

EMSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
Business Meeting Minutes – January 13, 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 January 13, 2021, business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., the December 9, 2020, Business Meeting Minutes were considered for approval.

MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Getz to approve the December 9, 2020, Meeting Minutes as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

MAYORS REPORT – AmySue Lillie, Mayor

Public Safety: OTPD – 72 calls; EVFC – 19 calls; 199 for 2020. Mayor Lillie thanked both OTPD and EVCF for phenomenal service to the community.

Mayor Lillie announced the recently placed order of honor banners have arrived and will be installed once the weather cooperates. Mayor Lillie also reported she will have a newsletter with the next round of sewage billing giving a shout out to local businesses.

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

No Report this evening.

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

2020 Road Paving – T. A. Robinson completed the wearing course on upper North and Bryson Avenues. Gateway is awaiting the punch-list completion and final app due in February to close out the project.

2020 Chapter Wasteload Management Report – Gateway will complete and submit to the DEP by February.

2020 O&M Annual Progress Report will be submitted to the ACHD in March. Gateway is preparing a list of proposed repairs for council's review to be included in the 2121 O&M contract.

SR 65 MH-MH Lining – Jet Jack completed this lining project on SR 65, Ohio River Boulevard, from Camp Horne Road to Locust Street on Friday, Dec. 10. Gateway is awaiting final application to review and close out the project.

SR 65 Pump Station Force Main – Mr. Flynn requested a start date to begin the bid for this project.

There was one overflow at the pump station on January 1; required report was submitted to ACHD.

Mr. Lenz requested the engineers report be distributed the day before the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOROUGH PROPERTY – Ms. Bennett/Mr. Helfrich

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS – Messrs. Fashion/Lenz

No Report

SR 65 PUMP STATION – Messrs. Getz/Lenz

Mr. Getz reported trouble with one pump at the pump station. John P. Place will send a tech on Friday.

QVCOG – Messrs. Getz/Fashion

QVCOG has begun initial work on the joint refuse/recycling contract which ends this year.

ROADS – Messrs. Helfrich/Getz

Mr. Getz is awaiting a final estimate from Gateway before determining the 2021 Road Program for council's consideration.

SEWERS – Messrs. Getz/Fashion

No Report

FINANCE – Ms. Bennett/Mr. Mary

Borough Audit Proposal – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Getz to approve the three-year audit proposal from Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood: Year 2020, \$5950 (no increase); Year 2021, \$6125; Year 2022, \$6300. MOTION unanimously carried by roll call.

Bill List – MOTION by Ms. Bennett, second by Mr. Helfrich to approve the January 13, 2021, Bill List as presented with addition of \$457.50 to Keystone Print & Stitch for sewer invoice mailing. Motion unanimously carried by roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Getz had a report of a short-term rental on Cedar Ave.(R-1). December 9, 2020, Emsworth passed an ordinance regulating short-term rentals to R-3 districts only. Mr. Getz spoke with the manager at the Allegheny County Treasurers Dept. responsible to collect hotel tax, which includes short-term rentals, and had no short-term rentals listed in Emsworth Borough. It is the responsibility of the property owner to register with both Allegheny County and Emsworth Borough as a short-term rental.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Lillie had a report of a school bus hitting a deep pot hole on Lowry @ SR 65; she will check this out to see if the pot hole is on Lowry, on the boulevard, or if the bus driver hit the curb, jostling the students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURN

President Yurkovich Adjourned the January 13, 2021, council meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

CATHY JONES
Borough Secretary