

5:30pm – EXECUTIVE SESSION – Police Personnel

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – AUDITORIUM  
September 21, 2020**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President George Celli called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Also Present: Manager David Allen, Solicitor Ed Leymarie, and Mayor Anthony Court

**INVOCATION** – Phil Conklin – First Church of God

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMENDATION**

Alicia Swick, Junior Councilperson  
Loccisano's Golden Dawn – 104 Years

**VISITORS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting 8/17/20, Public Hearing 8/24/20, Special Meeting 8/24/20

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 8/17/20, Public Hearing held 8/24/20 and the Special Meeting held 8/24/20, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 9/14/20 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/17/20

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 9/14/20, in the amount of \$551,193.48, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/17/20, in the amount of \$665,927.90. Roll call 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. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**BID OPENINGS**

**ORDINANCES**

1. Zoning – 600 Mt. Vernon Drive

A motion was made by Ms. Guerrero, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to adopt an Ordinance, as submitted, amending the Zoning Ordinance, specifically the map, changing the zoning of 600 Mt. Vernon Drive (15-085800 and 15-085300) from R1 to C1. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

1. Confirming Receipt of 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, confirming receipt of the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) by September 30, 2020. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

1. Appointments – Recreation Board

A motion would be in order to make the following appointment:

Recreation Board– 1 vacancy, 2 applicants, term expires 12/31/23  
Earla Marshall **OR** Michael Widmaier

Roll call vote. Voting in favor of Ms. Marshall were: Mr. Barry, Mr. Cragle, Ms. Lamenza and Mr. Celli. Those in favor of Mr. Widmaier were: Mr. Brough, Ms. Dici and Ms. Guerrera. Ms. Marshall was appointed by a 4-3 vote. Motion carried.

## **COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**Finance: (Guerrera, Cragle, Barry)**

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

1. Life Chain

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the request to hold the Life Chain event on October 4 from 2-3pm along Fifth Street & Fountain Avenue. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

**Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Brough)**

1. Field Request – Men’s Field

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrera, to approve the request by Cory Biego to use the Men’s Field at Stiefel Park all day on October 10 for a benefit tournament. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Field Request – Men’s Field

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the request by Mike Pope, Jr. to use the Men’s Field at Stiefel Park beginning September 14 – October 26. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Barry)**

1. Pension Benefit (DROP) – Ptl. Jon Disher

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the monthly pension benefit (DROP) for Ptl. Jon Disher (Police Pension Plan) retroactive to August 1, 2020, as submitted by the Borough’s Actuary. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Pension Benefit – Ms. Patricia Forester (QDRO)

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Dici, to approve the pension benefit of Ms. Patricia Forester in the amount of \$900 from the Police Pension Plan, as calculated by the Actuary. This amount shall be payable retroactive to August 1, 2020. This amount is in accordance with the Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) in effect with Jon Disher. At the time of Mr. Disher’s retirement, his pension benefit shall be reduced by \$923.27 the amount of 50% of the marital interest as of April 20, 2011 (date of separation). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Pension Benefit – Lou Nocera

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the monthly pension benefit for Lou Nocera, as submitted by the Actuary. This amount will be paid from the Municipal Employees’ Pension Plan effective October 1, 2020. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Rescind Motion Made 8/17/20 – Police Eligibility List  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to rescind the motion made at the Regular Council Meeting held 8/17/20 adopting “the Police Eligibility List, as submitted by the Civil Service Commission”. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
5. Police Eligibility List - Adopt  
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to adopt the Police Eligibility List dated September 10, 2020, as submitted by the Civil Service Commission. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. Advertise Bids - Sale of Real Estate (829 Thalmann Lane)  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Brough, to advertise the sale of 829 Thalmann Lane (ID# 14-020300), a parcel the Borough owns. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Lawrence Co. Repository – 1114 Lawrence Avenue  
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Guerrero, to approve the bid for the Lawrence Co. Repository property located at 1114 Lawrence Avenue (11-004600) to either:

Vini Barbosa for \$525 **OR** Herbert Bookamer for \$500

Roll call vote. All voted for Herbert Bookamer. Motion carried.

**Blight: (Brough, Dici, Guerrero)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Advertise Employment (Full-Time) – Laborer III (Public Works)  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to advertise for a full-time Laborer III in the Public Works Department. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Committee of the Whole Meeting for October rescheduled for October 13 at 6pm due to the Columbus Day Holiday

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary