

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – AUDITORIUM
November 16, 2020**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Brough, Mr. Cragle, Ms. Dici (via phone), Ms. Guerrero, Ms. Lamenza (via phone), and Mr. Celli

Also Present: Solicitor Ed Leymarie, and Mayor Anthony Court

Absent: Manager David Allen

INVOCATION – Angelique Bradford – First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENDATIONS

Ellwood City Girls Volleyball Team
Ellwood City Varsity Boys Cross Country Team
Ellwood City Boys Golf Team

VISITORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting 10/13/20, & Regular Meeting 10/19/20

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 10/13/20 and the Regular Meeting held 10/19/20, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 11/12/20, in the amount of \$130,878.07, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 11/12/20, in the amount of \$191,605.98. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

1. New Sewer Rates Established

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to adopt an Ordinance, as submitted, amending the sewer ordinance designating the new sewer rates effective 1/1/21 to be \$8.27/1,000 gallons of water and \$8.27 per customer per month. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Free Holiday Parking
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing free parking at all currently metered spaces located on Lawrence Avenue, Bell Avenue, Crescent Avenue, 5th Street, 6th Street, 7th Street and the Beaver Avenue parking lot for a maximum of two (2) hours from November 27 through December 31, 2020. Motorists exceeding the 2 hour time limit will be subject to a \$5.00 fine if paid within 72 hours. Violators who fail to make payment within 72 hours will be subject to prosecution through the District Justice office. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Guerrera, Cragle, Barry)

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

1. Advertise Ordinance – Stop Signs (Franklin Avenue)
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise an amendment to the traffic ordinance designating a stop intersection on Franklin Avenue at Third Street, Eastbound and Westbound. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Brough)

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Barry)

1. Employment – Laborer III (Public Works Department)
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to authorize the employment of Brian Seaburn as Laborer III (Public Works Department) at the rate of \$20.672/hour (80% of full rate), effective 1/2/21. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Advertise – Vacancies on Boards/Commissions
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise the vacancies on the following Boards/Commissions: Zoning Hearing Board, Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, EC Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, Board of Health, and Recreation Board. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise Ordinance - Code Book Updates
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise an ordinance 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.
4. Worker's Compensation Insurance – Firefighters
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the Workers Compensation Insurance with the State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF) for the volunteer firefighters for the period 1/1/21 – 1/1/22. The estimated annual premium is \$15,415 (final premium is subject to adjustment by audit). This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Employment – Joshua Sipe (Full Time Patrolman)
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to authorize the employment of Joshua Sipe as a full-time probationary Patrolman at the rate of \$26.03/hour (75% of full rate), contingent upon successful completion of all background checks and certifications. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. **Revolving Loan Application – Red Hot Restaurant**
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the Revolving Loan Application submitted by John Katsadas (Red Hot Restaurant) for \$23,930 for the property located at 219 Sixth Street. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. **Ellwood City Military Banners**
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Dici, to authorize Gabrielle Gretch to move forward with the Ellwood City Military Banner project. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Blight: (Brough, Dici, Guerrero)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Adopt Tentative 2021 Budget/Tax Rate**
A motion was made by Ms. Guerrero, seconded by Ms. Barry, to adopt the tentative 2021 Budget, as submitted, establishing the tax rate at 8.75 mills, and authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise the tax rate ordinance and the Budget and place it on display. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary