

ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
December 18, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Connie R. MacDonald called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. DeCaria, Ms. Dici, Ms. Lamenza, Ms. Mancini, Mr. Oviai, and Mr. MacDonald.
Also present: Manager Bob Vilella, Solicitor Ed Leymarie and Jr. Councilperson Colin Smith
Absent: Mr. Celli & Mayor Anthony Court

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

Connie MacDonald
David DeCaria
Brad Oviai

VISITORS

1. Paul Dici, 925 Skyline Drive – RE: Snow Removal

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 11/20/17 & Special Meeting 11/28/17

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 11/20/17 and the Special Meeting held 11/28/17, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/14/17 and Open Invoices (List of Vouchers to be Paid) dated 12/14/17

A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/14/17, in the amount of \$78,205.51, and the Open Invoices (List of Vouchers to be Paid) dated 12/14/17, in the amount of \$430,048.22. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

1. 2018 Tax Rate (8.75 mills)

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, establishing the real property tax rate at 8.75 mills for the year 2018. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Code Book Updates

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2018 Budget
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. DeCaria to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, adopting a 2018 Budget. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. 2018 Police Pension Contribution
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, requiring contributions to the police pension fund by the police department in the amount of 3.5% for the year 2018. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) Stabilization
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, to establish a stabilized Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) for the period January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 as .02908. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Right of Way – Verizon (105 Sixth Street)
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, providing for a right of way for the construction of aerial facilities at 105 Sixth Street (Public Works site). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Three Year Community Development Plan
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, establishing a three year Community Development Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) purposes. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointments – Zoning Hearing Board, Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, Planning Commission, Civil Service Commission, & Recreation Board
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to make the following appointments:

ZONING HEARING BOARD – 1 vacancy, 2 applicants, 3 Year Term

Mr. Joseph Lamenza, 506 Wood St. 758-3722
Ms. Renee Pitrelli, 115 Hazen Ave, North, 724-674-3835

Roll call vote. All in favor of Mr. Lamenza. Motion carried. Mr. Lamenza was reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board.

ZONING HEARING BOARD ALTERNATE – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 3 Year Term

Ms. Renee Pitrelli, 115 Hazen Ave, North, 724-674-3835

ELLWOOD CITY PLANNING COMMISSION – 2 vacancies, 2 applicants, 4 Year Term

Ms. Beth Kingston, 411 Byng Street, 724-758-6316
Mr. Robert Morabito, 808 Adams Ave, 758-4222

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 6 Year Term

Dr. Joe Cioffi, 415 Wood Street, 752-9211

RECREATION BOARD – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 5 Year Term

Ms. Renee Pitrelli, 115 Hazen Ave. North, 724-674-3835

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried. The above applicants were reappointed to the respective Boards.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Mancini, DeCaria, Oviai)

1. Assessment – EC Medical Center \$9,395,000
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to authorize the Tax Collector to add the assessment of the Ellwood City Medical Center in the amount of \$9,395,000 to the 2017 tax duplicate. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Payment – Rehrig Pacific Co. (recycling bins)
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve payment in the amount of \$6743.52 to Rehrig Pacific Co. for the purchase of recycling bins. This amount will be paid from the Recycling Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Donation – Holy Redeemer/Ministerium Social Services Energy Fund (\$1000)
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the additional donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Holy Redeemer/Ministerium Social Services Energy Fund. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Donation – Ellwood City Area Public Library (\$4000)
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve the additional donation in the amount of \$4,000 to the Ellwood City Area Public Library. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Vacating/Remove from Plan of Lots a Portion of Fifth Street
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to deny the petition vacating a portion of Fifth Street from the south line of Rear Summit Avenue to the north line of Aiken Avenue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Purchase – 2017 Ford Interceptor
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Interceptor from Ibis Tek in the amount of \$28,540 (Costar Pricing) and the upfitting of the vehicle from Ibis Tek in the amount of \$11,321.45. These amounts will be paid from the General Capital Reserve Fund. Voice vote. All in favor, except Mr. DeCaria. Motion carried, 5-1.
3. Purchase – Tasers
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the purchase of 10 tasers from Axon Enterprise in the amount of \$13,200. This amount will be paid over 5 years in equal installments of \$2640 plus \$171.60 shipping/handling. The first payment will be made from the Drug Investigation Fund and payments #2 through #5 will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approve Quote – Lutz, Briggs, Schultz & Assoc. (repairs to fire station)
This item was pulled from the agenda.
5. Agreement – Lawrence Co. District Attorney (Narcan)
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the Agreement, as submitted, with the Lawrence Co. District Attorney relative to the distribution of Naloxone (Narcan) for the police department. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. County Aid Request – Beaver Avenue (concrete)
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to request County Aid to resurface the concrete section (or portions thereof) of Beaver Avenue from 4th Street to 5th Street. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Ellwood City Forge – sewage credit
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to credit the Ellwood City Forge sewage account \$43,635 due to a water leak on their property. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (DeCaria, Mancini, Dici)

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Celli, Ovia)

1. 2018 Wages – Part-Time Employees’
This item was pulled from the agenda.
2. 2018 Wages – Non-Union Full-Time Employees’
This item was pulled from the agenda.
3. 2018 Employee Hourly Billing Rates
This item was pulled from the agenda.
4. Accept Proposal - Pension Investment Firm
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to retain the services of CS McKee Investment Managers (Pittsburgh, PA) for the purpose of investing the Borough’s pension monies. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Lamenza and Mr. Ovia. Motion carried, 4-2.

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

1. Inmetco – Stormwater Management Plan
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Storm Water Management Plan for Inmetco as recommended by the Borough’s Engineer. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Grant Submission – Blight Removal
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Lawrence Co. Commissioners for the demolition of blighted/abandoned property. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Lot Size Requirement C-3 District
This item was pulled from the agenda.
4. Beaver Co. Repository – 525 Summit Avenue
This item died for the lack of a motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Street Paving Program – Phase II (Youngblood Paving)
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to postpone the 2017 Street Paving Program – Phase II awarded to Youngblood Paving (Wampum, PA) at a cost of \$157,821.50 (\$144,973.50, base bid and \$12,848.00, alternate bid) to the year 2018. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. PennDot – School Zone Recommendations (Signage)
A motion was made by Mr. Dici, seconded by Mr. Ovia to approve the recommendations by PennDot relative to school zone signage as outlined in their report dated 12/5/17. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

MANAGER’S REPORT

VISITORS

1. Paul Dici, 925 Skyline Drive – RE: Well wishes to outgoing Council members

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reorganizational Meeting – Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Legal

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary