

5:45pm – Executive Session (Edmunds.Gov Contract)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 19, 2024**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Brad OviaI called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Celli, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Lamenza, Ms. Williams and Mr. OviaI
Also Present: Borough Manager Kevin Swogger, Solicitor Ryan Long, and Mayor Anthony Court
Absent: Mr. Cragle

INVOCATION – James Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

1. Emily DeNome, 304 Wood Street – RE: Dunkin traffic & proposed ballfield
2. David Parker, Franklin Avenue – RE: Paving Program (tar & chip)
3. Kevin Boariu, 717 June Lee Street – RE: Stiefel Park Hockey Rink

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 7/15/24

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 7/15/24, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List 8/16/24 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 8/16/24

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 8/16/24, in the amount of \$995,606.55, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 8/16/24, in the amount of \$294,535.55. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointment – Amy McKinney as Fair Housing Officer
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, appointing Amy McKinney as the Fair Housing Officer. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Appointment – Rebecca Shaffer as Section 504 Housing Officer
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, appointing Rebecca Shaffer as the Section 504 Housing Officer. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Williams, Celli, Lamenza)

1. Accept the 2023 Audit (Mark Turnley, CPA)
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to accept the 2023 audit performed by Mark Turnley, CPA. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. American Legion – Suspend Burning Ordinance
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by the American Legion to suspend the burning ordinance for a flag retirement ceremony September 14, from 9am-1pm at Legion Park. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Street Address Changes

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Williams, to accept the following street address change:

Current Address:
1 INMETCO Drive

Updated Address:
1 American Drive
(American Metal Recycling, LLC)

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Agreement – Ellport Borough (Police Services)

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt an Agreement with Ellport Borough, as submitted, for police services for the years/rates as follows:

2026	\$61,500
2027	\$63,000

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Advertise Ordinance – Amending East/West Truck Route 351

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise an amendment to the Traffic Ordinance amending the East and West Truck Route 351. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. EC Parade Committee – Halloween Parade, Christmas Parade, Let There Be Lights

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli to approve the following:

- * the request by the EC Parade Committee to hold the Halloween Parade October 26 beginning at 3:30pm.
- * the request by the EC Parade Committee to hold the Christmas Parade December 7 beginning at 3:30pm.
- * the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Let There Be Lights event December 6 from 6-9pm on Lawrence Avenue. It is further requested to close Lawrence Avenue from 4th – 6th Street at 3:30pm for the event.

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works: (Celli, Barry, Williams)

1. **CDBG 2022 Project – ADA Curb Ramps**
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve eliminating traffic control and intersection #5 (7th/Beaver) from the CDBG 2022 ADA Curb Ramp Project and for the Borough to contribute \$4,346.44 towards this project. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Rescind Motion - Approve Quote (Insight Pipe Contracting)**
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Williams, to rescind the motion made at the Regular Council Meeting held 6/17/24 approving “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 4th St., S. Second St., Adams Ave. & Jefferson Ave. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Collection Fund.”
3. **Approve Quote - Insight Pipe Contracting**
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the quote from Insight Pipe Contracting in the amount of approx. \$123,270.80 to line the 6”, 8”, 10”, and 12” diameter sanitary sewer lines along 4th 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)

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Williams, Ovia)

1. **EC Recreational Fastpitch (Merit Book), EC Area Chamber of Commerce (Christmas in the Park & Ugly Sweater 5K), LHS Girls Tennis Team**
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the following:
 - * the request by the EC Recreational Fastpitch to use Merit Book August 25, Monday – Friday from 10a-2p.
 - * the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to use Ewing Park from November 30 – December 23 from 6-9pm for the annual Christmas in the Park event.
 - * the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to hold an “Ugly Sweater 5K” event December 14 from 3-5pm in Ewing Park.
 - * the request by the LHS Girls Tennis Team to use the Ewing Park Tennis Courts August 1 – October 1 from 3-5:30pm.

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Ovia)

1. **Summer Employment (Ratify) – Parks**
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to ratify the employment of the following individual for summer work effective 6/10/24, contingent upon satisfactory background checks/clearances:

Derek Allen	Parks	\$13.00/hr	Criminal History, Driver’s History
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Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. **Approve Quote – DuroLast (Fire Department Roof)**
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the quote from DuroLast in the amount of \$80,573.38 (TIPS pricing) to replace the roof on the Fire Department. This amount will be paid from the General Capital Reserve Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Promotion – Devin Marshall (Lineman III to Lineman II)
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to promote Devin Marshall (Electric Department) from Lineman III (95%) to Lineman II (95%), effective 8/23/24. His current rate of pay will increase from \$26.08/hour (90%) to \$29.35/hour (95%). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Appoint Law Firm Leymarie, Clark, Long, PC
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to employ the law firm of Leymarie, Clark, Long, PC to perform the duties of Borough Solicitor at the rate of \$28,000 (prorated for the remainder of 2024), effective 9/1/24. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Travel Request – PSAB Fall Conference (Swogger, Court, Celli)
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the travel request by Kevin Swogger, Anthony Court, and George Celli to attend the PSAB Fall Conference in Lancaster, PA October 11-13. The cost is \$190 per person plus lodging, meals, and mileage. This will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Blight: (Johnson, Barry, Ovial)

Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Lamenza)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Comprehensive Plan

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trick or Treat – October 31 5-7pm

VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary