

5:00pm – Executive Session (Personnel)

5:45pm – Public Hearing – Canceling the Laying out of Buckeye Way (portion) & Hazel Way

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
December 19, 2016**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Connie R. MacDonald called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Celli, Mr. DeCaria, Ms. Dici, Ms. Lamenza, Ms. Mancini, Mr. Ovia, and Mr. MacDonald. Also present: Manager Bob Vilella, Solicitor Ed Leymarie.

Absent: Mayor Anthony Court

INVOCATION – Angelique Bradford – First United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

1. Brandon Fisher, 515 Foch Street – RE: Police Contract Status & Supplying electricity to EC Forge and INMETCO
2. Lisa Guererra, 632 Wampum Ave. – RE: Spending
3. Ralph Chiappetta, 311 North Street – RE: Voiding of Parking Tickets
4. Dave Gulish, 177 Ren Lee Avenue – RE: Millage & Snow/Ice Removal
5. Jeff Krosovic, 307 Entrance Drive – RE: Budget & Spending

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 11/21/16

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 11/21/16, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/8/16 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 12/15/16

A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/8/16, in the amount of \$141,053.38, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 12/15/16, in the amount of \$578,595.63. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

1. 2017 Tax Rate (8.75 mills)

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, establishing the real property tax rate at 8.75 mills for the year 2017. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Dici and Ms. Mancini. Motion carried, 5-2.

2. Code Book Updates

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovia, 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. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Canceling the Laying out of Buckeye Way (portion) & Hazel Way
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Ovia, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, canceling the laying out of a portion of Buckeye Way between the east line of 6th Street and the west line of Locust Way and Hazel Way between the south line of Fountain Avenue to the north line of Buckeye Way from the plan of streets in the Pittsburgh Company Plan of Lots located in the Third Ward. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. 2017 Budget
A motion was made by Mr. Ovia, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, adopting a 2017 Budget. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Dici and Ms. Mancini. Motion carried, 5-2.
2. 2017 Police Pension Contribution
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, 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 2017. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointments – Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, Econ. Dev. Authority, Library Board, Recreation Board
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to make the following appointments:

ZONING HEARING BOARD – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 3 Year Term (term expires 12/31/19)
Mr. Gene Coccia, 204 Second Street, 752-9462

ELLWOOD CITY PLANNING COMMISSION – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 4 Year Term (term expires 12/31/20)
Mr. Anthony Court, 310 Sims St, Apt B6, 724-657-7719

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 5 Year Term (term expires 12/31/21)
Mr. Brad Ovia, 806 Beechwood Blvd, 724-674-1841

ELLWOOD CITY LIBRARY BOARD – 2 vacancies, 2 applicants, 3 Year Term (term expires 12/31/19)
Ms. Judith Brooks, 106 Second St, 758-5208
Mr. Ron Geddes, 506 A Crescent Avenue, 724-494-7755

RECREATION BOARD – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 5 Year Term (term expires 12/31/21)
Sherri Greco, 610 Madison Ave, 724-714-3896

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Mancini, DeCaria, Ovia)

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

1. Change Order #1 – Pierce Manufacturing \$6,635.53
A motion would be in order to approve change order #1 to Pierce Manufacturing in the amount of \$6,635.53 for the new 2017 Pierce Pumper fire truck. This amount will be paid from the 2016 Bond Issue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Authorize Structural Burn Class
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to authorize the Fire Department to hold a structural burn class at the properties located at 515 Fountain Avenue Ext., 517 Fountain Avenue and 101 6th Street. The class will be held in accordance with the PA State Fire Academy Standards. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities: (Celli, Dici, Lamenza)

1. Advertise Bids – Fuel Tank Removal at Public Works Building
A motion was made by Mr. OviaI, seconded by Mr. Celli, to authorize Frank B. Taylor Engineering to prepare/advertise bids for the removal of the fuel tanks at the Public Works Building. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. County Aid Request - \$20,800 (Concrete)
A motion was made by Mr. OviaI, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to request County Aid in the amount of \$20,800 to resurface the concrete section of street located at 6th/Glen. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Sewer Tap-In – North Sewickley
A motion was made by Mr. OviaI, seconded by Mr. DeCaria, to approve the sewer tap-in of Michael & Louise Newman of 110 Nottingham Drive, #17, North Sewickley Township (1 tap, 1 EDU, \$1,000). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (DeCaria, Mancini, Dici)

1. Award Bid - Pittsburgh Circle Heritage Park Project
A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. OviaI, to award the bid for the Pittsburgh Circle Heritage Park Project (Contract #2016-01 & Contract #2016-02) to Grazco Development (New Castle, PA) in the amount of \$195,220. This amount will be paid from the Park Improvement Fund and the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Celli, OviaI)

1. Police Pension Plan – 2017 Cost of Living Adjustments (Betz, Hardie, Lubich, Damon)
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the year 2017 cost of living adjustment for retired police officers William Betz, Chris Hardie, John Lubich (DROP), and Brian Damon, as submitted by the Actuary. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Resignation – Jaki Grover, Code Enforcement Officer
A motion was made by Mr. OviaI, seconded by Mr. Celli, to accept the resignation of Jaki Grover, Code Enforcement Officer, effective 12/18/16, her last day of employment. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Resignation – Nancy Salinger, Utility Billing Clerk
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to accept the resignation of Nancy Salinger, Utility Billing Clerk, effective 1/6/17, her last day of employment. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Advertise Clerical Positions
This item was pulled from the agenda.
5. Frank B. Taylor Engineering – Engineering Services, Fee Schedule
A motion was made by Mr. OviaI, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the 2017 fee schedule submitted by Frank B. Taylor Engineering for professional services. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Mourice Waltz Planners and Consultants – Sewage Enforcement Services
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to approve the 2017 fee schedule submitted by Mourice Waltz Planners and Consultants for Sewage Enforcement Services. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Tax Collector Salary
A motion was made by Mr. OviaI, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to establish the salary for the Borough's Tax Collector as \$8,292 annually. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

8. Town Center Associates – Consultant Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. DeCaria, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve the Consultant Agreement, as submitted, with Town Center Associates for the period 1/1/17 through 12/31/19. Voice vote. All in favor, except Ms. Dici. Motion carried, 6-1.

9. 2017 Wages – Part-Time Employees’

A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to establish salaries and wages for part-time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2017 as follows:

Classification	1/1/2016	2017
	Hourly Rate/Salary	Annual Base
Solicitor	\$26,000	\$26,000
Animal Control Officer	\$5,000	\$5,000
Health Officer	\$3,300	\$3,300
Code Enforcement Officer	\$16.00	\$20,800
Playgrounds Coordinator	\$2,000	\$2,000
Pool Concession Stand Worker		
1 st Year	\$8.00	\$8.00
2 nd Year	\$8.50	\$8.50
3 rd Year and more	\$9.00	\$9.00
Firefighters	\$11.20	\$11.40
Secretary to Mayor	\$12.22	\$12.50
Parking Meter Enforcement Officer	\$11.00	\$12.00
School Crossing Guards:		
1st Year	\$9.00	\$9.00
2nd Year	\$9.50	\$9.50
3rd Year	\$10.00	\$10.00
4th Year or more	\$11.00	\$11.00
Park Manager	\$11.00	\$11.00
Park Employees (Labor & Playgrounds):		
1st Year	\$8.00	\$8.00
2nd Year	\$8.50	\$8.50
3rd Year and more	\$9.00	\$9.00
Utility Clerk	\$12.00	\$12.25

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. 2017 Wages – Non-Union Full-Time

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to establish wages for the non-union full time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2017 as follows:

Classification	1/1/2017	2017
	Hourly Rate	Annual Base
Borough Manager	\$33.654	\$70,000
Borough Secretary	\$22.277	\$46,336
Fire Chief	\$28.289	\$58,841
Public Works Director	\$30.633	\$63,717
Electric Department Superintendent	\$33.078	\$68,802

Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager	\$30.355	\$45,775
Wastewater Treatment Lab Technician	\$21.994	\$45,748

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Grant Application – CMU Sustainable Communities
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Celli, to authorize the submission of a grant application for the CMU Sustainable Communities Project to provide improvements to storefront signage. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Workers Compensation Insurance – State Workers’ Insurance Fund (SWIF)
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to accept the proposal from the State Worker’s Insurance Fund for workers’ compensation insurance for the Ellwood City Volunteer Fire Department at the cost of \$24,733 for the period 1/1/17 to 1/1/18. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Lease Agreement – Ellwood City Area Family Center
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Oviai, to approve the Lease Agreement, as submitted, with the Ellwood City Area Family Center. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Non-Union Full Time Employee – Health Care Contribution
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to establish that effective 1/1/17, the non-union full time employees pay 1.25%, on a monthly prorated basis, of their prior year gross pay/earnings toward the cost of the medical insurance premium. Further, newly hired employees shall pay \$25.00 per month toward the cost of the plan until they have worked long enough to have a full prior year gross pay established. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Community Development/Buildings: (Oviai, DeCaria, Mancini)

1. Lawrence Co. Repository Property – 422 13th Street
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the bid for the property at 422 13th Street (ID# 11-007700)(.053 acres) to Mark Stitts for \$525. This property is held in the Lawrence County Repository. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase of Body Armor – (North Eastern Uniforms & Equipment)
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the purchase of body armor from North Eastern Uniforms & Equipment for 8 officers for a total amount of \$8,233.60. This amount will be paid from the General Capital Reserve Fund. Voice vote. All in favor, except Mr. DeCaria. Motion carried, 6-1.
2. Establish Bank Account – WesBanco
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to authorize the opening of a bank account at WesBanco for the purpose of the 2017 Bond proceeds. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise Ordinance – Metered Parking Lot Established
A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Ms. Dici, to advertise an ordinance establishing a metered parking lot and its hours and days of operation at Fourth Street and Lawrence Avenue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Grant Application – CMU Sustainable Communities

A motion was made by Mr. Oviai, seconded by Mr. Celli, to authorize the submission of a grant application for the CMU Sustainable Communities Project to provide an analysis of blight conditions in our community. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

VISITORS

1. David Gulish, 177 RenLee Avenue – RE: buying of buildings
2. Lisa Guererra, 632 Wampum Ave – RE: Bond Issues
3. Jeff Krosovic, 307 Entrance Dr – RE: PW/Elec. Department buildings, Pgh Circle Heritage Park, Clerical Position, Town Center Associates
4. Brandon Fisher, 515 Foch Street – RE: Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager
5. Rep. Aaron Bernstein – RE: Letters of Support (various grants)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary