

5:45PM – 2021 AUDIT PRESENTATION

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
July 18, 2022**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

INVOCATION – Dave McQuaid – The Fountain Initiative at First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

1. Dave Kreptich, 1000 Aetna Drive – RE: flag pole leaning at Public Works garage
2. Fred Vincik, 1217 Center Ave – RE: 1219 Crescent Avenue (dilapidated house)

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 6/20/22

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 6/20/22, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List 7/12/22 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 7/13/22

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 7/12/22, in the amount of \$632,734.23, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 7/13/22, in the amount of \$237,452.11. Roll call vote; all in favor. Ms. Williams abstained from Voucher #58929 and #58943 (Prepaid), due to conflict of interest. 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. No Parking – Clover Avenue

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, amending the traffic ordinance to prohibit parking at all times at certain locations, specifically Clover Avenue (North) between Gregg Street and Cedar Street. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Application for PennVest Funding – Wampum Avenue Pump Station Project

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Dici, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, applying for PennVest funding for the Wampum Avenue Pump Station Project. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Appointment – Amy McKinney as Fair Housing Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, appointing Amy McKinney as the Fair Housing Officer. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Appointment – Rebecca Shaffer as Section 504 Housing Officer
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, appointing Rebecca Shaffer as the Section 504 Housing Officer. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Resignation – Judy Brooks, EC Library Board
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to accept the resignation of Judy Brooks from the EC Library Board. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Vacancy – EC Library Board (term expires 12/31/22)
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise the vacancy on the EC Library Board. The term expires 12/31/22. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Williams, Lamenza, Dici)

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

Public Works: (Barry, Williams, Ovia)

1. Award Bid – Replace Concrete Section of Beaver Avenue
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Williams, to award the bid for the replacement of a concrete section of Beaver Avenue from 4th to 5th Street to CamRahn Cortez in the amount of \$29,347.50. This amount will be paid from the General Capital Reserve Fund (\$26,876.27 will be reimbursed by the Lawrence Co. Liquid Fuel Fund). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Quote – Stephenson Equipment
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the quote in the amount of \$6,471 from Stephenson Equipment, Inc. for snow plow blades. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Utilities: (Dici, Barry, Williams)

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Barry)

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Ovia, Cragle)

1. Employment – Animal Control Officer
This item was pulled from the agenda.
2. Employment – Parks
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Ms. Williams, to ratify the employment of the following individual for summer work, contingent upon satisfactory background checks/clearances:

Blake Mravintz Parks \$12.00/hr Criminal History, Driver's History

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. DCED – Façade Grant Application
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to authorize Lawrence County to submit a facade grant application to DCED. The Borough's commitment will be \$25,000. This amount will be paid from the L&N Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Comprehensive Plan Committee

The Comprehensive Plan Committee shall consist of 3 Council members, Borough Manager and 5 Borough residents. Therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Williams, to accept letters of interest from Borough residents willing to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Blight: (Dici, Oviai, Barry)

Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Dici)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agreement – Ellport Borough (Police Services)

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adopt an Agreement with Ellport Borough, as submitted, for police services for the years/rates as follows:

2023	\$57,000
2024	\$59,000
2025	\$60,000

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. David Custozzo – Health Officer

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve utilizing David Custozzo, Health Officer for additional duties on a limited, as needed, basis for \$25.00 per hour. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Permission to Add to Agenda – Advertise Employment (Bookkeeper)

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve adding the advertising for the Bookkeeper position to the agenda. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Advertise Employment – Bookkeeper

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise for a Bookkeeper in the Clerical Department. The rate of pay is \$20.188/hour (85% of full rate). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Permission to Add to Agenda – Additions to the Committee of Whole Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve adding items to the Committee of the Whole Agenda. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Additions to the Committee of Whole Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to add to the Committee of the Whole Agenda the “Roll Call”, “Pledge of Allegiance”, and “Visitors” to the top of the Agenda. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

MANAGER’S REPORT

VISITORS

1. Nick Vercilla, Ellwood City Ledger – Does the Borough know what the intentions of Pelorus Equity Group, Inc. are with regard to the former EC Hospital?

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.

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary