

5:45pm – Public Hearing – Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor License (El Canelo)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 19, 2022**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Cragle (via phone), Ms. Dici, Ms. Lamenza, Mr. Ovia, Ms. Williams (via phone), and Mr. Celli

Also Present: Manager David Allen, Mayor Anthony Court and Solicitor Ed Leymarie

INVOCATION – Tom O’Brien – First Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

Kaden Schlichtkrull – Jr. Councilperson

VISITORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting 8/8/22 and Regular Meeting 8/15/22

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 8/8/22 and the Regular Meeting held 8/15/22, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List 9/13/22 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/15/22

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 9/13/22, in the amount of \$464,284.94, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/15/22, in the amount of \$656,238.03. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

1. Tax Collector to Waive Charges

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, providing a procedure for the real estate tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes when a taxpayer has not received notices of taxes due, pursuant to Act 57 of 2022. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Electric – Customer Owned Electric Generation

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, amending the Electric Ordinance as it relates to Customer Owned Electric Generation. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Electric – Fees & Technical Requirements Relative to Customer Owned Generation of Electricity
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, establishing fees and specific technical requirements to accommodate customer owned generation of electricity. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Confirming Receipt of 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Dici, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, confirming receipt of the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) by September 30, 2022. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Intermunicipal Transfer of Restaurant Liquor License (El Canelo IX, LLC)
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, approving the intermunicipal transfer of restaurant liquor license # R17325 to El Canelo IX, LLC located at 225 Fifth Street, Ellwood City. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Williams, Lamenza, Dici)

1. Declaration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
The Borough is entitled to receive ARPA funds. In July 2021, the Borough received \$381,309.94 and in June 2022 received an additional \$1,205.60. These monies were deposited in the Electric Fund. In September 2022, the Borough received \$382,515.54. Therefore, a motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barry, to declare the \$382,515.54 received in ARPA funds be deposited into the General Fund and used toward the deficits created by the Covid-19 pandemic. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Payment – Witmer Public Safety Group
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the payment in the amount of \$7,215 to Witmer Public Safety Group for turnout gear for the Fire Department. This amount will be paid from the General Fund (Fire State Grant). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Quote – Jim Shorkey Auto Group
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the quote by Jim Shorkey Auto Group in the amount of \$36,673 (Costar pricing) for a 2022 Dodge Charger for the Police Department. This amount will be paid from the General Capital Reserve Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. EC Parade Committee – Halloween Parade
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve the request by the EC Parade Committee to hold the Halloween Parade October 22 beginning at 3:30pm. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works: (Barry, Williams, Oviai)

Utilities: (Dici, Barry, Williams)

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Barry)

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Ovia, Cragle)

1. Travel Request – PSAB Fall Conference (Mayor Court)
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the travel request of Mayor Anthony Court to attend the PSAB Conference in Gettysburg, PA October 14-16. The total cost to attend is \$509.12 plus any meals and mileage. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Employment – Part-time Laborer III (Public Works)
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the employment of Maximus Franksain as a part-time Laborer III in the Public Works Department. The rate of pay is \$15.00/hour. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Employment - Bookkeeper
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the employment of Brenda Thompson as Bookkeeper at the rate of \$20.188 (85% of full rate of \$23.75), contingent upon successful completion of all background checks. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Advertise Employment – Borough Manager
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to advertise for the position of Borough Manager. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Blight: (Dici, Ovia, Barry)

Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Dici)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Advertise Employment – Paramedic
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to advertise for part-time paramedic at the rate of \$20.00 per hour to work out of the Fire Department. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Letter of Support – All Aboard Ellwood
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. Barry, to write a letter of support to the “All Aboard Ellwood Committee” as they pursue their project to continue to bring growth and tourism to the Borough of Ellwood City. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

MANAGER’S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ellwood City Community Garden has a Share the Harvest box. The purpose of this box is to serve as a central location and drop point for community members who have backyard gardens to drop off their extra produce. The Ellwood City Community Garden will take it to the food bank where it will be distributed.

Town Hall Meetings for Advance Life Support (ALS), Sep 26 6-8pm & Oct 22 12-2pm at the Community Center above the Fire Station

The Borough’s annual Fall Clean Up will be held October 1 from 8am-2pm, \$10/vehicle. Tags available at the Utility Office

Public Hearing – October 17 5:45pm, Joe DeSanzo (Johnny’s Pizza Shop), Conditional Use Request

Wander Ellwood Event – October 5, 5-8pm (last one)

Finance Committee – Budget workshop, October 12 at 5pm, Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary