

5:30pm – Executive Session – Contracts (Edmunds GovTech Contract)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 16, 2024**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Brad Ovia called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Solicitor Ryan Long, and Mayor Anthony Court

Absent: Mr. Cragle, and Borough Manager Kevin Swogger

INVOCATION – Sean Brubaker, Calvin Presbyterian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

1. Emily DeNome, 304 Wood Street – RE: Ballfield
2. Lynn Jones, 327 Orchard Avenue – RE: Quick response by Fire Department
3. Joe Nardone, 1114 Aetna Drive – RE: Ballfield
4. Chris Weisz, 727 Pershing St – RE: Ballfield
5. Jeremy Beemiller, 523 Park Avenue – RE: Ballfield
6. Carla Parkes, Columbia Gas – RE: Due to a PUC mandate, gas meters being moved outside of commercial/residential structures
7. Jesse McAnallen, Columbia Gas - RE: Due to a PUC mandate, gas meters being moved outside of commercial/residential structures

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 8/19/24

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 8/19/24, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List 9/12/24 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/12/24

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 9/12/24, in the amount of \$684,878.25, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/12/24, in the amount of \$303,081.39. Roll call vote. All in favor with Ms. Williams abstaining from To Be PO #24-00504, Check # 62712. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

1. West Truck Route 351 (via Route 65/288, South)

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, amending the traffic ordinance establishing a West Truck Route 351 via Route 65/288 South. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. PA Department of Transportation – Winter Maintenance Agreements
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, approving the PA Department of Transportation’s Winter Maintenance Agreements for Lawrence and Beaver Counties at the reimbursement rates of \$25,207.38 and \$2,394.46, respectively. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Reimbursement Fees – Equipment/Vehicles
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, re-establishing reimbursement fees for specific Borough equipment/vehicles. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Confirming Receipt of 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, confirming receipt of the 2025 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) by September 30, 2024.
4. Fees – Processed by Credit/Debit Cards & Echeck
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing fees for payments processed by credit/debit cards and by Echeck. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Williams. Motion carried, 5-1.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Williams, Celli, Lamenza)

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

1. Approve Payment – Motorola Solutions
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the payment to Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$5,986.25 for the purchase of a portable police radio and programming. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Johnson. Motion carried, 5-1.
2. Approve Quote – Connectel (Phone System)
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the quote, as submitted, from Connectel to install a new phone system at the Fire Department (Community Center) utilizing Sangoma Hosted Phone Solutions at a total monthly cost of \$883.65 for 60 months (hardware, cabling, networking and firewall). This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise Ordinance – No Parking (Sims Street)
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to advertise an amendment to the traffic ordinance establishing No Parking on Sims Street (south side) beginning at a point 206 feet from Beatty Street for a distance of 147 feet. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works: (Celli, Barry, Williams)

1. Rescind Motion – CDBG 2022 Project – ADA Curb Ramps
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to rescind the motion made at the Regular Council Meeting held 8/19/24 approving “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. Approve Payment – Tom Sipes Demolition
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the payment to Tom Sipes Demolition in the amount of \$8,500 for the demolition of the Borough-owned structure at 116 Hazen Avenue. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Approve Quote – Crane Tech Solutions
This item was pulled from the Agenda.

Utilities: (Williams, Celli, Johnson)

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Williams, Ovia)

1. Stiefel Hockey
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the request by the Stiefel Park Hockey Team to use the rink at Stiefel Park August 26 – November 30 on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. EC Community Enrichment – Storytelling Festival
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by the EC Community Enrichment to use Shelter #3, stage, and restrooms in Ewing Park on September 21 from 4-7:30pm for the annual Storytelling Festival event. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Ovia)

1. Resignation – Brian Franksain (Paramedic)
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to accept the resignation of Brian Franksain, Paramedic, effective 8/23/24. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Pension Benefit (DROP) – Ptl. Robert Magnifico
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the monthly pension benefit (DROP) for Ptl. Robert Magnifico (Police Pension Plan), retroactive to August 1, 2024, as submitted by the Borough's Actuary. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Rescind Motion - Land Development – Fifth and Spring, LLC
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Barry, to rescind the motion made at the Regular Council meeting held 5/15/23 approving “the request by Fifth and Spring, LLC to build a 2,060 square foot Dunkin’ Fast Food Restaurant at the intersection of Fifth Street and Spring Avenue”. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
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A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by Fifth and Spring, LLC to build a 2,060 square foot Dunkin’ Fast Food Restaurant at the intersection of Fifth Street and Spring Avenue. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Blight: (Johnson, Barry, Ovia)

Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Lamenza)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR’S REPORT

MANAGER’S REPORT

VISITORS

1. Lynn Jones, 327 Orchard Avenue – RE: What is considered “Senior Citizen” for the Fall Clean Up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Committee of the Whole Meeting rescheduled for Tuesday, October 15, due to Columbus Day Holiday

Fall Clean Up – October 19, time _____ Cost to Residents \$10.00/vehicle

Trick or Treat – ****Correction**** October 26, 5:30-7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary