

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 20, 2022**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Cragle, Ms. Lamenza, Mr. Ovial, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Celli
Also Present: Manager David Allen, Mayor Anthony Court and Solicitor Ed Leymarie
Absent: Ms. Dici

INVOCATION – Mr. David Allen, Borough Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting 5/9/22, Regular Meeting 5/16/22

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 5/9/22 and the Regular Meeting held 5/16/22, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List 6/16/22 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 6/16/22

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 6/16/22, in the amount of \$652,380.76, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 6/16/22, in the amount of \$585,959.03. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Appointment – Civil Service Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to make the following appointment:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – 1 vacancy, 2 applicants, term expires 12/31/27
(James Johnson, Brian Partridge)

Roll call vote. All voted for Mr. Johnson, except Mr. Cragle. Motion carried, 5-1. Mr. Johnson was appointed to the Civil Service Commission.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Williams, Lamenza, Dici)

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

1. Agreement – Beaver Co. Emergency Services Unit (ESU) Mutual Aid Agreement
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit Mutual Aid Agreement, providing tactical support to municipalities and police in emergency situations, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Agreement – Beaver Co. Anti-Drug Task Force Mutual Aid Agreement
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the Beaver County Anti-Drug Task Force Mutual Aid Agreement, coordinating illegal drug policing investigations and prosecution activities, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise Ordinance – Repeal Ordinance #2420 (No Parking Clover Avenue)
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise an ordinance repealing Ordinance #2420, specifically No Parking, Clover Avenue, north side, between Gregg Street & Cedar Street from November 1 – April 1 and make this area No Parking effective “at all times”. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. EC Area Chamber – Fall Fest/Car Cruise
A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Fall Fest/Car Cruise on September 24. It is further requested to close Lawrence Avenue from 4th to 10th Street from 8a – 5p (actual event is 10a – 5p). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Lawrence Co. Election Board – Referendum
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to ask the Lawrence County Election Board to place a referendum on the November 2022 ballot asking the electors of Ellwood City to approve a one (1) mill tax for ambulance, rescue, and other emergency services to provide advanced life support. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Barry. Motion carried, 5-1.

Public Works: (Barry, Williams, Ovial)

1. Advertise Bids – Replace Concrete Section of Beaver Avenue
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to advertise for bids for the replacement of a concrete section of Beaver Avenue from 4th to 5th Street. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Utilities: (Dici, Barry, Williams)

1. Payment – T&R Electric
A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the payment in the amount of \$12,124.58 to T&R Electric. This amount will be paid from the Electric Fund. (\$10,136 of this invoice will be reimbursed by Sheetz for a 3-Phase transformer). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Barry)

1. Fireworks
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the quote from Zambelli Fireworks in the amount of \$7500 for the display of fireworks during the Arts, Crafts, & Food Festival in July. This amount will be paid from the L&N Fund. (\$5,000 of this amount will be reimbursed by the Arts, Crafts, & Food Festival Committee). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Ovia, Cragle)

1. Employment – Full-time Patrolman
A motion was made by to hire _____ as a full-time Patrolman at the rate of \$24.06/hour (66% of \$36.46 (full rate)), contingent upon the successful completion of any remaining background checks. Applicants are Robert Gould, Connor McQuiston, and Matthew Morabito. Roll call vote. All voted for Matthew Morabito. Motion carried.
2. Employment – Lineman III (Electric Department)
This item was pulled from the Agenda.
3. Resignation – Steven Kimmel
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. Barry, to accept the resignation of Steven Kimmel as part-time Animal Control Officer, effective 6/13/22.
4. Advertise Employment – Animal Control Officer
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise for the position of Animal Control Officer. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Exonerate Borough Taxes – 1127 Center Avenue
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to exonerate back taxes (\$1230.72) and fees (\$300) for 1127 Center Avenue. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Award Bid - Sale of 1127 Center Avenue
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Williams, to award the bid on the sale of the vacant lot at 1127 Center Avenue (11-003000) to Phylis Thompson, 1127 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, for \$1200. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Blight: (Dici, Ovia, Barry)

Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Dici)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary