

5:30pm – Executive Session (Personnel)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 17, 2019**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Jim Barry called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Brough, Mr. Celli, Ms. Lamenza, and Ms. Mancini

Also Present: Manager David Allen, Solicitor Ed Leymarie, and Mayor Anthony Court

Absent: Ms. Guerrero and Ms. Dici

INVOCATION – Tod Custer, Christ Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 8/19/19

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 8/19/19, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 9/10/19 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/12/19

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 9/10/19, in the amount of \$705,589.52, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/12/19, in the amount of \$275,803.19. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

1. Municipal Employees' Pension Plan – Providing for a Service Credit

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, amending the Municipal Employees' Pension Plan providing for a service credit to employees who are on an authorized leave of absence. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. NextEra Energy Contract Extension

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, extending the Contract with NextEra Energy by five (5) years beyond the current December 2027 expiration date. The new expiration date would be December 31, 2032. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Confirming Receipt of 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Brough, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, confirming receipt of the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) by September 30, 2019. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Celli, Guerrero, Lamenza)

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

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

Parks/Recreation: (Mancini, Guerrero, Celli)

1. First Baptist Church
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by the First Baptist Church to use Shelter #6 on September 22. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Oktoberfest – Ewing Park
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by the Wolves/Rotary/Lion's Club to use shelters #2A/2B, #3, #3A and #4 on October 5 from 12-5:00pm for an Oktoberfest celebration featuring homemade brews to raise money for charitable purposes and to suspend Part 10, Chapter 1066, subsection 1066.03 (a) of the Codified Ordinance Book pertaining to the prohibition of alcohol in Ewing Park. This suspension only applies to participants of the Oktoberfest held by the Wolves/Rotary/Lion's Club. Event insurance shall be purchased by the Wolves Club/Rotary/Lion's, naming the Borough of Ellwood City as an additional named insured. All necessary State and County permits shall be in place for this event. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Guerrero, Brough, Barry)

1. Promotion – Barbie Gennock
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the promotion of Barbie Gennock from Clerk I to Clerk IV, retroactive to 7/22/19. Her new rate of pay will be \$19.467 (90% of full rate). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Promotion – Jody Mancini
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the promotion of Jody Mancini from Clerk I to Clerk II, retroactive to 7/22/19. Her new rate of pay from 7/22/19 to 9/9/19 will be \$15.624 (80% of full rate). Her rate of pay from 9/10/19 will be \$16.601 (85% of full rate). Roll call vote. All in favor with Ms. Mancini abstaining. Motion carried.
3. Accept Resignation – Mary Ann Portugallo, Tax Collector
This item was pulled from the agenda.
4. Accept Letters of Interest – Vacancy - Tax Collector
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Brough, to accept letters of interest from persons interested in filling the vacancy of Tax Collector. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Set Public Hearing - Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Amend Definition of "Health Services")
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Celli, to set a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment, amending the definition of "Health Services" to include the phrase "facilities and residences included in a continuum of care entity" in the existing definition. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Keith Venezie – Land Development Plan

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Land Development Plan submitted by Keith Venezie to build at 628-632 Lawrence Avenue. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agreement – Special Event Police Details for School District Events

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve an Agreement with the Ellwood City Area School District, as submitted, regarding special event police details at various School District activities. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Life Chain

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the request to hold the Life Chain event on October 6 from 2-3pm along Fifth Street & Fountain Avenue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Concrete Repair – Beaver Avenue

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the quote from Western Pennsylvania Concrete & Excavation (Fombell) in the amount of \$17,400 to repair a concrete section of Beaver Avenue from Fifth Street to a point 58' east. This amount will be paid from the General Capital Reserve Fund. Funding from Lawrence County Liquid Fuels will reimburse \$15,000 of this project. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting for October rescheduled for October 15 at 6pm due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

Public Hearing for amending the Zoning Ordinance, specifically the definition of "Health Services" – October 21 at 5:45pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary