

5:15pm – Executive Session – Police Contract

5:45pm – 2020 Audit presentation

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
August 16, 2021**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Brough, Mr. Cragle, Ms. Dici, Ms. Guerrero, Ms. Lamenza, and Mr. Celli

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

**INVOCATION** – Jay Sterling, First United Methodist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

1. Dave Krepitch, 1000 Aetna Drive – RE: Engine Brake Retarder Ordinance

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting 7/19/21

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 7/19/21, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 8/10/21 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 8/11/21

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 8/10/21, in the amount of \$462,952.70, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 8/11/21, in the amount of \$275,614.47. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**Finance: (Guerrera, Cragle, Barry)**

1. Accept the 2020 Audit (Mark Turnley, CPA)

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to accept the 2020 audit performed by Mark Turnley, CPA. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Health/Public Safety: (Celli, Barry, Lamenza)**

1. Advertise Ordinance – Prohibiting Use of Engine Brake Retarders on Motor Vehicles  
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to advertise an ordinance prohibiting the use of engine brake retarders on motor vehicles on Woodside Avenue (SR 65) from Pershing Street to Mt. Vernon Drive. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Life Chain  
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request to hold the Life Chain event on October 3 from 2-3pm along Fifth Street & Fountain Avenue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Works/Utilities: (Barry, Cragle, Guerrero)**

1. Meadowridge/Pinecrest Acres Project – Change Order #1  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve Change Order #1 (deduct) to the Meadowridge/Pinecrest Acres Project in the amount of \$52,360. The original contract price was \$676,700. The total project value after this change order is \$624,340. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Rescind Motion - Approve Quote – 2021 Ford Dump Truck w/ Plow & Salt Spreader  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to rescind the Motion made at the Regular Council meeting held 7/19/21 approving “the quote from SEI in the amount of \$50,423 (Costar pricing) for the purchase of a 2021 Ford dump truck with plow and salt spreader. This amount will be paid from the General Fund.” Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Suspend Alcohol Ordinance – Oktoberfest Event  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve suspending Part 10, Chapter 1066, subsection 1066.03 (a) of the Codified Ordinance Book pertaining to the prohibition of alcohol in Ewing Park. This suspension only applies to participants of the “Oktoberfest” event held October 2 from 12-5pm. Event insurance shall be purchased, naming the Borough of Ellwood City as an additional named insured. All necessary State and County permits shall be in place for this event. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Field Request - EC Girls Softball  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the request by the EC Girls Softball team to use the men’s field August 15 – November 6 Mondays from 5:30 - 8pm, Tuesdays from 5:30 – 11pm, Thursdays from 5:30 – 11pm and Saturdays. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Resignation – Sam Barry  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to accept the resignation of Sam Barry (part-time Public Works) effective 7/28/21, his last day of employment. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Resignations – James Michlich & Elizabeth Polojac (School Crossing Guards)  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to accept the resignation of James Michlich (crossing guard) effective 8/3/21, his last day of employment and Elizabeth Polojac (crossing guard) effective 8/3/21, her last day of employment. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise Employment – Part-Time Public Works  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Barry, to advertise for two (2) part-time employees for the Public Works Department. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Advertise Employment – School Crossing Guard  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise for school crossing guards. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Travel Request – PSAB Conference (Erie, PA)  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the travel request of Mayor Anthony Court and Judith Dici to attend the PSAB Conference in Erie, PA October 8-10. The total cost to attend is \$1088.68 plus meals and mileage. This amount will be paid from the General Fund.

**Community Development/Buildings: (Dici, Celli, Lamenza)**

1. 1127 Center Avenue  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Barry, to authorize the Borough Solicitor to take legal action against 1127 Center Avenue to demolish the structure. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Blight: (Brough, Dici, Guerrera)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Employment – Crossing Guard  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Barry, to hire Jade Canterbury as school crossing guard, at the rate of \$9.40/hr, contingent upon a satisfactory background check/clearance. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Resignation – Lisa Guerrera (Borough Council)  
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to accept the resignation of Lisa Guerrera (Borough Council) effective 8/16/21. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise Vacancy – Borough Council  
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise for the Council vacancy (terms expires 12/31/21). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trick or Treat will be held Saturday, October 30 from 4-6pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary