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**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
February 17, 2020**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Brough, Mr. Cragle, Ms. Dici, Ms. Guerrero, Ms. Lamenza, and Mr. Celli

Also Present: Manager David Allen, Solicitor Ed Leymarie, Mayor Anthony Court, and Alicia Swick (Jr. Councilperson)

INVOCATION – Angelique Bradford, First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Reorganizational Meeting 1/6/20, Regular Meeting 1/20/20

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting held 1/6/20 and the Regular Meeting held 1/20/20, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 2/11/20 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 2/12/20

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 2/11/20, in the amount of \$429,761.59, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 2/12/20, in the amount of \$257,009.93. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2020 Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to repeal Resolution #2019-14 adopting a 2020 Budget in an amount equal to \$15,466,579. It is further moved to adopt a Resolution establishing a 2020 Budget in an amount equal to \$15,480,079 to correct a clerical error. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment – Int'l Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board Alternate

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to make the following appointment:

International Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board Alternate – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant

Mr. Mike Brunner, 325 Pittsburgh Circle

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Guerrera, Cragle, Barry)

1. Exonerate Tax Collector

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to exonerate the tax collector from further collection of the 2019 real estate taxes charged to her. The tax collector has accounted for all monies as either collected, exonerated or liened in accordance with her report. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Donation – AP Government Class

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Guerrera, to authorize the donation in the amount of \$100 to the Lincoln High School AP Government Class for a field trip to Philadelphia to witness a Supreme Court hearing. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. EC Area Chamber of Commerce - “Let There Be Lights”, “Fall Fest”

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

- the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a “Let There Be Lights” event, December 4 from 6pm – 9pm on Lawrence Avenue. Further, it is requested to close Lawrence Avenue from 4th Street to 6th Street for this event
- the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Fall Fest & Car Cruise, September 26 from 11am – 5pm on Lawrence Avenue. Further, it is requested to close Lawrence Avenue from 4th Street to 10th Street for this event

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. EC Parade Committee – Halloween & Christmas Parades

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Guerrera, to approve the request by the EC Parade Committee to hold the Halloween Parade October 24 beginning at 3:30pm and the Christmas Parade December 5 at 3:30pm. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. EC Parade Committee – Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony & Picnic

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by the Ellwood City Parade Committee to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25 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 & Pittsburgh Circle Heritage Park for a ceremony and community cookout. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Agreement - Becky’s Home Blood Services

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Agreement with Becky’s Home Blood Services relative to Blood Toxicology Testing resulting from DUI arrests. The cost for this service is \$50 per venipuncture. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Street Address Change

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Dici, to accept the following street address change as recommended by Lawrence County:

Current Address:

401 Highland Avenue

Updated Address:

840 Bridge Street

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Approve Quote – Golden Equipment Co.
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the quote from Golden Equipment Co. in the amount of \$9,216.61 for repairs to the Street Sweeper. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Brough)

1. Christmas in the Park
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request from the Christmas in the Park Committee to use Ewing Park from November 1 – January 5, 2021 for their annual Christmas in the Park event. The actual days would be from December 1-27. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Ellwood City Area Baseball Federation (ECABF)
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the request by the EC Area Baseball Federation (ECABF) to use the Men's Softball Field during the months of May, June, July, August, September, and October and Rosannah Playground during the months of March, April, May, June, August, September, and October. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Ellwood City Girls Softball
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the request by the EC Girls Softball to use the Girls' Softball field from March 9 – October 1, the Men's Softball Field based on availability, and the Soccer Field (SW Corner) from March 9 – October 1. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Ellwood City Fastpitch
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by the EC Fastpitch to use Merit Book Park and the Women's Field June 1 – October 31. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Ellwood City Cheerleaders
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request from the Ellwood City Cheerleaders to hold their annual 5k Color Walk/Run Race on June 13 from 9:30 to 12pm. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Shelter Request – Foreign Language Department
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request from the Foreign Language Department of Lincoln High School to use shelters #2, 3, 4 and restrooms on April 28 (rain date April 29) from 9:30 – 2:30pm. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
7. EC Little Wolverines
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by the Ellwood City Little Wolverines to use the soccer field July 15-October 30. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
8. EC Ledger 10K Race
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the request to hold the Ellwood City Ledger 10K Race on Saturday, July 4 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.
9. Ellwood City Community Enrichment
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the request by the EC Community Enrichment to hold the following:
 - * Earth Day Celebration on April 18 from 10am – 2pm. They are requesting Ewing Park including use of the shelters 2a/2b, 3, 4, stage and restrooms

- * Storytelling Festival on September 19 from 4pm – 7:30pm. They are requesting the use of shelter 3, stage, and restrooms, and to have the EC Volunteer Fire Department to manage a camp fire

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

- 10. Stiefel Hockey
 A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the request by the Stiefel Hockey Organization to use the Stiefel Hockey Rink during the months of May – October. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Barry)

- 1. Employment – Rachel Reda – Part Time Police Chief/Mayor/Planning/Zoning Secretary
 A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the employment of Rachel Reda as a part-time Police Chief/Mayor/Planning/Zoning Secretary at the rate of \$12.00/hour. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
- 2. 2020 Employee Hourly Billing Rates
 A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to establish the 2020 employee hourly billing rates as follows:

2020 Standardized Billing Rate Schedule

<u>Department Group</u>	<u>Hourly Billing Rate</u>	<u>Overtime Billing Rate</u>
Supervisors	53.83	72.81
Clerical	36.90	48.57
Police Full Time	68.46	86.99
Police Part Time	20.57	30.86
Fire	78.63	96.88
Public Works, Electric, WWTP	47.14	62.89
Parks Labor	10.55	15.82

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

- 3. Travel Request – Mayor Court – PSAB Conference
 A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the travel request by Anthony Court to attend the PSAB Conference June 7-10 in Hershey PA. The cost is \$942.67 plus meals, and mileage. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
- 4. Travel Request – Jude Dici – PSAB Conference
 A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to approve the travel request by Jude Dici to attend the PSAB Conference June 7-10 in Hershey PA. The cost is \$942.67 plus meals, and mileage. Roll call vote. All voted against, except Mr. Brough, Ms. Dici, and Ms. Guerrero. Motion failed, 4-3.
- 5. Resignation – Peyton Hunt (Part-time Public Works)
 A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to accept the resignation of Peyton Hunt effective January 17, 2020. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
- 6. Resignation – James Cunningham (Part-time Patrolman)
 A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to accept the resignation of Ptl. James Cunningham effective February 20, 2020. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

7. Advertise Employment – Part Time Patrolman (Non-Civil Service)
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Barry, to advertise for the position of Part-time Patrolman (Non-Civil Service). Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Dici. Motion carried, 6-1.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR’S REPORT

MANAGER’S REPORT

VISITORS

1. Ralph Chiappetta – RE: Code Enforcement & Blight
2. Ray Venezie – RE: Moving Wall
3. Paul Dici – RE: Becky’s Home Blood Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picnic shelter reservations will begin on the fourth Monday in **February** (Feb. 24) for Borough residents and beginning on the fourth Monday in **March** (Mar. 23) for non-Borough residents

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary