

5pm – Executive Session (Personnel)

5:45pm – Public Hearing – (Cancelling the laying out of Beechwood Blvd & Cul-de-sac)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
March 18, 2024**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brad Oviai called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Celli, Mr. Cragle, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Lamenza, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Oviai

Also Present: Borough Manager Kevin Swogger, Mayor Anthony Court and Solicitor Ed Leymarie

**INVOCATION** - None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

1. Emily DeNome, 304 Wood Street – RE: School District Ballfield/Septic tanks
2. Jude Dici, 619 Dover Lane – RE: Grant application for Ewing Park Trail

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting 2/19/24

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 2/19/24, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List 3/12/24 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 3/12/24

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 3/12/24, in the amount of \$450,011.75, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 3/12/24, in the amount of \$180,079.74. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

1. Canceling the Laying Out of Beechwood Blvd & Cul-de-sac (879 Beechwood Blvd.)

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, canceling the laying out of an unopened portion of Beechwood Boulevard and canceling the laying out of an unopened portion of a cul-de-sac, in the First Ward, Lawrence County, and the Second Ward, Beaver County, of the Borough of Ellwood City, Pennsylvania and further described from the Lawrence County Plot Book Volume 7, page 52 and in the Beaver County Plot Book Volume 4, pages 26-27 in the Pittsburgh Company's Plan of South Ellwood Heights at Block 13. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. Application – Lawrence Co. Liquid Fuels Tax Funds  
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the submission of an application to Lawrence County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds (\$50,000) for the reconstruction of Madison Avenue (Phase II) and the purchase of roadway signs. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

### COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

#### Finance: (Williams, Celli, Lamenza)

1. Charge Tax Collector for 2024 Tax Duplicate  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to charge Sue Gatto, Tax Collector for the 2024 Tax Duplicate of \$2,557,240.51 at Face. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. EC Community Enrichment – Summer Concert Series  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the request by the EC Community Enrichment to close Lawrence Avenue from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street beginning at 6:45pm on June 1, 22, July 13, 27, and August 10, and at 5:45pm on August 24 for the summer concerts at the Community Plaza. It is also requested to approve suspending Part 6, Chapter 606, of the Codified Ordinance Book pertaining to open containers. This suspension only applies to participants of the summer concert series. Event insurance shall be purchased, naming the Borough of Ellwood City as an additional named insured. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### Public Works: (Celli, Barry, Williams)

1. Award Bid – Roadway Replacement Project (Madison Avenue – Phase II)  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to award the bid for the Roadway Replacement Project, specifically Madison Avenue (Phase II)(March St to Wampum Avenue) to Fryer Excavating & Concrete (Beaver Falls, PA) at a cost of \$43,977.22. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Award Bid – Stiefel Park Access Road & Parking Lot Paving Project  
*This item was pulled from the Agenda.*
3. Approve Quote (Ratify) – Vactor repairs (Bortek Industries)  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve (ratify) the quote by Bortek Industries in the amount of \$8,498.24 to make repairs to the Vactor, specifically for valves, hose and fittings. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Fifth St. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project – HRG Supplement #1  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve Supplement #1 for HRG in the amount of \$6,070 for engineering services to prepare and submit an application for underground pipeline crossing of railroad property relative to the Fifth Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Insight Pipe Contracting – Cleaning of 6<sup>th</sup> St. Sanitary Siphons  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the quote from Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$5,769.56 (minimum) to high pressure clean the 6<sup>th</sup> Street sanitary siphons. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Collection Fund.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to allow up to \$9,869.56 (maximum). Roll call vote. All voted against, except Mr. Celli and Ms. Williams. Motion failed, 5-2.

Roll call on the original motion. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approve Quote – Roof Replacement – Trefoil Lodge  
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the quote from Andy Byler in the amount of \$6,850 to replace the roof on Trefoil Lodge in Ewing Park (128 Joffre Street). This amount will be paid from the Park Improvement Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Utilities: (Williams, Celli, Johnson)**

1. Pole Attachment Agreement – Omni Fiber  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Agreement, as submitted, with Omni Fiber relative to utility pole attachments. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Williams, Ovia)**

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

1. Accept Proposal – Borough Engineer  
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Celli, to accept the proposal from New Castle Engineers to provide general engineering services for the Borough. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Diane Daubenspeck – Clerical Support Services  
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to authorize the payment in the amount of \$6,100 paid to Diane Daubenspeck for clerical support services. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Travel Request – PSAB Conference (Court, Celli, Swogger)  
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the travel request by Anthony Court, George Celli, and Kevin Swogger to attend the PSAB Conference in Hershey, PA June 2-5. The cost is \$750 plus lodging, meals, and mileage. This will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Community Development/Buildings: (Ovia, Cragle, Johnson)**

**Blight: (Johnson, Barry, Ovia)**

**Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Lamenza)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Employment – Part-time Paramedic & Firefighters

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the employment of the following part-time individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Kimberly Porterfield	Paramedic	\$20.50/hour
Chris Ross	Firefighter	\$18.00/hour
Thomas Sonni	Firefighter	\$18.00/hour
Kurt Pucci	Firefighter	\$18.00/hour

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Advertise Bids – Purchase of a Used Dump Truck

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Williams, to advertise bids for the purchase of a used dump truck (19,500 GVW). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

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**VISITORS**

1. Jude Dici, 619 Dover Ln – RE: Conference attendance by Borough Manager

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Picnic shelter reservations will begin on the fourth Monday in **March** (Mar. 25) for non-Borough residents

EC Community Gardens – seeking volunteers contact Kelly Brack at 724-816-5193 or email [garden@ellwoodcityborough.com](mailto:garden@ellwoodcityborough.com).

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary