

**5:30pm – Executive Session (Police Personnel)**

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
August 21, 2017**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Connie R. MacDonald called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Celli, Mr. DeCaria, Ms. Lamenza, Ms. Mancini, Mr. Ovia, and Mr. MacDonald.

Also present: Manager Bob Vilella, and Solicitor Ed Leymarie.

Absent: Ms. Dici and Mayor Anthony Court

**INVOCATION** – Rev. Norina Owens – Women of Faith International

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMENDATIONS**

Ellwood City Historical Society – 30 years

Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration – 50 years

**VISITORS**

1. Paul Dici, 925 Skyline Drive – RE: Veteran’s picnic

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting 7/17/17

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 7/17/17, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 8/15/17 and Open Invoices (List of Vouchers to be Paid) dated 8/17/17

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 8/15/17, in the amount of \$569,805.83, and the Open Invoices (List of Vouchers to be Paid) dated 8/17/17, in the amount of \$689,990.84. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

1. Stop Intersection – Washington Avenue  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, establishing a stop intersection on Washington Avenue at Joffre Street (eastbound). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Municipal Employees Pension Plan - amending definition of “Final Monthly Average Compensation”  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, amending the definition of “Final Monthly Average Compensation” for the Municipal Employees Pension Plan. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointment – Amy McKinney as Fair Housing Officer  
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, appointing Amy McKinney as the Fair Housing Officer. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Implementing the National Incident Management System (NIMS)  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, implementing the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

### COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

#### Finance: (Mancini, DeCaria, Ovia)

#### Health/Public Safety: (Dici, Celli, Lamenza)

1. Life Chain  
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the request to hold the Life Chain event on October 1 from 2-3pm along Fifth Street & Fountain Avenue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### Public Works/Utilities: (Celli, Dici, Lamenza)

1. Purchase Poles – T&R Electric  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to authorize the purchase of 6 pole mount transformers from T&R Electric in the amount of \$7500. This amount will be paid from the Electric Fund and the Electric Capital Reserve. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Quote – Sewer Camera Equipment  
*This item was pulled from the agenda.*

#### Parks/Recreation: (DeCaria, Mancini, Dici)

1. Diamond Dance Academy, LHS Cross Country, EC Soccer, LHS Blue Band  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the following:
  - The request by the Diamond Dance Academy to use the women's and men's field in Stiefel Park on August 26 for a softball fundraiser
  - The request by the Lincoln High School Cross Country Team to use Ewing Park on September 12 & 19 beginning at 2pm for their home meets
  - The request by the Ellwood City Soccer team to use the soccer field in Stiefel Park August 21 – October 25, Mondays and Wednesdays from 8pm – 9:30pm

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Celli, Ovia)

1. Travel Request – PSAB Conference (Judith Dici)  
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to approve the travel request of Judith Dici to attend the PSAB Conference October 13 – 15 in the Poconos. The total cost will be \$575.22 plus mileage. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Travel Request – PSAB Conference (Mayor Anthony Court)  
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the travel request of Mayor Anthony Court to attend the PSAB Conference October 13 – 15 in the Poconos. The total cost will be \$575.22 plus mileage. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote. All voted against, except Ms. Lamenza and Ms. Mancini. Motion failed, 4-2.

3. Accept Proposals – Investment Firms  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to accept proposals from investment firms to invest monies for pension purposes. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Resignation – Joseph Cioffi  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to accept the resignation of Joseph Cioffi as Playground Supervisor and Concession Stand Coordinator effective 9/1/17. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Travel Request – PMEA Conference (MacDonald & Vilella)  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve the travel request of Connie MacDonald and Bob Vilella to attend the PMEA Conference in State College September 13 - 15. The conference is free to attend and the hotel is \$125/night. This amount will be paid from the Electric Fund (Mr. MacDonald's expenses will be at no cost to the Borough). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Community Development/Buildings: (Ovial, DeCaria, Mancini)**

1. Accept Proposals – Master Planning for EC Revitalization Phase II (Lawrence Ave. from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Street)  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to authorize CT Consultants to prepare/advertise for proposals for planning consultants to perform master planning for the EC Revitalization Phase II Project (Lawrence Avenue from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Street). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Purchase Heating/AC System in Police Department  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the proposal from Sarver's Heating and Air Conditioning for the purchase of a Heating/AC system for Police Department in the amount of \$6763. This amount will be paid from the General Capital Reserve Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Lawrence Co. Repository Property – Center Avenue  
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the bid for the property at Center Avenue (ID# 11-065900)(.115 acres) to Kaitlyn Bergman for \$551. This property is held in the Lawrence County Repository. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Advertise Ordinance – Electric Ordinance  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise an amendment to the electric ordinance, specifically the application and contract for service and the administration of rates. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Legal – Appeal to PA Supreme Court (Heraeus Electro-Nite Co.)  
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Celli, to authorize the Borough Solicitor to file a petition for allowance of appeal to the PA Supreme Court relative to the Heraeus Electro-Nite Co. issue. Voice vote. All in favor, except Ms. Mancini. Motion carried, 5-1.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

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**VISITORS**

1. Paul Dici, 925 Skyline Drive – RE: Legal decision, Anthony Joseph (Mt. Vernon Dr.)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary