

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**April 15, 2024**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brad Ovial called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**INVOCATION** – James Johnson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Public Hearing 3/18/24 & Regular Meeting 3/18/24

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing held 3/18/24 and the Regular Meeting held 3/18/24, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List 4/11/24 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 4/11/24

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 4/11/24, in the amount of \$867,164.06, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 4/11/24, in the amount of \$261,580.82. Roll call vote. All in favor, with Ms. Williams abstaining on Pre-Paid Voucher #61939. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

Finance: (Williams, Celli, Lamenza)

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

1. Memorial Day Parade  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the request by the Memorial Day Parade Committee to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and to use the parking area near Todd Avenue as a staging area. It is also requested to use Legion Park for a ceremony and Pittsburgh Circle Heritage Park for a community cookout following the parade and ceremony. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Corn Hole Tournament – Close Cirelli Drive  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request to close Cirelli Drive between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street on August 3 from 2-8pm for a corn hole tournament. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Award Bid – Stiefel Park Access Road & Parking Lot Paving Project  
*This item was pulled from the agenda.*
2. Valley Waste Service – Refuse, Recycling & Yard Waste Collection  
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the two (2) year Option Agreement, as submitted, with Valley Waste Service to provide for refuse, recycling & yard waste collection. The new contract expiration date will be June 30, 2026. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Lamenza. Motion carried, 6-1.
3. Award Bid – Purchase of a used 2013 Dodge Ram 5500  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to award the bid on the purchase of a used dump truck (19,500 GVW) to Richie Nesbit in the amount of \$40,000 for a 2013 Dodge Ram 5500. This amount will be paid from the General Capital Reserve Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

1. Ewing Park Community Yard Sale  
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the request to hold a “Ewing Park Community Yard Sale” on June 1 from 9-1pm. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Ellwood City 10K Race  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the request to hold the Ellwood City 10K Race on Saturday, June 29 at 9am. It is further requested to utilize the changing facilities at the Veteran’s Memorial Swimming Pool as well as the parking lot from 7am to 11:30am. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. 5K Run/Walk  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request to hold a 5K Run/Walk on August 3 at 9am. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Diane Daubenspeck – Clerical Support Services  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to authorize the payment in the amount of \$2,800 to Diane Daubenspeck for clerical support services. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Lease Agreement – John DiBuono  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Rental Agreement, as submitted, with John DiBuono to use the building at 311 College Street for a family recreation center. The term of this lease will be for the period 5/1/24 – 4/30/25. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise Employment – Summer Employment (Parks, Playground Coordinator, & Playground Instructors)  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise for summer employment (Parks, Playground Coordinator, and Playground Instructors). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Bidding of 116 Hazen Avenue  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to authorize a Borough representative the ability to bid on 116 Hazen Avenue at the Lawrence Co. Judicial Sale. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Advertise Ordinance – Zoning Amendment (Downtown Commercial District)  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance providing for the adjustment of the maximum depth of the front yard in the Downtown Commercial District for Conditional Uses. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**VISITORS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Public Hearing – May 20 5:45pm – Zoning Amendment, Conditional Use, Front Yard Setback  
Downtown Commercial District

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary