

5:30pm – Executive Session – Personnel

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
January 19, 2016**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Connie MacDonald called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Celli, Mr. DeCaria, Ms. Dici, Ms. Lamenza, Ms. Mancini, Mr. Ovial, and Mr. MacDonald. Also present: Manager Bob Villella, Solicitor Ed Leymarie and Nikol Damato (Jr. Councilperson)

Absent: Mayor Anthony Court

**INVOCATION** – Rev. Tod Custer, Christ Church

**FLAG SALUTE**

**VISITORS**

1. Ray Santillo, Executive Director EC Area Chamber of Commerce, RE: welcome
2. Ralph Chiappetta, 311 North Street, RE: Police services
3. Brian Damon, 170 Creston Avenue, RE: Objection to pension calculation
4. Michael Sinibaldi, 724 Clover Avenue, RE: Bid on Repository property

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Special Meeting 12/7/15, Public Hearing 12/21/15, Regular Meeting 12/21/15

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 12/7/15, the Public Hearing held 12/21/15 and the Regular Meeting held 12/21/15, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 1/11/16 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 1/14/16

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 1/11/16, in the amount of \$353,179.19, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 1/14/16, in the amount of \$144,260.65. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Appointments – Library Board & Recreation Board

A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to make the following appointments:

ELLWOOD CITY LIBRARY BOARD – 2 vacancies, 2 applicants, (term exp 12/31/18)

Ms. Norma Zingaro, 115 Second St, 758-4235

Mr. Daren Salls, 218 4<sup>th</sup> St, 724-752-1430

RECREATION BOARD – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, (term expires 12/31/20)  
Gene Coccia, 204 Second Street, 752-9462

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Appointments – Zoning Hearing Board, Econ. Dev. Auth, Civil Service Commission  
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to make the following appointments:

ZONING HEARING BOARD – 1 vacancy, 2 applicants, (term expires 12/31/18)  
Mr. Paul Dici, 925 Skyline Dr, 752-8661 - Appointed  
Noah Robbin, 9 Pittsburgh Circle, 752-1029 - Alternate

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – 1 vacancy, 2 applicants, (term exp 12/31/20)  
Mr. Charles Rubino, 508 Park Avenue, 758-2361, 724-462-1709 - Appointed  
Mr. Daren Salls, 218 4<sup>th</sup> St, 724-752-1430

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – 1 vacancy, 2 applicants, (term expires 12/31/21)  
Judith Dici, 619 Dover Lane, 724-758-4913 - Appointed  
Tony Celli, 804 California Avenue, 724-971-0667 - Alternate

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

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

1. Donation – Lawrence Co. Tourist Promotion Agency, \$100  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve the donation in the amount of \$100 to the Lawrence Co. Tourist Promotion Agency. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Transfer \$100,000 to Electric Capital Reserve Fund from Electric Fund  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve the transfer of \$100,000 to the Electric Capital Reserve Fund from the Electric Fund. This shall be reflected on the books for 2015. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Transfer - \$50,385 to Electric Capital Reserve from Electric Fund  
The Electric Usage Sold in 2015 was 50,385,022 kwh. Borough Ordinance #2211, Section 38: **Purchase Power Adjustment** states that one mill (.001) per kilowatt hour is charged for the purpose of capital improvements. Therefore, a motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza to transfer \$50,385 to the Electric Capital Reserve Fund from the Electric Fund. This entry shall be reflected on the books for 2015. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. 2016 Monthly Transfer - \$120,833.33 to General Fund from Electric Fund  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve the 2016 monthly transfer in the amount of \$120,833.33 to the General Fund from the Electric Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

1. Advertise Ordinance – Pretreatment of Sewage  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Dici, to advertise an updated pretreatment (sewage) ordinance, as approved by the US EPA. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. IGS Energy – Natural Gas Supplier

A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve an Agreement with IGS Energy (Dublin, OH) for the delivery of natural gas to specific Borough locations (105 6<sup>th</sup> St, 501 Jameson Ave, 1200 Factory Ave.) at the fixed rate of .349 per Therm for 3 years. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Nature Camp, Lincoln High School Field Request, EC Girls Softball, Arts, Crafts & Foods Festival, Earth Day, Storytelling Festival, Lincoln High School Foreign Language Dept.

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve the following:

- the request to hold a nature camp in Ewing Park August 1-5 from 7:30am – 4pm and to use shelters #7, #8 and Trefoil Lodge.
- the request by Lincoln High School to use the following:  
Women's Field (Stiefel Park) March 1 – June 11,  
Monday – Friday, 3pm – 7pm or 7pm – 9pm, Saturdays 10-2pm and  
Tennis Courts (Ewing Park) March 1 – May 8, Monday – Friday 3pm – 6pm & Saturdays 11am-1pm (if necessary).
- the request by the EC Girls Softball League to use the following:  
Lil Angels Field – Apr 1 – Oct 31, Sun – Sat, 9a – 11p  
Men's Field – April 1 – July 31, Mon & Tues, 9a-11p  
SW corner of Soccer field – April 1 – Aug 1, Sun – Sat, 9a – dark  
Women's Field – June 17-19, Fri, Sat, Sun, 9a – 11p  
Rosanna Playground – Apr 1 – July 1, Sun – Sat 9a – dark
- the request by the Arts, Crafts & Foods Festival Committee to use Ewing Park and all facilities including swimming pool, triangle and tennis court parking lots from June 27 – July 4. The actual days of the Festival are July, July 2, and July 3.
- the request by EC Community Enrichment to hold the Earth Day Celebration on April 23 from 10am – 2pm. They are requesting Ewing Park including use of the shelters, stage and restrooms.
- the request by EC Community Enrichment to hold the Storytelling Festival on September 17 from 4pm – 7:30pm. They are requesting the use of Shelters 2A/2B, 3, Stage, restrooms, the loop to be blocked off and to have the EC Volunteer Fire Department to manage a camp fire.
- the request by the Lincoln High School Foreign Language Department to use Shelters # 2, #3, #4 and restrooms April 26 from 9:30am-2:30pm

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Advertise Ordinance – Participation in the Municipal Risk Mgmt. Workers Comp. Pooled Trust

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to advertise an ordinance authorizing participation in the Municipal Risk Management Workers' Compensation Pooled Trust. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Employment – Kathleen Kelly – Part-time Patrolman  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to make an offer of employment to Kathleen Kelly as a part-time probationary patrolman at the rate of \$17.48/hour, contingent upon successful completion of all background checks and certifications and the wearing of a protective vest shall be a condition of employment. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Exclusion from Beaver County CDBG Program  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Celli, to exclude the Borough from the Beaver County Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program and continue to receive funds from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development as an entitlement community under Act 179. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Grant Application Submission – Countywide Housing Rehabilitation & Blight Removal  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to authorize the submission of a grant application for a Countywide Housing Rehabilitation and Blight Removal Program, not to exceed \$10,000. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Fire Department – Use of Space for Training/Meetings  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to approve the request by the Ellwood City Volunteer Fire Department to occupy the space above the fire department for trainings and meetings. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Handicap Ramp (rear Municipal Building)  
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve the design plans for the handicap ramp located in the rear of the Municipal Building. Voice 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. Dici, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve an Agreement with the Ellwood City Area School District, as submitted, regarding special event police details at various School District activities. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Pension Benefit – Ptl. Brian Damon (Police Pension Plan)  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve the monthly disability pension benefit in the amount of \$3,350.09 for Brian Damon, as submitted by the Actuary. This amount will be paid from the Police Pension Plan. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Employment – Full Time Patrolman  
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Celli, to make an offer of employment to Johnathan Fauzy as a full-time probationary patrolman at the rate of \$23.57/hour, contingent upon successful completion of all background checks and certifications and the wearing of a protective vest shall be a condition of employment.

Ms. Dici made a motion to postpone this item for one (1) month so a further investigation can be conducted. Roll call vote. All voted against, except Mr. DeCaria, Ms. Dici, and Ms. Mancini. Motion fails, 4-3.

Roll call vote on original motion. All in favor, except Ms. Dici and Ms. Mancini. Motion carried, 5-2.

4. Easter Egg Hunt  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve the request by the Ellwood City Egg Hunt Committee to use Ewing Park and all facilities March 19 (tennis courts if bad weather). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Repository Property – 1003 Wayne Avenue  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the bid from Michael Sinibaldi in the amount of \$500 for the property located at 1003 Wayne Avenue (11-057700)(.083 acres). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Hydroelectric Grant  
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Dici, to authorize the Borough Manager to return the Hydroelectric Grant and to seek out grants for solar energy panels. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Employment –Kevin Cragle – Part-time Patrolman  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Celli, to make an offer of employment to Kevin Cragle as a part-time probationary patrolman at the rate of \$17.48/hour, contingent upon successful completion of all background checks and certifications and the wearing of a protective vest shall be a condition of employment. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **VISITORS**

1. Dave McQuaid, Second Street – RE: CDBG opt out
2. Ralph Chiappetta, 311 North Street – RE: Placement of Solar Panels

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Christmas tree (live) drop off @ Public Works Garage, now - Jan 31 – Remove all items from the tree

Picnic shelter reservations will begin on the fourth Monday in **February** (Feb. 22) for Borough residents and beginning on the fourth Monday in **March** (Mar. 28) for non-Borough residents

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary