

5:00pm – EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Personnel)

5:30pm – Public Hearing – Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor License (Sheetz, Inc.)

5:45pm – Public Hearing – Conditional Use Request (Johnny’s Pizza Shop)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 17, 2022**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Jim Barry called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Cragle, Ms. Dici, Ms. Lamenza, Mr. Ovia, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Barry

Also Present: Mayor Anthony Court and Solicitor Ed Leymarie

Absent: Mr. Celli and Manager David Allen

INVOCATION – Dennis Arndt – Lillyville Church of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

1. Brian Seeger, 108 Vista Lane – RE: Winery & Bourbon Walk
2. Jesse Altman, Mayor Wampum Borough – RE: Shared Services Agreement
3. Bill Mathews, EC Community Health Foundation – RE: Grant monies presented to EC VFD for ALS Services

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public Hearing 9/19/22 and Regular Meeting 9/19/22

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing held 9/19/22 and the Regular Meeting held 9/19/22, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List 10/11/22 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 10/12/22

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 10/11/22, in the amount of \$205,356.80, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 10/12/22, in the amount of \$207,518.97. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Williams abstaining from Pre-Paid Vouchers, specifically check # 59360 (Aetna) and #59373 (Silver Script Insurance), due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. Submission of 2022 CDBG Application
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the submission of the CDBG 2022 grant application in the amount of \$128,270 for Curb Cuts, Housing Rehabilitation and Program Administration and further to authorize the Council President to sign any and all documents relative to the same. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Distribution of Pension State Aid
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the distribution of \$227,939.88 received in Pension State Aid for 2022 as follows: Firemen's Pension Plan \$10,360.90; Municipal Pension Plan \$155,413.56; and Police Pension Plan \$62,165.42. Therefore, \$62,878.10 is owed to the Firemen's Plan, \$234,467.44 is owed to the Municipal Employees Plan and a balance of \$222,131.58 is owed to the Police Plan. Further, it is moved that these balances be paid by the General Fund by December 31, 2022. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. 2023 Police Pension Contribution
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, requiring contributions to the police pension fund by the police department in the amount of 4.0% for the year 2023. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Intermunicipal Transfer of Restaurant Liquor License (Sheetz, Inc.)
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, approving the intermunicipal transfer of restaurant liquor license # R15584 to Sheetz, Inc. located at 14 Fifth Street, Ellwood City. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Williams, Lamenza, Dici)

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

1. EC Children's Center – Halloween Parade
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve the request by the EC Children's Center to close First Street from Spring Avenue to Pittsburgh Circle on October 28 from 9:45-10:45am for a Halloween Parade. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Advertise Ordinance – Advanced Life Support (ALS) Program
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Williams, to advertise an Ordinance creating an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Program. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Agreement – EC Volunteer Fire Department
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve an Agreement, as submitted, regarding grant monies received from the Ellwood City Community Health Foundation to the EC Volunteer Fire Department and how it will be used towards the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Program. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. EC Area Chamber – Let There Be Lights
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Let There Be Lights event December 2 from 6-9pm on Lawrence Avenue. It is further requested to close Lawrence Avenue from 4th – 6th Street at 3pm for the event. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. EC Area Chamber – Ugly Sweater 5K
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to hold an “Ugly Sweater 5K” event December 3 from 9am - 12pm in Ewing Park. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works: (Barry, Williams, Oviai)

Utilities: (Dici, Barry, Williams)

1. Payment – T&R Electric
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the payment in the amount of \$13,411.41 to T&R Electric for a pump station transformer for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Barry)

1. Authorize HRG – Prepare/Advertise Bids (Resurfacing Stiefel Park Hockey Rink)
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Williams, to authorize HRG to prepare/advertise bids to resurface the Stiefel Park Hockey Rink. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Quote – Youngblood Paving (Ewing Park Skate Park)
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve the quote by Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$7,800 to resurface the Ewing Park Skate Park. This amount will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Oviai, Cragle)

1. Employment – Part-time Patrolman(men)
This item was pulled from the agenda.
2. Resignation – David Allen, Borough Manager
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to accept the resignation of David Allen, Borough Manager effective December 31, 2022, his last day of employment. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Resignation – Brenda Thompson, Bookkeeper
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to accept the resignation of Brenda Thompson, Bookkeeper. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Employment – Kimberly Spiker (Bookkeeper)
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the employment of Kimberly Spiker as Bookkeeper at the rate of \$20.188 (85% of full rate of \$23.75), contingent upon successful completion of all background checks. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Establish Wage Rate – Full Time Paramedic Captain
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Dici, to establish the wage rate for a full-time Paramedic Captain as \$20.00/hour. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Establish Wage Rate – Part Time Paramedic
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Williams, to establish the wage rate for a part-time Paramedic as \$20.00/hour. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Employment (Promotion) – Dan Yoder
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to promote Dan Yoder from part-time Firefighter to full-time Paramedic Captain at the rate of \$20.00/hour. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Employment (Promotion) – Brandon Magnifico & Jeff Magnifico
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to promote Brandon Magnifico and Jeff Magnifico from part-time Firefighter to part-time Paramedic at the rate of \$20.00/hour. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
9. Employment – Part-time Paramedic
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to hire the following individuals as part-time Paramedic at the rate of \$20.00/hour: Dirk Baker, Brian Dambaugh, Johnny Douglas, Chad Kirkpatrick, Michael Kobbe, Alan Martino, Aaron Natali, Larry Price, Christopher Reed, and James Varzdel. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Conditional Use – Joe DeSanzo (Johnny’s Pizza Shop)
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Ovial, to approve the request by Joe DeSanzo (Johnny’s Pizza Shop, 609 Fourth Street) to have a drive-thru window on Birch Way which is a Conditional Use in a C-1 Local Business District. As a condition of this approval, Council will advertise an ordinance making Birch Way one way eastbound for a specified distance and DeSanzo shall move said window 11’11” further east on his building. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Williams. Motion carried, 5-1.
2. Accept Bids – Sale of 806 Fifth Street
A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to accept bids on the sale of 806 Fifth Street (#22-002-0707.000). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Blight: (Dici, Ovial, Barry)

Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Dici)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Quote – Barber’s Chemicals
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the quote from Barber’s Chemicals in the amount of \$9,060.00 to remove sand from the sand filters at the swimming pool. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

MANAGER’S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halloween Parade - October 22 beginning at 3:30pm.

Trick or Treat will be held Monday, October 31 from 5-7pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary