EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2026

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

President Michael Mary called the January 14, 2026, meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the December 10, 2025, and the January 5, 2026, Reorganization Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL
MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Ms. Boyd, to approve the January 5, 2026, Reorganization Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to approve the December 10, 2025, Minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Getz abstained.

APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL FOR 2 YEAR VACANCY
Pres. Mary announced there were two residents interested in the two-year seat on council: Ed Miller and Lucas Leighty; Mr. Leighty would be joining by phone for this portion of the council meeting, but not the entire meeting. Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Leighty gave a brief presentation on their interest to serve on council. Pres. Mary called for a motion to appoint a candidate.
Ms. Donovan nominated Ed Miller; Mr. Tadler nominated Lucas Leighty.
Roll Call: For Mr. Miller: Messrs. Yurkovich, Getz, Ms. Boyd.
For Mr. Leighty: Ms. Donovan, Messrs. Tadler, Mary.
Tie vote; Mayor Bolte cast his vote for Lucas Leighty.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Angela Kenbok, 34 Pittsburgh Street – concerned with disruptive behavior, suspected drug use, frequent police presence; unleashed dogs and maintenance issues at 46 Center Avenue creating an unsafe environment for the neighborhood. Neighbor Joe Koehler, 37 Center Avenue, echoed Ms. Kenbok's concerns. Pres. Mary will contact Harshman Group (third party code enforcement for the borough) for an on-site investigation and filing of citations as warranted.

MAYOR REPORT – Chaz Bolte
Public Safety: OTPD: 134 calls; EVFC: 47 calls; QRS: 17 calls
Mayor Hollis Bolte attended an ACBA-sponsored mayors meeting on January 8 and networked with other borough mayors. Mayor Hollis Bolte will be attending the Newly Elected Officials Course sponsored by ACBA on January 23 and 24.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq.
Holy Family Institute – The solicitor reported that Judge McGinley issued an opinion and order dated 12/29/2025, affirming the decision of the zoning hearing board in favor of the Sisters of Holy Family regarding the Nazareth school gym project. Council confirmed they do not want the solicitor to take any further appeals of the decision to Commonwealth Court of PA.

ENGINEER REPORT – Dennis J. Flynn, P.E.
Gateway will schedule meetings with West View Authority and Columbia Gas by the end of January with regard to utility upgrades and the borough's paving program.

Kilbuck Street restoration from Columbia Gas was postponed this week due to inclement weather predictions.

The annual planning meeting will be scheduled shortly for discussion of 2026 paving and Consent Order projects.

2024 SHACOG O&M YR 14 – MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Ms. Donovan to approve payment in the amount of $1749.99 to Robinson Pipe for 2024 O&M work. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2025 Pavement Management – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to approve Pay App #1 to El Grande in the amount of $194,136.26 for 2025 paving. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2026 Pavement Management – Gateway recommends renewal of annual Streetsaver Membership in the amount of $1K. Action tabled until February meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES
With the council vacancy filled, and a seven-member board in place, Pres. Mary will distribute committee assignments before the February meeting.

FINANCE – Michael V. Mary, Jr.
Bill List - MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to approve the bill list as presented with the following additions: ALCOSAN $146,251.94; Columbia Gas $1221.27; PA One Call $11.85; PIRMA Insurance $44,829; Tri State Maintenance $770. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS
Appointments:
QVCOG – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to appoint Paul Getz as QVCOG Delegate.
Motion unanimously carried by roll call.
MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Ms. Boyd to appoint Abby Donovan as QVCOG Alternate.
Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ACBA - MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to appoint Paul Getz as ACBA Delegate.
Motion unanimously carried by roll call.
MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Ms. Boyd to appoint Abby Donovan as ACBA Alternate.
Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PSAB - MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to appoint Jessica Boyd as PSAB Delegate. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.
MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Ms. Donovan to appoint Chaz Bolte as PSAB Alternate. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ANTCC – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to appoint Jessica Boyd to the Allegheny North Tax Collection Committee. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Reappointments:
Advisory Board to Avonworth Community Park - MOTION by Ms. Boyd, second by Mr. Tadler to re-appoint Melissa Donovan, Brian Geisler, Samantha Gray, Tamara Serafini to the ACP Advisory Board; term expires 1/30/2027. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Vacancy Board – MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Ms. Boyd to reappoint Don Cahill to the Vacancy Board; term expires 12/31/2026. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ACBA Annual Banquet, Rivers Casino, Sat. February 7; $85/official. Ms. Boyd expressed interest to attend. MOTION by Mr. Tadler, second by Ms. Donovan to authorize $85 to ACBA for Jessica Boyd to attend the ACBA Annual Banquet. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

ALOM 7 Springs Conference, April 9-12 – there was no interest to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Kevin Wisniewski, 237 Center Ave. – requested an update on the $14K invoice from Frew Plumbing for sewer work on Center Ave. last summer; he did not feel borough taxpayers should bear this responsibility. Mr. Getz replied he is working on this reimbursement with Columbia Gas.

Mr. Getz added Columbia Gas would be doing Phase II utility upgrades on Center Avenue from North Avenue to Hazelwood Avenue; work is scheduled to begin in February. Utility company will notify residents of gas interruptions and parking restrictions.

ADJOURN
MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Tadler to Adjourn the January 14, 2026, meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary