ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS May 15, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Connie R. MacDonald called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Absent: Ms. Dici and Mayor Anthony Court

INVOCATION - Charlene Kennedy - Ellport Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

- 1. Paul Dici, 925 Skyline Drive RE: Election
- 2. Tom Carosi, 625 First Avenue RE: street paving and curb replacement
- 3. Mary Ann Viccari, 133 Hazel Avenue RE: stabilized PPA Resolution
- 4. Mark Blue, 420 Sixth Street RE: stabilized PPA Resolution, traffic signal grant
- 5. Jim Arkett, 625 Wampum Avenue RE: past employment with Borough

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting 4/4/17 and Regular Meeting 4/17/17

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 4/4/17 and the Regular Meeting held 4/17/17, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

<u>Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 5/1/17 and Open Invoices (List of Vouchers to be Paid) dated 5/11/17</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 5/1/17, in the amount of \$1,042,593.61, and the Open Invoices (List of Vouchers to be Paid) dated 5/11/17, in the amount of \$266,179.12. 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. <u>Removing one-Way Streets (Lawrence & Third)</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, <u>repealing</u> the traffic ordinance designating one-way streets, specifically Lawrence Avenue and Third Street. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. <u>Signs</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. DeCaria to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, establishing a new sign ordinance. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTIONS

1. <u>Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) Stabilization</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, to establish a stabilized Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) for the period July 1 through December 31, 2017 as .02879 per kilowatt hour sold. Further, Council shall review the PPA at the conclusion of this time period and adjust the future PPA every six (6) months to account for any over/under collections for the actual and projected cost of purchase power. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Mancini. Motion carried, 5-1.

2. <u>Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the submission of a grant application to DCED through the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program for the Ellwood City Revitalization and Economic Redevelopment Phase II Project (Lawrence Ave. from 4th St to 6th St). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL Finance: (Mancini, DeCaria, Ovial)

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

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

1. Award Bid – Sludge Hauling & Disposal

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to award the bid for sludge hauling and disposal to Republic Services (Youngstown, OH) at the rate of \$44.81/ton for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and \$44.81/ton for the Lift Station. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. <u>Accept Bids – Ewing Park Basketball/Skate Park Improvements</u>

A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Celli, to authorize Frank B. Taylor Engineering to advertise bids on the Ewing Park Basketball/Skate Park Improvement Project. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (DeCaria, Mancini, Dici)

- 1. <u>EC Fastpitch, 5K Color Run/Walk, 5K Crop Walk</u>
 A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the following:
 - the request by the Ellwood City Fastpitch to use Merit Book Park and the Women's Field at Stiefel Park June 1 September 30, Monday Friday
 - the request by the Ellwood City Cheering Boosters to hold a 5K color run/walk in Ewing Park June 3 beginning at 9am. It is further requested to use Folino Stage for this event
 - the request to hold a 5K "Crop Walk" in Ewing Park September 24 beginning at 2pm. It is further requested to use Shelter #5 for this event

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Celli, Ovial)

1. Agreement – CT Consultants (Grant Writer)

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Agreement, as submitted, with CT Consultants for grant writing services. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. <u>Employment – Summer Work</u>

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve employment of the following individuals for summer work:

<u>Area</u>	Hourly Rate
Playground	\$8.00
Playground	\$8.00
Playground	\$9.00
Concession Stand	\$9.00
Concession Stand	\$8.00
Parks	\$8.00
Parks	\$8.50
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Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Borough Insurance Policies

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the proposal submitted by HDH Group to provide the following insurance coverages: Package (property, inland marine, general liability, auto liability, police professional liability, public officials/EPLI, umbrella liability, crime)(BRIT Global Specialty) at a cost of \$127,817. These amounts will be split between the General, Electric, and Sewage Funds. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. <u>Authorize Solicitor – Terminate Agreement (SWEPI, LP)</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Celli, to authorize the Borough Solicitor to terminate the Oil and Gas Lease with SWEPI, LP. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. <u>Lawrence Co. Repository Property – 1124 Crescent Avenue</u>

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the bid for the property at 1124 Crescent Avenue (ID# 11-001500)(.09 acres) to Phyllis Thompson for \$500. This property is held in the Lawrence County Repository. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Award Bid – 1226 and 1226 ½ 13th Street

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Celli, to award the bid on the sale of 1226 and 1226 ½ 13th Street to Robert Nye for \$500. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. <u>Authorize Solicitor – Repository Properties</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Celli, to authorize the Borough Solicitor to make an offer of \$1.00 each to the following Lawrence County Repository properties: 910 Border Avenue, 916 Border Avenue and 225 Wampum Avenue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. <u>Shelter Request – Lions Club</u>

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the request by the EC Lions Club to use Shelter 3A on the following dates at 6pm: July 11, July 25, August 8, August 22, and September 12. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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2. <u>Pension Benefit – Jason Doughty</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the monthly pension benefit for police officer Jason Doughty, as submitted by the Actuary. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. <u>Valley Waste Service, Inc. – Annual Clean-Up Day</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the quote from Valley Waste Service, Inc. in the amount of \$1950 to provide dumpsters for the annual cleanup, utilizing a drop off system. The clean-up day will be Saturday, July 15 at 1200 Factory Avenue. Voice vote. All in favor, except Mr. MacDonald. Motion carried, 5-1.

4. <u>Pittsburgh Circle Heritage Park – Type of Fencing</u>

A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Celli, to utilize a "shadow-box style" wooden fence along the southern edge of the Pittsburgh Circle Heritage Park. Voice vote. All in favor, except Ms. Mancini.

5. Ronald Seevers – Asbestos Survey

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the quotes by Ronald Seevers for an asbestos survey to be conducted at the following properties:

509-511 Lawrence Avenue	\$2,550
513-515 Lawrence Avenue	\$2,850
TOTAL	\$5,400

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

VISITORS

- 1. Mary Ann Viccari, 133 Hazel Avenue RE: Stabilized PPA (June's usage billed in July)
- 2. Mark Blue, 420 Sixth Street RE: Budget Plan possibly change the month in which it starts (March)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yard Waste Pick Up – starts this week

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