mr. Lenz voted nay.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT
Pres. Yurkovich announced two letters of interest were submitted for the vacancy on Council, from John Tadler and Chaz Bolte. Mr. Tadler's letter indicated he was interested to serve his community after working for Allegheny County for 27 years and currently works at Avonworth School District with special education students and volunteers as a softball coach for AGAA. Mr. Bolte's letter indicated he was interested to serve his community and has knowledge in communicating via media, working with a minimum budget and plans a newsletter through Mailchimp as he felt there is a communication problem in the borough.

Ms. Donovan questioned Mr. Bolte, if he was seeking the mayoral position in the upcoming election; Mr. Bolte replied he was. Ms. Donovan questioned Mr. Tadler that, if chosen, was he planning to run in the upcoming election as council has suffered through turnovers this last year; Mr. Tadler replied he would run for the seat to retain the council position. Mr. Lenz asked how long they have lived in Emsworth: Mr. Tadler: 27 years; Mr. Bolte: 4 years.
MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Mary to appoint John Tadler to the vacant position on council.
Term expires 12/31/2025. Motion carried by roll call; Mr. Lenz voted nay.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR REPORT – Jessica Boyd
Public Safety: OTPD: 137 calls; EVFC: 51 calls; QRS: 12 calls
Chief Hanny reported an aggressive driver patrol was run along SR 65 today and 38 citations were issued.
A future patrol running from Beaver County line to the City of Pittsburgh is planned for the future.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.
Sol. McTiernan underscored that Mr. Tadler's appointment term expires 12/31/2025.

BANNER COMMUNITY
Mr. Getz recently attend the Allegheny League of Municipalities Conference and submitted the official proclamation as presented to him at the conference by Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato for Emsworth being designated a Banner Community.

ENGINEER REPORT – Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.
Holy Family Institute Sewage Planning Module – Gateway reviewed the sewage planning module as submitted by HFI. Emsworth planning commission will need to sign Component 4A; the Borough will need to pass a resolution adopting the planning module; the Borough will need to sign the Transmittal Letter and Checklist; the Borough will need to submit the complete planning module back to Sheffler & Company (developer) for submittal to the PA DEP.
MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to adopt Res. No. 2025-05, sewage planning module for Holy Family Institute. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Spring Street – Gateway will prepare and submit a PA Small Water & Sewer Grant for the full repair of the pipe and installation of an endwall. Project cost estimate is $231,962; grant request is $197,150 (85%); local share is $34,182 (15%); a resolution will need to be adopted for this grant.
MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Lenz to adopt Res. 2025-02 for the Small Water & Sewer Grant for the Spring Street endwall. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Marmo Park– DCNR Marmo Park Phase II Improvements – Gateway submitted the grant to DCNR in the amount of $417,750; this grant is a 50/50 match and the anticipated borough match is $209,000; resolution needs adopted. Mr. Flynn reminded council the current grant money of a lesser amount may be returned if the borough is successful in obtaining this larger grant. MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Mary to adopt Res. No. 2025-03 for DCNR Marmo Park Phase II Improvements. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2025 Road Paving – This contract has been awarded to El Grande Industries with a base bid of $201,440 and add Alternate bid No. 1 of $25,225 (($226,665). A pre-construction meeting will be held in April.

GROW Grant – An agreement extension has been approved by ALCOSAN for the GROW grant covering the first phase of the pump station force main management project. The extension amended the original end date from 3/31/2025 to 3/31/2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan
Cummins Generator – Cummins will be sending a proposal for a generator replacement.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan
Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. at Marmo Park. Good turnout and the Easter Bunny arrived by fire truck to the delight of all the children.

Primary Election –Tuesday, May 20; the only voting station in the borough is the borough hall for Districts 1 and 2.

Memorial Parade – Monday, May 26, Parade, 10 a.m.; Services 11 a.m., Ben Avon Community Presbyterian Church.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz
Catch Basins – work has been completed by Zim Excavating for the Spring Street catch basin and work was completed by RCC Contracting for the catch basin on Walliston and the catch basin on Allegheny Avenue.

PERSONNEL – Kevin Wisniewski
Thank you to all borough employees for jobs well done. MOTION by Mr. Wisniewski, second by Mr. Getz to authorize a 3% salary increase to Brian Fashian, DPW. Motion carried by roll call; Mr. Lenz voted nay.

MOTION by Mr. Wisneiwski, second by Ms. Donovan to authorize a 3% salary increase for Cathy Jones, borough secretary. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

MOTION by Mr. Wisneiwski, second by Ms. Donovan to authorize a 3% salary increase for Kathy Taschner, borough assistant. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

MOTION by Mr. Wisneiwski, second by Ms. Donovan to authorize a salary increase of $50/month for Rebecca McNeil, borough treasurer. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary
Pot hole patching has begun.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz
Mr. Getz will work with Patrick Conners, Ex. Dir. QVCOG, and Mr. Flynn to address which ADA ramps will be replaced as a grant is in play for $45K; each ramp is $18K; substantial savings to the borough if ramps need replaced in the paving project area.

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary, Jr.
Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Mr. Wisniewski, to approve the bill list with the following additions: ALCOSAN $144,127.20; Columbia Gas $48.36; Duquesne Light $1200; SWIF $882; Tri State Maintenance $280; ZIM Excavating $12,500. Motion carried by roll call; Mr. Tadler abstained.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS
Local Government Week, April 14-18; Res. No. 2025-03. MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Wisniewski to adopt Res. No. 2025-03 recognizing Local Government Week. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PSAB Hershey Conference, June 1-4; $1046 ($250 Registration; $796, 3 nights hotel) – Mr. Getz expressed interest to attend. MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Donovan to send Paul Getz to the PSAB Hershey Conference. Discussion: Mr. Getz announced he had completed the education and training classes to qualify as a CBO, Certified Borough Official, and would receive his official certification at the Conference. Motion carried by roll call; Mr. Getz abstained.

ALOM 7 Springs Conference – Mr. Getz reported on several issues discussed at the recent 7 Springs Conference –

- Discussion for consolidation of boroughs. Allegheny County is the second most populous county in the state behind Philadelphia County.
- Panel discussion of attorneys recommended elected officials use a borough email address, not a personal email. Action tabled to May 14 meeting.

Center Avenue Trees – Mr. Wisniewski requested council consider removing the decorative tees along Center Avenue that have grown very large and are lifting the decorative pavers, and plant something of a better size for the main street. Action tabled to the May 14 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Fashian thanked council for the consideration of his raise.

ADJOURN
MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Wisniewski to Adjourn the April 9, 2025, meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary