EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2025

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

President Kevin Yurkovich called the June 11, 2025, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the May 14, 2025, Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL
MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to approve the May 14, 2025, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYOR REPORT – Jessica Boyd
Public Safety: OTPD: 258 calls; EVFC: 68 calls; QRS: 13 calls
Community Recognition – Mayor Boyd has received several messages regarding volunteers who helped after the April 29 storm and will share the feedback shortly.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.
Sol. McTiernan requested an executive session after the business meeting regarding potential litigation.

ENGINEER REPORT – Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.
2025 Paving Program - Pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with El Grande; Gateway is awaiting information about the replacement salt storage facility.
SHACOG Corrective Action Repairs – Insituform began this work May 27.
SHACOG Preventive Maintenance – State Pipe Services will begin this work shortly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan
No Report

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Abigail Donovan
North Boroughs Community Day/Fireworks – July 6, at 6 p.m.–Dusk at Avalon Community Park.
Memorial Day Parade - Ms. Donovan thanked Avonworth Post 866 for sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade; good turnout along the parade route and thanked the Ben Avon Community Presbyterian Church for holding the Memorial Service and reception after the parade. Mr. Lenz also thanked Avonworth Post #866 Commander Dr. George Maroushock, plus Ed Ambrass and Mark Ivanesin for organizing the parade and services and thanked OTPD, EVFC, Don Manz (bagpipes), the Avonworth Band and Ben Avon Community Presbyterian Church.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Paul F. Getz
No Report

PERSONNEL – Kevin Wisniewski
No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Michael V. Mary
Mr. Mary reported Mr. Fashian spread 13 yards of mulch at Marmo Park today; summer help begins next week.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz
Grants available through the COG; Mr. Getz working with Mr. Conners to determine if Emsworth is a candidate.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan
Zoning Hearing Board will hold a meeting June 12, 7 pm at the borough hall for two hearings: 186 North Avenue, Brad Jackson seeking relief for fence height and opaque restrictions; and 235-237 Center Avenue, Dominic Mantella requesting a change from proposed apartment building to townhouses.

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary, Jr.
Bill List - MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan, to approve the bill list with the following additions: ABC Fire Extinguisher $841.25; Columbia Gas $56.97; ComDoc $49.84; Lindy Paving $128.75; Overhead Door $1026; Tri State Maintenance $280. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2026 Budget – Pres. Yurkovich requested council consider projects for the 2026 Budget and submit them to Mr. Mary or to him.

OLD BUSINESS
Email Addresses – Mayor Boyd has been working with Holly Ridge regarding updated council email addresses. Discussion followed as to a contract with Holly Ridge; 1 year, $23; 3 years $55; 5 years $86; 10 years $140. Motion by Mr. Getz, second by Mr. Tadler to approve a 5-year contract with Holly Ridge Web Design. Email name changes may be made in the future when personnel changes at no additional cost. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Holy Family Institute – Pres. Yurkovich reported several calls received at the office regarding demolition of homes on Allegheny Avenue. The homes are currently being emptied; Harshman Group has not issued a demo permit.

NEW BUSINESS
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
Lucas Leighty, 174 Orchard Avenue - SR 65 esplanade for bike trail extension; looking to get ALCOSAN's support on this project. Mr. Getz added QVCOG is also involved with the river communities for identities at each community's boundary to the McKees Rock Bridge.

Chaz Bolte, 141 Locust – has noticed bicycles on the sidewalk entrance to Vinegar Hollow and questioned if a bike rack could be installed. Pres. Yurkovich referred Mr. Bolte to Hollow Oak Land Trust, owners of Vinegar Hollow.

Mary-Louise Fowkes, 264 Eicher Road – requested the culvert area on the right and the concrete gutter on the left side of Eicher Road be added to public works list to clean as well as cutting back the vegetation. The culvert at the inter section of Kilbuck and Emsworth fills up and overflows creating a mess on the roadway. Kilbuck will be requested to monitor this area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pres. Yurkovich announced an executive session of council for the discussion of potential litigation would be held; it was 6:55 p.m. Pres. Yurkovich stated no business would be conducted after the executive session. Council reconvened at 7:04 p.m. with Pres. Yurkovich stating the executive session was in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

ADJOURN
MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Donovan to Adjourn the June 11, 2025, meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary