

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2021 via ZOOM

Council Members Present – Jolene Bennett; Brian J. Fashian; Paul F. Getz; Jason Helfrich; Dan Lenz; Michael V. Mary, Jr.; Kevin Yurkovich

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 March 10, 2021, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., the February 10, 2021, Business Meeting Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Fashian to approve the February 10, 2021, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion unanimously carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD – 77 calls; EVFC – 9 calls

Scholarship - Mayor Lillie announced her Dare to Dream Scholarship is still open to any Emsworth senior graduating this year and attending a higher education facility. Applications are available on the borough's web site or by contacting Mayor Lillie.

Marmo Park – Mayor Lillie sent photos of Marmo Park for property/public works committees to review.

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

Pres. Yurkovich questioned when in-person council meetings could be held. Sol. McTiernan will check the guidelines and advise council; currently none of his clients have public meetings in-person meeting.

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

- 2021 Road Program is being prepared; West View Authority is completing their line replacements; Columbia Gas is reviewing their budget to perform the work this year.
- 2020 Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Report has been submitted to ALCSOAN
- Preparation of the 2020 O&M Annual Progress Report will be submitted to ACHD by March 31
- Force Main awarded GROW grant \$111,900 (37% of construction costs) and Small Water & Sewer Grant (\$140,000). Project out for bid with April 10 bid opening and award at meeting
- Gateway met with the sewer committee March 9 to discuss proposed O&M for 2021.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Ms. Bennett/Mr. Helfrich

No Report

COMMUNITY EVENTS – Brian Fashian/Michael Mary

Easter Egg Hunt – Consensus was to cancel Egg Hunt due to CoVid-19 restrictions. Ms. Bennett suggested EVFC drive the Easter Bunny around the borough in the fire truck for see kids to see E.B. from a distance. Pres. Yurkovich will check with EVFC for availability. This event would take place Saturday, April 3, time to be determined. Ms. Bennett offered to be the Easter Bunny, as she has done in the past. Posting on the borough's web site, social media and the borough hall bulletin board will be prepared.

PUBLIC WORKS – Messrs. Fashion/Lenz

Mr. Fashion informed council that Truck #484 is in for repairs at Woltz & Wind; estimate is \$2300.

SR 65 PUMP STATION – Messrs. Getz/Lenz

No Report this evening.

QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashion

Mr. Getz announced the SR 65 Corridor meetings for Emsworth and Ambridge offered good insight to traffic calming. One suggestion was a “gateway” into the borough; via large welcome sign; planters, etc. on SR 65 as vehicles approach Emsworth from Kilbuck Twp. to alert drivers of a residential area.

QVCOG Administration Changes – Ms. Wagner, Administration, will retire at the end of March and Director Hockenberry chose not to renew her contract which is set to expire end of April, but she will stay on for a limited time until the position is filled.

ROADS – Messrs. Helfrich/Getz

2021 Road Program - Mr. Getz reported Columbia Gas will replace their lines on lower Walliston prior to the road work being done. On Courtney; contractor has completed the work; next WVA will make transfer of services from new main to the houses.

Pres. Yurkovich questioned the traffic counter lines across Center near Grant; there is no identification on the traffic counter; no one was aware of this counter.

SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashion

SHACOG – Year 11, Preventive Maintenance – MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Bennett to approve being part of the SHACOG Year 11 Preventive Maintenance. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

FINANCE – Ms. Bennett/Mr. Mary

Bill List – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Mary to approve the Bill List as presented with the following additions: Columbia Gas \$35.54; Comcast \$99.43; Duquesne Light \$2951.75. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Vista/Courtney Stop Sign – Stop Sign request from February meeting was discussed. OTPD Chief Hanny had informed council that a traffic study is required for enforcement of a stop sign. Pres. Yurkovich requested Gateway Engineers provide council with a cost estimate for a traffic study at this intersection. Gateway submitted a proposal of \$1K for this traffic study. Mr. Getz reminded council there were no reportable accidents from OTPD in this area for the past seven years. Mayor Lillie offered to pay half the cost for the traffic study; request denied.

MOTION by Mr. Helfrich to installed a Caution sign at Courtney and Vista. There was no second; motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

Banner Community – Pres. Yurkovich announced Emsworth Borough once again attained Banner Community status through the Allegheny County League of Municipalities. The borough is a multi-year awardee.

Vacancy Board - MOTION by Mr. Getz, second by Ms. Bennett to accept with regret the resignation of Margaret Daniels from the Vacancy Board. Discussion: Sol. McTiernan reminded council a new appointment must be made at the April 14 council meeting and the appointee would then be re-appointed at the January 2022 Reorganization Meeting. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Wexler, 78 Courtney, commented on council's decision not to install any sign at Courtney and Vista and thought it was a mistake due to more cars in the area relative to the water line replacement. Mr. Getz reiterated he had checked Ord. 880, Roads, and there has never been a stop sign at this intersection. Pres. Yurkovich reminded council there have been numerous reported accidents on SR 65, Ohio River Boulevard, to make the left at the Dog Stop and PennDOT has not installed any directional restrictions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pres. Yurkovich called for an executive session of council for discussion of potential litigation and personnel at 7:05 p.m. Pres. Yurkovich confirmed no one unauthorized was on zoom. Council reconvened at 7:19 p.m.; the executive session was in compliance with the Sunshine Laws.

COMMENTS

Pres. Yurkovich announced EVFC had confirmed to him they will drive the Easter Bunny on a route to be determined on Saturday, April 3; time to be determined.

ADJOURN

President Yurkovich Adjourned the March 10, 2021, council meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary