

ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 18, 2021

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Manager David Allen and Solicitor Ed Leymarie

Absent: Mayor Anthony Court

INVOCATION – Steve Plyler, Bell Memorial Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting 9/13/21, Public Hearing 9/20/21, Regular Meeting 9/20/21

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 9/13/21, Public Hearing held 9/20/21, and the Regular Meeting held 9/20/21, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 10/12/21 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 10/14/21

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 10/12/21, in the amount of \$264,589.53, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 10/14/21, in the amount of \$214,990.80. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

1. Repeal Ordinance #2583 - Prohibiting the Use of Engine Break Retarders

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to REPEAL ordinance #2583 prohibiting the use of engine break retarders on motor vehicles on Woodside Avenue (SR65) from Pershing Street to Mt. Vernon Drive. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Wireless Facilities Design Manual - Adoption

A motion was made by Mr. Ovial, seconded by Mr. Brough, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, adopting a wireless facilities design manual for the regulation of small wireless facilities. Roll call vote; all in favor.

2. Submission of 2021 CDBG Application

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the submission of the CDBG 2021 grant application in the amount of \$128,907 for Street Improvements 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.

3. Appointment – Amy McKinney as Fair Housing Officer & Rebecca Shaffer as Section 504 Housing Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry,

* to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, appointing Amy McKinney as the Fair Housing Officer. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

* to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, appointing Rebecca Shaffer as the Section 504 Housing Officer.

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Distribution of Pension State Aid

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the distribution of \$215,877.71 received in Pension State Aid for 2021 as follows: Firemen's Pension Plan \$9,594.56; Municipal Pension Plan \$139,121.19; and Police Pension Plan \$67,161.96. Therefore, \$58,754.44 is owed to the Firemen's Plan, \$241,212.81 is owed to the Municipal Employees Plan and a balance of \$198,542.04 is owed to the Police Plan. Further, it is moved that these balances be paid by the General Fund by December 31, 2021. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. 2022 Police Pension Contribution

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Cragle, 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 2022. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Ovia, Cragle, Barry)

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

1. Street Address Change

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Dici, to accept the following street address change as recommended by Lawrence County:

Current Address:

517 ½ R. Park Avenue

Updated Address:

518 Wolverine Way

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Advertise Ordinance – Name change from Wolverine Avenue to Wolverine Way

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise an ordinance changing the name of "Wolverine Avenue" to "Wolverine Way" from Cherry Way to 6th Street. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Sale of 2011 Ford Crown Victoria to EC Area School District

A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. Brough, to sell the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN 2FABP7BV3BX181692) to the Ellwood City Area School District for \$2000. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Advertise Ordinance – Prohibiting Use of Engine Brake Retarders on Motor Vehicles
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise an ordinance prohibiting the use of engine brake retarders on motor vehicles on Line Avenue/Woodside Avenue (SR 65) from Bridge Street to Wampum Avenue and a second section on Line Avenue/Woodside Avenue (SR65) between Haig Street and the Borough line with Wayne Township. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. EC Children’s Center – Halloween Parade
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by the EC Children’s Center to close First Street from Spring Avenue to Pittsburgh Circle on October 29 from 9:45-10:45am for a Halloween Parade. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Advertise Ordinance – Vacating Locust Way & Fountain Avenue
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to advertise an ordinance vacating Locust Way from Fountain Avenue to Glen Avenue and Fountain Avenue from 5th Street to Locust Way. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities: (Barry, Cragle, Ovia)

1. Advertise Ordinance – Amending Sewer Rates
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to advertise an amendment to the sewer ordinance authorizing the following increase to the sewer rates, effective 1/1/22:

From: \$8.27/1,000 gallons of water AND \$8.27/customer/month
To: \$8.68/1,000 gallons of water AND \$8.68/customer/month

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Quote – Interstate Pipe and Supply
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the quote from Interstate Pipe & Supply Co. in the amount of \$14,091.60 for stock supplies (inventory). This amount will be paid from the General Fund and Sewage Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise Ordinance – Procedures & Requirements of Act 50 of 2021
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise an ordinance establishing procedures and requirements pertaining to the implementation of Act 50 of 2021 and regulating small wireless facilities to be placed within the public right of way. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Brough)

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Barry)

1. Advertise Ordinance – Eliminate the DROP from Police Pension Plan
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to advertise an amendment to the Police Pension Ordinance eliminating the DROP provision from the ordinance effective for any officers hired after 9/20/21. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Resignation – Salvador Zepeda (Police)
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to accept the resignation of Salvador Zepeda effective 10/12/21, his last day of employment. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Advertise Employment – Part Time Patrolman (Non-Civil Service)
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise for the position of Part-time Patrolman (Non-Civil Service).

An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Dici, to add to the above motion allowing the Borough Manager in the future to advertise for part time police as necessary. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Blight: (Brough, Dici, Oviai)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Employment – Jason Tyger (Part-Time Firefighter)
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Dici, to authorize the employment of Jason Tyger as a part-time firefighter at the rate of \$15.30 per hour. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halloween Parade - October 23 beginning at 3:30pm.

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

Public Hearing – Street Vacations (Locust & Fountain) – November 8 at 5:45pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary