

ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – REMOTE ACCESS
December 21, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barry (6:11pm), Mr. Brough, Mr. Cragle, Ms. Dici, Ms. Guerrero, Ms. Lamenza, and Mr. Celli

Also Present: Manager David Allen, Solicitor Ed Leymarie, and Mayor Anthony Court

INVOCATION – David Allen, Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 11/16/20

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 11/16/20, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/15/20 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 12/15/20

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/15/20, in the amount of \$493,154.63, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 12/15/20, in the amount of \$495,003.93. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

1. 2021 Tax Rate

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to adopt an Ordinance, as submitted, establishing the real property tax rate at 8.75 mills for the year 2021. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Code Book Updates

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Stop Intersection – Franklin Avenue at Third Street

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, amending the traffic ordinance establishing a stop intersection on Franklin Avenue at Third Street, eastbound and westbound. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2021 Budget
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, adopting a 2021 Budget. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) Stabilization
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Dici, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, establishing a stabilized Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) for the 2021 electric usage as \$.0165/kwh. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. 2021 Police Pension Contribution
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, requiring contributions to the police pension fund by the police department in the amount of 3.5% for the year 2021. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. HOME Grant
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Brough, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the filing of an application for funds in the amount of \$750,000 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, Ellport Borough, and Perry Township. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointments – Planning Commission & Board of Health
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to make the following appointments:

ELLWOOD CITY PLANNING COMMISSION – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 4 Year Term
Earla Marshall, 200 Fountain Avenue

BOARD OF HEALTH – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 5 Year Term
Krista Newman, 853 Thalman Lane

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Appointment – Zoning Hearing Board, Economic Development Authority, & Recreation Board
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to make the following appointments:

ZONING HEARING BOARD – 1 vacancy, 2 applicants, 3 Year Term (vote for 1)
Frank Lordi, 727 Crescent Avenue
Joe Lamenza, 506 Wood Street

Roll call vote. All voted for Mr. Lamenza. Mr. Lamenza was appointed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – 1 vacancy, 2 applicants, 5 Year Term (vote for 1)
Matt Mascharka, 310 Johnston Drive
Frank Lordi, 727 Crescent Avenue

Roll call vote. All voted for Mr. Lordi. Mr. Lordi was appointed.

RECREATION BOARD – 1 vacancy, 2 applicants, 5 Year Term (vote for 1)
 Michael Widmaier, 1021 Sunset Blvd.
 Jack D’Addio, 418 Beatty Street

Roll call vote. All voted for Mr. Widmaier, except Mr. Barry. Mr. Widmaier was appointed.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Guerrera, Cragle, Barry)

Health/Public Safety: (Celli, Barry, Lamenza)

Public Works/Utilities: (Barry, Cragle, Guerrera)

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Brough)

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Barry)

1. Police Pension Plan – 2021 Cost of Living Adjustments (Betz, Damon, Hardie, Disher (DROP), Forester (QDRO), Kingston (DROP), List (DROP), Lubich, & Parsons (DROP)

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the year 2021 cost of living adjustments for retired police officers William Betz, Brian Damon, Chris Hardie, Jon Disher (DROP), Patricia Forester (QDRO), David Kingston (DROP), Richard List (DROP), John Lubich, and Wayne Parsons (DROP), as submitted by the Actuary. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. 2021 Wages – Part-Time Employees’

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Dici, to establish salaries and wages for the following part-time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2021 as follows:

Classification	1/1/2021 Hourly Rate/Salary
Solicitor	\$26,000
Animal Control Officer	\$5,000
Health Officer	\$3,500
Tax Collector	\$8,292
Firefighters	\$15.30
School Crossing Guards:	
1st Year	\$9.40
2nd Year	\$9.90
3rd Year	\$10.40
4th Year or more	\$11.40
Parking Enforcement	\$12.50
Playground/Concession Stand Coordinator	\$3,000
Pool Concession Stand Worker	
1 st Year	\$8.00
2 nd Year	\$8.50
3 rd Year and more	\$9.00
Parks Manager	\$13.00
Park Employees (Labor & Playgrounds):	
1st Year	\$8.00
2nd Year	\$8.50
3rd Year and more	\$9.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$14.00
Part Time Public Works Laborers	\$15.00

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. 2021 Wages – Non-Union Full-Time Employees’
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Dici, to establish wages for the following Non-Union full-time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2021 as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>1/1/2021 Hourly Rate</u>
Borough Manager	\$35.974
Borough Secretary	\$23.873
Fire Chief	\$32.828
Public Works Director	\$32.828
Electric Department Superintendent	\$35.448
Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager	\$32.529
Wastewater Treatment Lab Technician	\$23.570

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. 2021 Fee Schedules (Frank B. Taylor Engineering & Richardson Inspection Services)
A motion would be in order to approve the 2021 fee schedule as submitted by Frank B. Taylor Engineering for professional services and Richardson Inspection Services for zoning services. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Mourice Waltz Planners and Consultants – Sewage Enforcement Services, 2021
This item was pulled from the agenda.
6. ComDoc – Copier Rental Lease Agreement
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the proposal submitted by ComDoc for a 5-year lease of 6 copiers at a total cost of \$997/month. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Community Development/Buildings: (Dici, Celli, Lamenza)

Blight: (Brough, Dici, Guerrera)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR’S REPORT

MANAGER’S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary