

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2022

Council Members Present – Abigail Donovan; Brian J. Fashian; Daniel Lenz; Kevin Yurkovich
Council Member Absent - Paul F. Getz; Jason Helfrich; Michael V. Mary, Jr.
Others Present – AmySue Lillie, Mayor; Robert L. McTiernan, Esq., Borough Solicitor; Dennis J. Flynn, P.E., Borough Engineer; Cathy Jones, Borough Secretary

President Yurkovich called the May 11, 2022, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., After the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call, the April 13, 2022, Minutes were presented for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Mr. Fashian; second by Mr. Lenz to approve the April 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie, Mayor

Public Safety Reports: OTPD: 103 EVFC: 25

Mayor Lillie thanked both Ohio Twp. Police and Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company for their service.

Honor Banners – 15 banners are scheduled to be installed before Memorial Day.

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

No report this evening.

PUBLIC HEARING

73 Hiland, Public Hearing & Ord. 1012 – Pres. Yurkovich announced a Public Hearing for rezone of 73 Hiland Avenue was held previous to the council meeting at 6 p.m.; there were no objections to the rezone. **MOTION** by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to rezone 73 Hiland Avenue from R-1 to C-2, parcel Nos. 213-B-8 and 213-C-110, and adopt Ord. 1012 to cover this action on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion unanimously carried by roll call. Gateway will update the borough's zoning map.

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

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Donovan to concur with the SHACOG award for sanitary sewer lining, Year 16, Contract A, Spot Lining, to State Pipe Services in the amount of \$44,750; Emsworth share is \$9550. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

MOTION by Mr. Lenz, second by Ms. Donovan to concur with SHACOG award for sanitary sewer lining, Year 16 Contract B, MH-MH to Insight Pipe in the amount of \$364,340; Emsworth share is \$18,610. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

GROW Grant – ALCOSAN deadline for this grant is June 30. Mr. Flynn will present to council in June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Abigail Donovan

Ms. Donovan reported Csaszar Plumbing is still awaiting boiler part; supply chain issues.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Brian Fashian /Michael F. Mary/Abigail Donovan

Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 30, 10 a.m. Field Services at Cpl Patrick Kenny Field at 11 a.m. Mayor Lillie added the Valley Vets will hold a 2 pm service at the Valley Vets. Additional veterans are needed to carry flags for the color guard. Warren Lillie and friends have offered to pick up and drive Veterans in the parade or to the field services.

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

181 Bryson – report of water missing catch basins and a clogged basin; Mr. Lenz will check to see the basins are not clogged. Mr. Lenz. asked Mr. Flynn if a catch basin was removed and a handicap ramp installed during the rehabilitation of Bryson several years ago. Mr. Flynn will check on this and advise.

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Gibson Street – report of erosion along stream bed. Mr. Flynn will check on this and determine who the responsible party would be.

Mr. Flynn would like to set up a meeting with the infrastructure committee.

PERSONNEL – Brian J. Fashion/Michael V. Mary

DPW – Three applications have been received for the public works position. MOTION by Mr. Fashion, second by Ms. Donovan to hire Michael Kohl as an as-needed temporary public works employee at a rate of \$14/hour. Discussion: Mr. Fashion discussed DPW salary and reminded council a borough resolution provides a sliding scale to take into account experience. Pres. Yurkovich added both the garage, shed and trucks are a mess and need cleaned up and the garage organized. Mr. Fashion questioned the skid loader door being removed as it is a safety factor when operating the skid steer. Mr. Lenz replied he had the door removed but it is reinstalled by sliding on pins and will put it back on the equipment. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC WORKS – Dan Lenz/Abigail Donovan

No report this evening.

QVCOG – Brian J. Fashion/Paul F. Getz

Glass Recycling – additional recycling center will open in Avalon (New Brighton Road) on Sat., May 28.

Municipal Intern Program – Anna Richard, W&J College, will join QVCOG as a 12-week summer intern and will be conducting QVCOG analysis of programs and services and plans to visit member communities as well attend monthly COG Board meetings.

ZONING – Abigail Donovan/Paul F. Getz

No report this evening.

FINANCE – Brian J. Fashion/Michael V. Mary

Bill List – MOTION by Mr. Fashion, second by Mr. Lenz, to approve the Bill List as presented with additions: W. B. Mason \$92.98; Mike’s Plumbing \$210; Tri State Maintenance \$210; Wright Express (old acct.) \$121.94; Wright Express (new acct.) \$552.91. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Pres. Yurkovich reported on several properties:

192 Superior Avenue, Turnkey Solutions – No action on this property. Dangerous situation, property not fenced once house was demolished fall of 2021. Basement walls were to be delivered in April. Court date is scheduled for Wed. May 25 with the District Magistrate.

8108 Ohio River Blvd. – Workers on site daily; no plans submitted to borough or Bldg. Inspection Underwriters; will refer to Codes Officer.

8294 Ohio River Blvd. – No work on this property since pre-CoVid; will refer to Codes Officer.

One Herron Avenue – Commercial occupancies need issued at this location. Social media postings for Amazon advertising one-day sales at this location. Codes Officer needs to issue occupancy permits. Sol. McTiernan added a cease-and-desist letter could be issued.

Pres. Yurkovich stated the Codes Officer and Borough’s Fire Marshal should inspect the space and a commercial occupancy permit issued every time there is a new tenant. Codes Officer will need to send a letter and get this

action started so the borough is aware of businesses. Pres. Yurkovich requested the borough solicitor send an email to the Codes Officer outlining this action.

NEW BUSINESS

235-237 Center Avenue – MOTION by Mr. Fashian, second by Mr. Lenz to approve the plans as submitted by Dominic Mantella for an apartment building at 235-237 Center Avenue upon the recommendation of the planning commission providing all conditions are met in the borough engineer’s letter of May 9, 2022. No permits will be issued – including demolition – until all zoning and engineering requirements have been satisfied. Motion carried by roll call with Ms. Donovan voting nay.

138 Center Avenue – Sidewalk collapsed 6-8” and is a safety issue. Codes Officer will be requested to send property owner a notice.

Plumer/Center Intersection – Resident reports speeding cars on Center Avenue. OTPD has provided a speed monitor several times in the past; Chief Hanny will check the availability of this unit and schedule it for this site.

Oak/Lowry Intersection – OTPD received report a collapse/sinking at this area. Mr. Lenz will check this out.

Vinegar Hollow Letter of Support request – No action was taken on this request.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pres. Yurkovich called for an executive session at 7:17 p.m. for the discussion of potential litigation. Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m.; the executive session was in compliance with the Sunshine Laws.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Ms. Donovan, second by Mr. Fashian to Adjourn the May 11, 2022, council meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary