

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
May 16, 2022**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Cragle, Ms. Dici, Ms. Lamenza, Mr. Ovial, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Celli

Also Present: Manager David Allen and Solicitor Ed Leymarie

Absent: Mr. Barry, Mayor Anthony Court

**INVOCATION** – David Allen, Borough Manager

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting 4/18/22

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 4/18/22, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List 5/10/22 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 5/11/22

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 5/10/22, in the amount of \$455,081.12, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 5/11/22, in the amount of \$209,623.29. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

1. Disorderly House

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, regulating disorderly houses. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**Finance: (Williams, Lamenza, Dici)**

1. Transfers – (\$2,000, \$3,000, and \$18,000)

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Williams, to:

- \* transfer \$2000 from 001-210-510-01 (Earned Salaries/Wages) to 001-210-510-43 (Advertising) in the General Fund.
- \* transfer \$3000 from 001-210-510-01 (Earned Salaries/Wages) to 001-210-510-60 (Operating Supplies) in the General Fund.
- \* transfer \$18,000 from 130-992-590-90 (General Capital Reserve) to

002-000-392-03 (Transfer from General Capital Reserve/Canine Fund).

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Health/Public Safety: (Ovial, Lamenza, Cragle)**

1. EC Community Enrichment – Summer Concert Series  
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the request by the EC Community Enrichment to close Beaver Avenue from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Lawrence Avenue from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street beginning at 6:45pm on June 18, 25, July 16, 23, 30, August 13 for the summer concerts at the Community Plaza. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Works: (Barry, Williams, Ovial)**

1. Payment – Hoover Fence Co. \$7,532.90  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the payment in the amount of \$7,532.90 to Hoover Fence Company for fencing around the salt shed on Factory Avenue. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Utilities: (Dici, Barry, Williams)**

**Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Barry)**

1. Field Request – EC Area School District  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by the EC Area School District to:
  - \* use the multi-purpose field at Stiefel Park June 1 – October 30 from 3:30-5:30pm for soccer
  - \* use the tennis courts in Ewing Park August 1 – October 15 from 3-5:30pm for girls tennis

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Ovial, Cragle)**

1. Rescind Motion made 12/20/21- Part Time Wages – Pool Concession Stand & Park Employees (Labor & Playgrounds)  
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to **rescind** the motion made at the Regular Council meeting held 12/20/21, establishing salaries and wages for the following part-time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2022 as follows:

	<u>1/1/2021</u>	<u>1/1/2022</u>
<u>Pool Concession Stand</u>	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
<u>Workers:</u>	<u>Rate/Salary</u>	<u>Rate/Salary</u>
1st Year	\$8.00	\$11.00
2nd Year	\$8.50	\$11.50
3rd Year and more	\$9.00	\$12.00

  

	<u>1/1/2021</u>	<u>1/1/2022</u>
<u>Park Employees (Labor &amp; Playgrounds):</u>	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
<u>&amp; Playgrounds):</u>	<u>Rate/Salary</u>	<u>Rate/Salary</u>
1st Year	\$8.00	\$11.00
2nd Year	\$8.50	\$11.50
3rd Year and more	\$9.00	\$12.00

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Part Time Wages – Pool Concession Stand & Park Employees (Labor & Playgrounds)

A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Ms. Williams, to establish salaries and wages for the following part-time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2022 as follows:

<u>Pool Concession Stand Workers:</u>	<u>1/1/2021 Hourly Rate/Salary</u>	<u>1/1/2022 Hourly Rate/Salary</u>
1st Year	\$8.00	\$12.00
2nd Year	\$8.50	\$12.00
3rd Year and more	\$9.00	\$12.00

<u>Park Employees (Labor &amp; Playgrounds):</u>	<u>1/1/2021 Hourly Rate/Salary</u>	<u>1/1/2022 Hourly Rate/Salary</u>
1st Year	\$8.00	\$12.00
2nd Year	\$8.50	\$12.00
3rd Year and more	\$9.00	\$12.00

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Employment – Playground/Concession Stand Coordinator

A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the employment of Ryan Gibbons as Playground/Concession Stand Coordinator at the salary of \$3,000 contingent upon satisfactory background checks/clearances (Child Abuse, Criminal History, Fingerprint Criminal History). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Employment – Playground Instructors/Concession Stand

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the employment of the following individuals for summer work, contingent upon satisfactory background checks/clearances:

Benjamin Pesce	Playground	\$12.00/hr	Child Abuse, Criminal History, Fingerprint Criminal History
Joe Houk	Playground	\$12.00/hr	Child Abuse, Criminal History, Fingerprint Criminal History
Bonnie McConahy	Playground	\$12.00/hr	Child Abuse, Criminal History, Fingerprint Criminal History
James Meehan	Playground	\$12.00/hr	Child Abuse, Criminal History, Fingerprint Criminal History

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Employment – Parks

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the employment of the following individuals for summer work, contingent upon satisfactory background checks/clearances:

Justin Cameron	Parks	\$12.00/hr	Criminal History, Driver's History
Jeffry McAllister	Parks	\$12.00/hr	Criminal History, Driver's History
Nicholas Garuccio	Parks	\$12.00/hr	Criminal History, Driver's History
Maximus Franksain	Parks	\$12.00/hr	Criminal History, Driver's History

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Employment – Park Manager

*This item was pulled from the Agenda.*

7. Borough Insurance Policies  
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the proposal submitted by HUB/HDH Group to provide the following insurance coverages: Package policy (property, equipment breakdown, inland marine, crime, general liability, auto, excess liability)(MRM Property & Liability Trust) \$126,122, Professional Liability (public officials liability/employment practices liability)(Greenwich Insurance Co) \$8,969, Police Professional Liability (Greenwich Insurance Co.) \$6,280. These amounts will be split between the General, Electric, and Sewage Funds. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
8. Promotion – Vince Esposito  
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Williams, to promote Vince Esposito (Electric Department) from Lineman I to Working Foreman, retroactive to 5/2/22. His hourly rate will increase from \$30.828 to \$32.239. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Advertise Vacancy – Civil Service Commission  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Community Development/Buildings: (Ovia, Barry, Cragle)**

1. Sale of 1127 Center Avenue  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Williams, to prepare/advertise bids on the sale of the vacant lot at 1127 Center Avenue (11-003000). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Exonerate Borough Taxes - 806 Fifth Street  
At the Regular Meeting of Borough Council held 4/18/22, Council approved the purchase of the property at 806 Fifth Street from the Beaver County Repository in the amount of \$138.00. Therefore, a motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to exonerate Borough taxes owed on the property at 806 Fifth Street totaling \$3,448.14 (representing years 2005 – 2022). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Sewer Tap – Nalco Water (Franklin Twp.)  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the sewer tap in for Nalco Water, 125 Nalco Way, (Franklin Twp.), for 1 tap, \$1,000. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Blight: (Dici, Ovia, Barry)**

**Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Dici)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. EC Cheerleaders – Color Run  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to approve the request by the EC Cheerleaders to hold their annual “color run” on August 13 from 9:30am – 12pm in Ewing Park. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Advertise Employment – Lineman III (Electric Department)  
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise for a Lineman III in the Electric Department. The rate of pay is \$23.44/hour (85% of full rate). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Permission to Add to Agenda – Request to Use Volleyball Courts  
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve adding a request to use the volleyball courts to the agenda. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Request to Use Volleyball Courts

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

- \* the request to use the volleyball court on Mondays from June 6-August 8 from 6:30pm – 10:30pm for a summer volleyball league
- \* the request for the Lincoln High School varsity team to use the volleyball court on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from June – August from 8-11am

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Permission to Add to Agenda – INMETCO to Rent Borough Street Sweeper

A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve adding to the agenda a request from INMETCO to rent the Borough's street sweeper. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

6. INMETCO to Rent Borough Street Sweeper

The Borough adopted Resolution #2014-1 on 1/20/14 establishing rental rates for Borough equipment (plus Operator costs). The Borough received a request from INMETCO to rent the Borough's street sweeper at a lesser rate without a Borough operator. Therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by INMETCO to rent the Borough's street sweeper in the amount of \$4,000 per week for approximately three (3) weeks without a Borough operator. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Williams. Motion carried, 5-1.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary