

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2022

Council Members Present – Abigail Donovan; Brian J. Fashian; Jason Helfrich; Daniel Lenz; Michael V. Mary; Kevin Yurkovich

Council Member Absent – Paul F. Getz

Others Absent - AmySue Lillie, Mayor

Others Present – Robert L. McTiernan, Esq., Borough Solicitor; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E., Borough Engineer; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Yurkovich called the July 13, 2022, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the June 8, 2022, Minutes were presented for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Lenz; second by Ms. Donovan to approve the June 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote; Mr. Helfrich abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael F. Marmo, property owner of 8306 Ohio River Boulevard, addressed a continuing concern relative to large vehicles traversing his property and damaging the corner. Judge Marmo added he has attempted to keep trucks off this area by adding landscaping but damage continues to happen, even from the borough trucks during winter plowing. Mr. Fashian reported the damage from the snow plow had been repaired. No action was taken.

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

No report this evening

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

Bid Concurrence – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Donovan to approve payment app No. 1 and Final for 2021 SHACOG Joint Municipal CCTV Contract to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$10,437.99. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

O&M Preventative Maintenance – MOTION Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Donovan to concur with award of the SHACOG Joint Municipal O&M Preventive Maintenance Year 12 contract to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Company in the amount of \$138,670; with a Borough share of \$12,300. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2021-2022 Road Program – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to advertise for the 2022 Road Paving with additional streets to be determined. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

2021 Paving included Courtney and Walliston from Center to SR 65.

Mr. Flynn will have advertising ready for next week and bid opening prior to the August 10 council meeting.

Columbia Gas will reimburse the borough for work on Hiland and Avon.

Mr. Fashian mentioned two additional breaks have already occurred on Walliston. Mr. Flynn stated WVA didn't feel these lines were old enough to replace. Pres. Yurkovich reminded Council of the ordinance in place for utility companies to pave curb to curb upon disturbance of a newly paved street. Mr. Flynn will send a letter to WVA re the two water line breaks on Walliston.

Consent Order Phase II - Flow Isolation Data was collected in May and June 2022 for source reduction to meet project requirements by September 20, 2024.

GROW Grant – SR 65 I&I Rehabilitation Cycle 7 GROW - Gateway submitted GROW grant information by June 2022 deadline; final determination will be made in October by ALCOSAN.

Roadway Paving – Multi-year pavement management plan software has been evaluated; report to follow.

COA – Annual progress reports have been submitted to ACHD by the June 30 deadline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Jason Helfrich/Abigail Donovan

Ms. Donovan reported Csaszar Plumbing has been uncommunicative. Ms. Donovan plans to reach out to them once again but if no reply, she will move forward with another company so the boiler is in working order before cold weather sets in.

Salt Shed - Mr. Lenz requested an update on the proposed salt shed. Mr. Helfrich stated he has not had a chance to gather additional information; Mr. Lenz wanted the information to move forward. Mr. Helfrich announced he was turning this project over to the Public Works Committee. Pres. Yurkovich stated Mr. Helfrich will remain on the Borough Property Committee but added Mr. Lenz to this committee.

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

No report

PERSONNEL – Brian Fashian/Michael Mary

Personnel Committee drafted a part-time borough manager job description and requested council review in time for the 2023 budget.

Personnel Committee will be contacting the current snow removal team with a rate increase and will determine final list and advise at a later council meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to accept the 6/24/0222 resignation letter from Gerry Kaelin from Public Works. Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to advertise for two part time laborers up to 35 hours/week; salary commiserates on experience. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC WORKS – Dan Lenz/Abigail Donovan

Vegetation - MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to hire Albert Slack for up to ten (10) hours at \$90/hour to cut vegetation throughout the borough. Discussion: if additional work is required, Finance will be contacted for approval. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Pot Hole Patching – MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Donovan to approve Ohio Twp. DPW to patch pot holes/roadway paving for at a cost of \$1500 for two days. Additional patching will be addressed at the August 10 meeting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Marmo Park – Mr. Lenz questioned the \$550/cut at Marmo Park. North Boroughs Lawn Care has a weekly schedule to mow and weed whack the park at \$550/cut.

QVCOG – Paul F. Getz/Brian J. Fashian

Bulk Rock Salt – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to approve the bulk rock salt contract to Cargill through SHACOG, at a rate of \$88.96/ton. The 8% increase is in cost of transportation. Motion unanimously approved by roll call.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz

No report.

FINANCE – Michael Mary/Brian J. Fashian

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan, to approve the Bill List as presented with following additions: Tri State Maintenance \$410; BIU \$102. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

DPW Phones – MOTION by Mr. Mary, second by Ms. Donovan to cancel the two DPW phones. Discussion: Cell phones are \$100/month; plan is outdated. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Joseph Haney, Chief, OTPD

Chief Haney reported there were 110 calls last month. OTPD participated in a state-funded DUI check point; seven DUIs were issued from this stop. Chief Haney reminded the community to lock their vehicles to prevent theft. The Chief concluded his report by stating OTPD received several complaints regarding dirt bikes in the Ivanhoe area riding up to Kilbuck Twp. and these complaints were being investigated.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Drive/Vinegar Hollow – Meeting held with Ben Avon officials, Gateway Engineering and Emsworth officials regarding solutions to the repair of this area, which is estimated to be \$110K; but with the possibility of a Pittsburgh inlet at a cost of \$15-20K. Sol. McTiernan was requested to send a letter to Kilbuck Twp. supervisors to inform them of these repairs since most of the water run off comes from Kilbuck Twp. Ben Avon is receptive to paying a portion of this repair. Gateway will draft a plan for this work and also draft a maintenance plan going forward once the repairs have been made. Mr. Lenz reported concrete blocks shifted and clogged the overflow which caused water to flow onto Memorial Drive. Pres. Yurkovich reported it was a good conversation with Ben Avon.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Lenz to reappoint Brian Schmigel to the Zoning Hearing Board to a term which expires 7/1/2025. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

MOTION to appoint Brian Geisler to the Advisory Board at Avonworth Community Park to a term which expires 1/31/2023. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PRESIDENT REPORT – Kevin Yurkovich

Pres. Yurkovich recapped his frustration with codes, zoning and building permits; 192 Superior; 178 Allegheny; 202 Hazelwood; 8294 Ohio River Blvd. Upon recommendation from several communities that made a change to The Harshman CE Group (Sewickley, Ben Avon, Avalon), Pres. Yurkovich met with this Group. This is a one stop for codes, zoning and building permits. The Harshman Group handles the process from the application through inspections and will provide a monthly report to the borough. The Harshman CE Group is located in Washington County but are in our area at least once per week. There is no contract only a 30 -day notice to cancel. A handout was distributed to Council for 2022 rates and contact numbers.

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Mr. Mary to appoint the Harshman CE Group to cover codes, zoning, building permits for the borough. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

Waste Management/QVCOG Services – Pres. Yurkovich expressed his continuing frustration with Waste Management's service, response from WM supervisors and lack of support from QVCOG. WM/QVCOG contract calls for penalty/fines in place for non-collection; yet director Patrick Connors does not seem to be in Emsworth's corner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADJOURN

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Lenz to Adjourn the July 13, 2022, council meeting at 8 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary