

5:45pm – Executive Session (Personnel)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 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, Ms. Lamenza, and Mr. Celli

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

Absent: Ms. Guerrero

INVOCATION – Tom O’Brien, First Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 2/17/20

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 2/17/20, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 3/10/20 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 3/12/20

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 3/10/20, in the amount of \$491,177.90, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 3/12/20, in the amount of \$235,293.77. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment – Recreation Board

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to make the following appointment to the Recreation Board:

Mr. Jeremy Newton, 908 Plymouth Lane

Term Expires: 12/31/24

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Guerrera, Cragle, Barry)

1. Charge Tax Collector for 2020 Tax Duplicate
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to charge Sue Gatto, Tax Collector for the 2020 Tax Duplicate of \$2,234,781.99 at Face. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. “Forward Lawrence” - Lawrence Co. Regional Chamber of Commerce/Lawrence Co. Economic Development Authority
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to authorize participation in the “Forward Lawrence Project” by the Lawrence Co. Regional Chamber of Commerce/Lawrence Co. Economic Development Authority. The Borough will contribute \$2,500 toward this project. This amount will be paid from the L&N Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

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

1. Sewer Tap – Franklin Twp.
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the following sewer tap in fee:

Adam/Chelsea Custozzo, 117 Hilltop Dr – 1 tap, 1 EDU, \$1,000

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. EC Area Public Library – Wine/Brew Walk
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by the EC Area Public Library to hold a wine/brew walk on July 17 from 5-9pm on the sidewalks in the 400 and 500 blocks of Lawrence Avenue. It is further requested to close Lawrence Avenue from 4th St to 6th St for this event. Also, to suspend Part 6, Chapter 606, subsection 606.01 of the Codified Ordinance Book pertaining to Open Containers. This suspension only applies to participants of the Wine/Brew walk held by the EC Area Public Library. Event insurance shall be purchased by the EC Area Public Library, naming the Borough of Ellwood City as an additional named insured. All necessary State and County permits shall be in place for this event. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Travel Request – Esposito & Gilmore – Columbus, OH
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the travel request of Vince Esposito & Brenton Gilmore to attend a “Journeyman Refresher – Transformers” class at the AMP facility in Columbus, OH May 27 & 28. The cost is \$1244 + meals. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Brough)

1. Lawrence County Conservation District - Nature Camp
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by the Lawrence County Conservation District to hold a nature camp in Ewing Park July 27 - 31 from 8-3pm and to use shelters #6, 7 & 8. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. EC Area Chamber of Commerce - Ewing Park-A-Palooza
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to use Ewing Park and all facilities on May 11 from 9am-2pm for their annual “Ewing Park-A-Palooza” event for area 6th grade students. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Paulette Fazenbaker Fundraiser
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by Kendall & Erika Coppess to use shelters 2A/2B, 3, 3A, & 4 on June 6 from 8am – 8pm for a fundraiser for Paulette Fazenbaker. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. EC Area Baseball Federation (ECABF) – Merit Book
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the request by the ECABF to use Merit Book Field in March, April & May. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. EC Farmers Market
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the request by the EC Farmers Market Committee to use the Beaver Avenue parking lot and the stage in the Community Plaza from June 6 – October 10 (Saturdays) from 9:30am – 11:30am for the 2020 market season. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Barry)

1. Employment – Rhiannon Schnell - Full time Clerk I
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the employment of Rhiannon Schnell as a full-time Clerk I (Public Works/Code Enforcement Secretary) at the rate of \$14.97/hour (80% of full rate), contingent upon successful completion of all background checks. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Employment – Playground Program/Concession Stand Coordinator
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Dici, to authorize the employment of Michaela Magnifico as the Playground Program/Concession Stand Coordinator at the rate of \$3000 for the season (June – August). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
3. Advertise – Summer Employment
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise for the following summer positions: Park, Playground Instructors/Concession Stand. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Advertise Ordinance - Council
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise an amendment to the Council Ordinance namely the sections titled “Organization”, “Order of Business”, “Conducting a Meeting” & “Committees”. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Resignation – Beth Kingston (Park Manager)
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to accept the resignation of Beth Kingston effective immediately. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
6. Advertise Employment – Park Manager
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise for the position of Park Manager. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
7. Civil Service Commission
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to authorize the Civil Service Commission to start the process for obtaining a new Police Eligibility List. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Approve Quote – Floorcovering by Dan Miller LLC

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the quote in the amount of \$7445 from Floorcovering by Dan Miller, LLC to supply and install carpet at the Ellwood City Community Center. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Blight: (Brough, Dici, Guerrero)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

VISITORS

1. Earla Marshall, 200 Fountain Avenue – Re: Facebook posting by Councilperson Lisa Guerrero.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Lawrence County Tax Outreach, scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 for the Ellwood City Municipal Bldg. has been cancelled as well as all other local tax outreach locations.

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