

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**December 17, 2018**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Judith Dici called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also Present: Manager David Allen, Interim Manager Joe Cioffi, Solicitor Ed Leymarie, and Jr. Councilperson Colin Smith

Absent: Mayor Anthony J. Court

**INVOCATION** – Angelique Bradford – First United Methodist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

1. Jeff Smith, Butler PA – RE: Nuclear Power

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting 11/19/18

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 11/19/18, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/11/18 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 12/13/18

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/11/18, in the amount of \$613,044.69, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 12/13/18, in the amount of \$294,146.31. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

1. 2019 Tax Rate (8.75 mills)

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, establishing the real property tax rate at 8.75 mills for the year 2019. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Code Book Updates

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. 2019 Budget

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, adopting a 2019 Budget. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. 2019 Police Pension Contribution  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, requiring contributions to the police pension fund by the police department in the amount of 3.5% for the year 2019. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) Stabilization  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, establishing a stabilized Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) for the 2019 electric usage as \$.02191/kwh. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Brough and Ms. Guerrero. Motion carried, 5-2.
4. PMEA Bylaw Amends, Strategic Plan & Dues Structure  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, approving the proposed bylaw amendments, strategic plan and dues structure of the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association (PMEA), and appointing the voting delegate/alternate representative. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Brough and Ms. Guerrero. Motion carried, 5-2.

#### **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Appointments – Zoning Hearing Board, Ellwood City Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, Ellwood City Library Board & Recreation Board  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to make the following appointments:

ZONING HEARING BOARD – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 3 Year Term  
Mr. Paul Dici, 925 Skyline Dr, 752-8661

ELLWOOD CITY PLANNING COMMISSION – 2 vacancies, 1 applicant, 4 Year Term  
Chuck Rubino, 508 Park Avenue, 724-355-1617

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – 2 vacancies, 2 applicants, 5 Year Term\*  
Mr. Jim Barry, 739 Smiley Street, 724-752-9239  
Mr. Ralph Chiappetta, 311 North Street, 724-971-1908      Term expires 12/31/21

ELLWOOD CITY LIBRARY BOARD – 2 vacancies, 1 applicant, 3 Year Term  
Ms. Norma Zingaro, 115 Second St, 758-4235

RECREATION BOARD – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 5 Year Term  
Caleb Cragle, 845 Perry Street, 724-971-0311

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**Finance: (Celli, Guerrero, Lamenza)**

**Health/Public Safety: (Brough, Barry, Mancini)**

**Public Works/Utilities: (Barry, Lamenza, Mancini)**

1. Advertise Ordinance – Industrial Pretreatment Allowable Limits  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to advertise an amendment to the industrial pretreatment ordinance, specifically allowable limits for pollutants. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Parks/Recreation: (Mancini, Guerrero, Celli)**

**Administration/Personnel: (Guerrera, Brough, Barry)**

1. **Pension Benefit (DROP) – Lt. David Kingston**  
 A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the monthly pension benefit (DROP) for Lt. David Kingston (Police Pension Plan) retroactive to November 1, 2017, as submitted by the Borough’s Actuary. Voice vote. All in favor, except Mr. Brough and Ms. Guerrero. Motion carried, 5-2.
  
2. **Pension Benefit (DROP) – Ptl. Wayne Parsons**  
 A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the monthly pension benefit (DROP) for Ptl. Wayne Parsons (Police Pension Plan) retroactive to February 1, 2018, as submitted by the Borough’s Actuary. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
  
3. **Pension Benefit (DROP) – Ptl. Richard List**  
 A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the monthly pension benefit (DROP) for Ptl. Richard List (Police Pension Plan) retroactive to May 1, 2018, as submitted by the Borough’s Actuary. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
  
4. **Police Pension Plan – 2019 Cost of Living Adjustments (Betz, Damon, Hardie, Lubich, Kingston (DROP))**  
 A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the year 2019 cost of living adjustment for retired police officers William Betz, Brian Damon, Chris Hardie, John Lubich, and David Kingston (DROP), as submitted by the Actuary. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
  
5. **2019 Wages – Part-Time Employees’**  
 A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to establish salaries and wages for the following part-time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2019 as follows:

Classification	1/1/2018 Hourly Rate	1/1/2019 Hourly Rate
Secretary to Mayor/Police Chief	\$12.50	\$12.81
Parking Meter Enforcement Officer	\$12.00	\$12.20
Park Manager	\$11.00	\$11.25

Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Brough and Ms. Guerrero. Motion carried, 5-2.

6. **2019 Wages – Non-Union Full-Time Employees’**  
 A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to establish salaries and wages for the following Non-Union full-time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2019 as follows:

Classification	1/1/2018 Annual Base	1/1/2019 Hourly Rate	2019 Annual Base
Borough Secretary	\$46,336	\$22.834	\$47,495
Fire Chief	\$61,861	\$31.399	\$65,310
Public Works Director	\$63,717	\$31.399	\$65,310
Electric Department Superintendent	\$68,802	\$33.905	\$70,522
Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager	\$45,775	\$22.255	\$46,290
Wastewater Treatment Lab Technician	\$45,747	\$22.544	\$46,891

Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Brough and Ms. Guerrero. Motion carried, 5-2.

7. Local #964 – Clerical Contract  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Contract with Local #964 (Clerical Employees) for the term 1/1/19 – 12/31/21.  
  
Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Brough and Ms. Guerrero. Motion carried, 5-2.
8. Local #964 – Public Works, Electric & Wastewater Contract  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Contract with Local #964 (Public Works, Electric & Wastewater) for the term 1/1/19 – 12/31/21. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Brough and Ms. Guerrero. Motion carried, 5-2.
9. Employment Agreement – Borough Manager  
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Employment Agreement for William David Allen, Borough Manager, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
10. Frank B. Taylor Engineering – Engineering Services, Fee Schedule  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the 2019 fee schedule submitted by Frank B. Taylor Engineering for professional services. Roll call vote. All voted against, except Mr. Celli, Ms. Lamenza, and Ms. Mancini. Motion failed, 4-3.
11. Mourice Waltz Planners and Consultants – Sewage Enforcement Services  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the 2019 fee schedule submitted by Mourice Waltz Planners and Consultants for Sewage Enforcement Services. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lincoln High School Concert Choir will perform at the Community Plaza on Wednesday,  
December 19 at 10:30am  
Free Christmas Dinner – Dec 25 from 11-1pm at First United Methodist Church

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary