

ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
July 18, 2016

MINUTES

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. Oviai, and Mr. MacDonald. Also present: Manager Bob Vilella, Solicitor Ed Leymarie and Mayor Anthony Court

INVOCATION – Ray Medina, Bell Memorial Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENDATION

Lincoln High School Girls Softball Team
Skyla Greco – LHS Girls Softball Team, Pitcher

VISITORS

1. Don Ries, 753 Massachusetts Street – RE: Electric
2. Dan Glover, 912 5th Street – RE: Parking
3. Jeff Krosovic, 307 Entrance Drive – RE: Electric
4. Rob Brough, 704 Sunset Blvd. – RE: Electric
5. Brian Bush, 513 third Street – RE: Electric
6. John Cress, 541 Fordham Avenue – RE: Electric
7. David Gulish, 604 Third Street – RE: Electric
8. Lisa Guerrera, 632 Wampum Ave – RE: Electric
9. Paul Weller, 646 Orchard Ave – RE: Water leak & sewage charges

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting 6/13/16, Regular Meeting 6/20/16, Public Hearing 6/27/16

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 6/13/16, Regular Meeting held 6/20/16, and the Public Hearing held 6/27/16, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 7/8/16 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 7/13/16

A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 7/8/16, in the amount of \$82,387.08, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 7/13/16, in the amount of \$578,128.29. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. Electric Rates
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, amending the Borough's electric fees and rates, effective with the September 2016 billing (August usage) for the Industrial Schedule Primary Service. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. PennDot – Reimbursement Agreement (Curb Ramps, SR65 2nd/Woodside)
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, to reimburse PennDot for the design, construction, and inspection costs associated with curb ramps on State Route 65 from 2nd Street to Woodside Avenue. Further, it is approved to sign any and all documents relative to the same. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Oviai, 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 and Bell Avenue from 4th St to 6th St). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Mancini, DeCaria, Oviai)

1. Exonerate Taxes & Fees (Borough-owned Properties)
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to exonerate taxes and fees on the following Borough-owned properties:

807 Wayne Ave – approx. \$3.87 (as of June)
443 13th St – approx. \$3.87 (as of June)
1226 13th St – approx. \$228.03 (as of June)
510 Bridge St – approx. \$307.36 (as of June)
418 6th St – approx. \$234.44 (as of July)

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Re-Advertise – Sale of a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria (Police Cruiser)
Since no bids were received, a motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to re-advertise for bids for the sale of a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN2FABP7BV7AX118349). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Purchase – 2017 Pierce Enforcer Pumper (Fire Truck)
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Celli, to purchase a 2017 Pierce Enforcer Pumper fire truck from Glick Fire Equipment Co. (Zelienople) in the amount of \$593,363.47 (Costar pricing). This amount will be paid from a 2016 Bond Issue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise Ordinance – Unmetered Parking Lots (Rear of Muni. Bldg.)
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Celli, to advertise an amendment to the traffic ordinance re-establishing an unmetered parking lot located at the rear of the Municipal Building. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Advertise – Sale of a 1995 Chevy Pickup, 1997 Chevy Pickup, 2001 Dodge Pickup
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to advertise for bids for the sale of the following vehicles:
1995 Chevy P/U (1GCEC14H1SE249691) (Electric)
1997 Chevy P/U (1GCEC14M2VZ254229) (Public Works)
2001 Dodge Dakota P/U (1B7HG2AX41S293400) (WWTP)
Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Purchase – Utility Poles (Thomasson Lumber Co.)
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the purchase of 32 utility poles from Thomasson Co. at the cost of \$9,072. This amount will be paid from the Electric Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (DeCaria, Mancini, Dici)

1. Diamond Dance Academy
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to approve the request by the Diamond Dance Academy to use the Men's, Women's, and Lil' Angels fields at Stiefel Park for a Co-Ed softball tournament fundraiser August 27 from 8am-9pm. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Accept Master Site Plan for Ewing Park and Stiefel Park
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to accept the Master Site Plan for Ewing Park and Stiefel Park as submitted by Mackin Engineering.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Celli, Ovia)

1. Policy – Police Canines/Handlers
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to adopt a policy, as submitted, regarding police canines/handlers. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Civil Service Rules and Regulations
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to adopt the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, as submitted. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Dici and Ms. Mancini. Motion carried, 5-2.
4. Resignation – Joseph Beachem (Parks)
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Celli, to accept the resignation of Joseph Beachem from summer (park) employment, effective 7/20/16. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Advertise Ordinance – Zoning Amendment & Map
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and map. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Dici. Motion carried, 6-1.
2. Rescind Motion – 4/20/15, Grant to Loan Application (Ellwood Drug, LLC)
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Ms. Dici, to rescind the motion made at the Regular Council meeting held 4/20/15 to “prepare an application for Ellwood Drug LLC (632 Lawrence Avenue) to the appropriate State agency for approval of a Grant-to-Loan in the amount of \$155,800, contingent upon state approval”. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Grant to Loan Application (Ellwood Drug, LLC)
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to prepare an application for Ellwood Drug LLC (632 Lawrence Avenue) to the appropriate State agency for approval of a Grant-to-Loan in the amount of \$155,580, contingent upon state approval. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Grant to Loan Application (Ellwood Drug, LLC) – Amendment #2 & #3
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve Amendment #2 & #3 for the Ellwood Drug LLC (632 Lawrence Avenue) Grant-to-Loan application in the amount of \$155,580. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Proposal – Motta Heating/AC (Ellwood Area Family Center)
This item was pulled from the agenda.
6. Advertise Bids – Pittsburgh Circle ADA Ramp Project (Phase II)
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to authorize Lawrence County to advertise bids for the Pittsburgh Circle ADA Ramp Project (Phase II) as part of a CDBG 2014 and CDBG 2015 project. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sinking Fund Payment
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to make the Sinking Fund payment (in the amount of \$60,863.75) for the Series A Bond Issue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Waiver of Penalty
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Dici, to provide the Borough Manager authorization to waive the penalty for anyone who has made a payment arrangement for the utility bills that are due in July. If an individual has NOT entered into such payment arrangement, the penalty applies as well as other requirements of the ordinance. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

VISITORS

1. Karen Ries, 753 Massachusetts Street – RE: Civil Service Regulations
2. Carol Spalding, 414 6th Street – RE: Demolition & Rats
3. Diane Smith – RE: Condition of Brighton Road (PennDot) & Changing the look of the utility bill
4. Cindy Antinossi – RE: WXED radio station
5. Jeff Krosovic, 307 Entrance Drive – RE: Town Hall Meeting
6. Mary Ann Viccari, 133 Hazel Avenue – RE: Electric Rates Resolution Vs. Ordinance
7. Dave McQuaid, Second Street – RE: Attendance at meetings & bicycle trail
8. Ralph Chiappetta, 311 North Street – RE: Cutting the Public Safety Budget
9. Rep. Jaret Gibbons – Re: Electric
10. George Strabel - RE: Code Enforcement at 420 Summit Avenue
11. Ben Keener – RE: Never received bill
12. Paul Weller, 646 Orchard Avenue – RE: Customer Service is good
13. _____ - RE: Mayor doing good job, does not care about Police overtime
14. _____ - RE: Electric, did Borough compare this time last year?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clean Up Day – Saturday, Sep 17, drop off

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary