

5:30pm – Executive Session (Legal)

5:45pm – Public Hearing – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance (definition of “Health Services”)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 21, 2019**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Judith Dici called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Brough, Mr. Celli, Ms. Guerrero, Ms. Lamenza, and Ms. Dici
Also Present: Manager David Allen, Solicitor Ed Leymarie, and Mayor Anthony Court
Absent: Ms. Mancini

INVOCATION – Phil Conklin – First Church of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

Alicia Swick – Jr. Councilperson

VISITORS

1. Paul Dici, 925 Skyline Drive – RE: Parking Meters
2. Lucian Godlewski, 300 Orchard Avenue – RE: Drainage ditch along Holy Redeemer property
3. Joe Morabito, 315 Fountain Avenue – RE: Parking Meters

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 9/17/19

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 9/17/19, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 10/11/19 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 10/16/19

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 10/11/19, in the amount of \$905,963.07, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 10/16/19, in the amount of \$595,241.06. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Departmental Reports, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. Submission of 2019 CDBG Application
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the submission of the CDBG 2019 grant application in the amount of \$123,377 for Parks and Recreational Facilities Improvements, Clearance and Demolition, and Program Administration and further to authorize the Council President to sign any and all documents relative to the same. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Celli, Guerrero, Lamenza)

1. Payment – Hunter Truck Sales
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to approve the payment to Hunter Truck in the amount of \$5,331.53 for repairs to the 2015 Peterbuilt dump truck. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Payment – Dover Hydraulics
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the payment to Dover Hydraulics in the amount of \$5,275.82 for the repair of a telescopic hydraulic cylinder. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Health/Public Safety: (Brough, Barry, Mancini)

1. EC Children’s Center – Halloween Parade
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by the EC Children’s Center to close First Street from Spring Avenue to Pittsburgh Circle on October 31 from 9:45-10:45am for a Halloween Parade. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Advertise Ordinance – No Parking (Sims Street)
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to advertise an amendment to the traffic ordinance establishing No Parking on Sims Street (north side) from Allenby Street to a point 75’ east. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Police Services Agreement – Lawrence Co. Housing Authority
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the “Addendum to Contract for the Provision of Supplemental Police Services” between the Lawrence Co. Housing Authority and the Borough for the period 10/21/19 - 10/21/21. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Civil Service Commission – Amend Current Version of Civil Service Regulations
A motion to table this item was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza. Roll call vote. Those voting in favor of tabling were Mr. Barry, Mr. Celli, and Ms. Lamenza. Those voting not to table were Mr. Brough, Ms. Guerrero, and Ms. Dici. A 3-3 tie resulted. The Mayor voted not to table to break the tie vote. Motion failed, 4-3.

Therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to have the Civil Service Commission amend the current Civil Service Regulations (approved by Council 7/18/16) to reflect language as stated in the prior version of the Civil Service Regulations which were approved by the Commission on 9/29/15. Roll call vote. Those voting in favor were Mr. Brough, Ms. Guerrero, and Ms. Dici. Those voting against were Mr. Barry, Mr. Celli, and Ms. Lamenza. A 3-3 tie resulted. The Mayor voted in favor to break the tie vote. Motion carried, 4-3.

5. Advertise Ordinance – Elimination of Parking Meters

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to advertise an ordinance repealing Chapter 482 (On Street Metered Parking) in the Codified Book of Ordinances.

After a brief discussion, a motion to table this item was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry. Roll call vote. Those voting in favor were Mr. Barry, Mr. Celli, and Ms. Lamenza. Those voting against were Mr. Brough, Ms. Guerrero, and Ms. Dici. A 3-3 tie resulted. The Mayor voted in favor to break the tie vote. Motion carried, 4-3.

Public Works/Utilities: (Barry, Lamenza, Mancini)

1. Advertise Ordinance – Amending Sewer Rates

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise an amendment to the sewer ordinance authorizing a 5% rate increase, effective 1/1/20. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (Mancini, Guerrero, Celli)

Administration/Personnel: (Guerrera, Brough, Barry)

1. Accept Resignation – Mary Ann Portugallo, Tax Collector

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to accept the resignation of Mary Ann Portugallo, Tax Collector, effective 9/9/19. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Appointment – Tax Collector

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to appoint Mr. Douglas Meredith as Tax Collector. Roll call vote. All voted against, except Mr. Barry and Mr. Celli. Motion failed, 4-2.

A motion was made by Ms. Guerrero, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to appoint Ms. Darla Portugallo as Tax Collector. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Barry. Motion carried, 5-1.

3. Accept Resignation – Linda Labor, School Crossing Guard

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to accept the resignation of Linda Labor, School Crossing Guard, effective 9/27/19, her last day of employment. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Advertise Employment – School Crossing Guard

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Celli, to advertise for School Crossing Guards. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Accept Resignation – Beth Kingston, Ellwood City Planning Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Guerrero, seconded by Mr. Brough, to accept the resignation of Beth Kingston from the Ellwood City Planning Commission, effective 11/6/19. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Advertise Vacancies – Ellwood City Planning Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Brough, to advertise to fill the vacancies on the Ellwood City Planning Commission. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Community Development/Buildings: (Lamenza, Celli, Brough)

1. Advertise - Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Amend Definition of “Health Services”)

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Celli, to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance amending the definition of “Health Services” to include the phrase “facilities and residences included in a continuum of care entity” in the existing definition. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Reverse Subdivision – Ellwood City Forge

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to approve the reverse subdivision for the Ellwood City Forge, located at 600 Commercial Avenue, to combine three existing lots into one. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. GPI – Grant Application Submission (PA H2O Program)

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to authorize Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) to submit a grant application under the PA H2O Program for the Wampum Avenue Pump Station Project. If awarded the grant, 50% of the project cost would be paid from the grant and 50% would be paid from PennVest. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Budget Workshop Meeting – October 28 at 6pm

Trick or Treat – October 31, 6-8pm

Committee of the Whole Meeting for November rescheduled for November 12 at 6pm due to the Veterans Day Holiday

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary