

5:30pm – Executive Session (Police Contract)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
June 17, 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, and Mr. OviaI

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

Absent: Ms. Lamenza, and Ms. Williams

**INVOCATION** – James Johnson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

1. Emily DeNome – 304 Wood Street – RE: Thank you for having parked boat removed

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Public Hearing 5/20/24 & Regular Meeting 5/20/24

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing Held 5/20/24 and the Regular Meeting held 5/20/24, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List 6/13/24 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 6/13/24

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 6/13/24, in the amount of \$998,314.80, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 6/13/24, in the amount of \$313,342.72. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

1. Ordinance – Stop Intersections (First Avenue, Wampum Avenue)

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, amending the traffic ordinance establishing the following stop intersections:

<u>Stop Street</u>	<u>Intersecting Street</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>
First Avenue	McKinley Street	Westbound
Wampum Avenue	Bridge Street	Eastbound & Westbound

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 1. HOME Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the filing of an application for funds in the amount of \$500,000 with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). This HOME Grant program application will be submitted by Lawrence Co. Social Services (LCSS) on behalf of Ellwood City Borough. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

## COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

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

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

#### 1. Approve Quote – 2024 Ranger XP

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the quote from Snow's Polaris in the amount of \$23,848.46 (Costar pricing) for a 2024 Ranger XP 1000 Premium (side by side patrol vehicle). This amount will be paid from the Drug Investigation Fund (\$11,924.23) and the General Fund (\$11,924.23). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

#### 1. Award Bid – Stiefel Park Access Road & Parking Lot Paving Project

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Celli, to award the bid for the Stiefel Park Access Road & Parking Lot Paving Project to Protech Asphalt Maintenance in the amount of \$63,339.20. This amount will be paid from the Stiefel Park Improvement Grant. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### 2. Award Bid – 2024 Street Paving Project

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to award the bid for the 2024 Street Paving Project to Youngblood Paving in the amount of \$316,235.86 (Base Bid and Optional Bid #1, #2, #3, #4). This amount will be paid from the Liquid Fuel Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### 3. Approve Quote – Full Throttle Performance

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the quote from Full Throttle Performance in the amount of \$11,555.70 to make necessary repairs to the 2013 Dodge Ram 5500. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### 4. Authorization to Sell Vehicles at Auction

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barry, to authorize the sale of the following vehicles at auction:

2013 Chevy Tahoe (K9)

1992 International 4900

2001 Dodge 3500

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

#### 5. Approve Quote – Insight Pipe Contracting

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the quote from Insight Pipe Contracting in the amount of approx. \$140,365.70 to line the 6" and 8" diameter sanitary sewer lines along 4<sup>th</sup> St., S. Second St., Adams Ave. & Jefferson Ave. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Collection Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Approve Payment – Schaedler Yesco  
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the payment in the amount of \$11,801.13 to Schaedler Yesco for 1200 feet of electrical wire for the Ellwood City Arts Crafts & Food Festival. This amount will be paid from the Electric Fund. The Ellwood City Arts Crafts & Food Festival will reimburse the Borough this amount. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Little Free Library  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by Stephani Damato to install a Little Free Library in Ewing Park. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Field Request – EC Recreational Fastpitch  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the request by the EC Recreational Fastpitch to use the Women’s field at Stiefel Park June 16 – December 31 from 3-9pm. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Field Request – EC Girls Softball  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the request by the EC Girls Softball to use the Men’s, Women’s, and Girl’s fields at Stiefel Park July 12-14 from 7am - 9pm. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Diane Daubenspeck – Clerical Support Services  
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve utilizing Diane Daubenspeck for clerical support services on a limited, as needed basis for up to \$500/month. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Quote – DuroLast (Fire Department Roof)  
*This item was pulled from the agenda.*
3. Approve Quote – Phone System at Fire Department  
*This item was pulled from the agenda.*

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

1. Rescind Motion - Subdivision Application – Fifth and Spring, LLC  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to rescind the motion made at the Regular Council Meeting held 5/15/23 to “approve the request by Fifth and Spring, LLC to convert four (4) properties into one (1) buildable lot for a Dunkin’ Fast Food Restaurant at the intersection of Fifth Street and Spring Avenue.” Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Subdivision Application – Fifth and Spring, LLC  
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by Fifth and Spring, LLC to convert four (4) properties into one (1) buildable lot for a Dunkin’ Fast Food Restaurant at the intersection of Fifth Street and Spring Avenue. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Agreement – Borough & Ellwood City Revitalization  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the Agreement, as submitted, with Ellwood City Revitalization (ECR) relative to the development of 509/511 Lawrence Avenue and 513/515 Lawrence Avenue. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Suspend Alcohol Ordinance – Ellwood City Arts, Crafts, Food Festival  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, 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 EC Arts, Crafts, Food Festival event held June 28 - 30. 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 Little Wolverine Football  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the request by the EC Little Wolverines to use the multipurpose field at Stiefel Park July 8 – October 25, Monday – Friday from 6-8pm. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

### VISITORS

None

### MAYOR'S REPORT

### MANAGER'S REPORT

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADJOURNMENT

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary