

5:15pm – Executive Session (Personnel)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 19, 2018**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Judith Dici called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Manager Joe Cioffi, Solicitor Ed Leymarie, and Jr. Councilperson Colin Smith

Absent: Mayor Anthony J. Court

INVOCATION – Ray Start – Ellwood Free Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

1. Paul Dici, 925 Skyline Dr – Re: drainage at Crestview Drive

COMMUNICATIONS – Nathalie Kuffer, Fitness in the Park, thank you \$90 donation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 10/15/18

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 10/15/18, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 11/14/18 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 11/15/18

A motion was made by Ms. Guerrero, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 11/14/18, in the amount of \$1,410,295.38, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 11/15/18, in the amount of \$923,526.17. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

1. Handicap Parking – Park Avenue

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, amending the traffic ordinance designating handicap parking on Park Avenue (north side) beginning 15' west the prolonged curb line of Cherry Way and Park Avenue to a point 81 feet west. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Police Pension Ordinance Amendment

A motion was made by Ms. Guerrero, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, amending the Police Pension Plan Ordinance, specifically the definition of "Normal Retirement Age" and retirement benefits, specifically the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) to be in compliance with the Police Arbitration Award. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Free Holiday Parking

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Brough, 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 24 through December 31, 2018. 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. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Celli, Guerrero, Lamenza)

1. Adopt Tentative 2019 Budget/Tax Rate

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt the tentative 2019 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. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Health/Public Safety: (Brough, Barry, Mancini)

1. Appointment – Justin Grogan – Deputy EMA Coordinator

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Brough, to appoint Justin Grogan as Deputy EMA Coordinator. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works/Utilities: (Barry, Lamenza, Mancini)

Parks/Recreation: (Mancini, Guerrero, Celli)

1. EC Area Chamber of Commerce

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by the Small Business Saturday Committee to use the Community Plaza on November 24 from 10am – 4pm for a band/DJ. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Guerrero, Brough, Barry)

1. Employment – Borough Manager

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to hire William David Allen as Borough Manager. The terms of the employment are as follows: Salary: \$68,000 (prorated through 12/31/18), Term: until 12/31/19, Dental Insurance, Vision Insurance, Holidays: same as Clerical Union, Sick days: same as Clerical Union, Vacation/Personal Days: same as Clerical Union. Voice vote. All in favor, except Mr. Brough and Ms. Guerrero. Motion carried, 5-2.

2. Employment – James Cunningham - Patrolman (Part Time)

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Brough, to authorize the employment of James Cunningham as a part time patrolman at the rate of \$18.37 per hour, contingent upon the successful completion of all background checks and certifications. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Advertise – Vacancies on Boards/Commissions

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to advertise the vacancies on the following Boards/Commissions: Zoning Hearing Board, Zoning Hearing Board Alternate, EC Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, EC Library Board, Board of Health and Recreation Board. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Advertise Ordinance - Code Book Updates
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Ms. Mancini, 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. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Police Pension Plan – 2019 Cost of Living Adjustments
This item was pulled from the agenda.
6. Worker’s Compensation Insurance – Firefighters
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to approve the Workers Compensation Insurance with the State Workers Insurance Fund (SWIF) for the volunteer firefighters for the period 1/1/19 – 1/1/20. The estimated annual premium is \$22,949 (final premium is subject to adjustment by audit). This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Change Order – 2017 Paving Program, Phase II (Youngblood Paving)
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to approve a change order in the amount of \$9,655.52 to Youngblood Paving for the 2017 Paving Program, Phase II. This amount will be paid from the General Capital Reserve Fund. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Change Order – Fleeher Contracting
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve a change order in the amount of \$23,266.80 to Fleeher Contracting for the new Public Works building construction project. This amount will be paid from the 2016 Bond Issue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

MANAGER’S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The remaining Yard Waste pickups are the week of: Nov 25 and Dec 9
Lincoln High School Concert Choir will perform at the Community Plaza on Wednesday,
December 19 at 10:30am

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary