

5:45pm – Executive Session (Personnel)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
December 16, 2019**

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**MINUTES**

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**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 David Allen, Solicitor Ed Leymarie,

Absent: Mayor Anthony Court, and Alicia Swick (Jr. Councilperson)

**INVOCATION** – Tod Custer, Christ Presbyterian Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

1. Morgan Boyd – Lawrence County Commissioner Elect

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting 11/18/19

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 11/18/19, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/11/19 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 12/11/19

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 12/11/19, in the amount of \$544,539.13, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 12/11/19, in the amount of \$178,467.30. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

1. 2020 Tax Rate (8.75 mills)

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt an ordinance, as submitted, establishing the real property tax rate at 8.75 mills for the year 2020. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Code Book Updates

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, 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. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTIONS

1. 2020 Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, adopting a 2020 Budget.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to re-open the budget for the inclusion of a first responder vehicle in the Fire Department. Roll call vote on the amendment. All voted against, except Mr. Brough, Ms. Guerrero and Ms. Dici. Amendment failed 4-3.

Roll call vote on the original motion. All voted in favor, except Mr. Brough, Ms. Guerrero, and Ms. Dici. Motion carried 4-3.

2. Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) Stabilization

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Mancini, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, establishing a stabilized Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) for the 2020 electric usage as \$.00988/kwh. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. 2020 Police Pension Contribution

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, 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 2020. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Ellwood City Welfare Benefit Plan

A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, adopting the Ellwood City Welfare Benefit Plan as it relates to health and welfare benefits. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointments – Zoning Hearing Board, Economic Development Authority, Civil Service Commission, Ellwood City Library Board & Board of Health

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

Ms. Renee Pitrelli, 115 Hazen Ave, North

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – 4 vacancies, 3 applicants, 5 Year Term

Ms. Renee Pitrelli, 115 Hazen Ave, North

Mr. Bill Nardone, 1111 Aetna Drive

Mr. Dom Viccari, 133 Hazel Avenue

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – 1 vacancy, 1 applicant, 6 Year Term

Mr. Ronald Gilchrist, 409 Summit Avenue

ELLWOOD CITY LIBRARY BOARD – 2 vacancies, 1 applicant, 3 Year Term

Ms. Judith Brooks, 106 Second St.

BOARD OF HEALTH – 4 vacancies, 2 applicants, 5 Year Term

Mr. Ralph Chiappetta, 311 North St

Mr. Jim Barry, 739 Smiley Street

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Appointment – Ellwood City Planning Commission  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to make the following appointment:

ELLWOOD CITY PLANNING COMMISSION – 2 vacancies, 2 applicants, 4 Year Term

Anthony Santagata, 1 Pittsburgh Circle  
Matthew Lamenza, 304 Orchard Avenue

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**Finance: (Celli, Guerrero, Lamenza)**

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

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

1. Approve Quote – Rumsey  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the quote from Rumsey in the amount of \$24,600 for the upgrade of the Itron meter reading equipment. This amount will be paid from the 2017 Bond Issue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Agreement – Participation in AMP’s Safety & Training Programs  
A motion was made by Ms. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Agreement with AMP relative to the participation in Safety and Training Programs. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Parks/Recreation: (Mancini, Guerrero, Celli)**

**Administration/Personnel: (Guerrero, Brough, Barry)**

1. Police Pension Plan – 2020 Cost of Living Adjustments (Betz, Damon, Hardie, Kingston (DROP), List (DROP), Lubich, & Parsons (DROP))  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the year 2020 cost of living adjustment for retired police officers William Betz, Brian Damon, Chris Hardie, 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. 2020 Wages – Part-Time Employees’

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to establish salaries and wages for the following part-time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2020 as follows:

Classification	1/1/2020 Hourly Rate/Salary
Solicitor	\$26,000
Animal Control Officer	\$5,000
Health Officer	\$3,300
Tax Collector	\$8,292
Firefighters	\$15.30
School Crossing Guards:	
1st Year	\$9.20
2nd Year	\$9.70
3rd Year	\$10.20
4th Year or more	\$11.20
Parking Enforcement	\$12.20
Playground/Concession Stand Coordinator	\$3,000
Pool Concession Stand Worker	
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	\$8.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	\$8.50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year and more	\$9.00
Parks Manager	\$11.50
Park Employees (Labor & Playgrounds):	
1st Year	\$8.00
2nd Year	\$8.50
3rd Year and more	\$9.00
Code Enforcement Officer	\$13.25
Part Time Public Works Laborers	\$15.00

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. 2020 Wages – Non-Union Full-Time Employees’

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to establish wages for the following Non-Union full-time employees effective with the first pay in January, 2020 as follows:

Classification	1/1/2020 Hourly Rate
Borough Secretary	\$23.291
Fire Chief	\$32.027
Public Works Director	\$32.027
Electric Department Superintendent	\$34.583
Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager	\$31.736
Wastewater Treatment Lab Technician	\$22.995

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Frank B. Taylor Engineering – Engineering Services, Fee Schedule 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the 2020 fee schedule as submitted by Frank B. Taylor Engineering for professional services. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

5. Mourice Waltz Planners and Consultants – Sewage Enforcement Services

*This item was pulled from the agenda.*

6. Appointment – Tax Collector

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to appoint Sue Gatto as Tax Collector. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Mr. Brough, Ms. Guerrera and Ms. Dici. Motion carried, 4-3.

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

1. Agreement – Borough & Ellwood City Revitalization

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve an amendment to the Agreement with Ellwood City Revitalization (ECR) relative to the development of 509/511 Lawrence Avenue and 513/515 Lawrence Avenue specifically granting the Developer (Lawrence Avenue Development LLC) a twenty-four (24) month extension to develop said lots. The amendment would extend the Agreement until December 21, 2021. Roll call vote; all voted against. Motion failed, 7-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approve Quote – Purchase of Intox DMT

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the quote submitted by Intoximeters, Inc. for the purchase of an Intox DMT machine in the amount of \$10,105. This amount will be paid from the Drug Investigation Fund (\$2,000) and the General Fund (\$8,105). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Free Christmas Dinner – December 25 from 11-1pm at First United Methodist Church  
The Reorganizational Meeting of Council will be held Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5pm (please note the time change – 5pm).

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary