

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – REMOTE ACCESS
May 18, 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. Guerrero, Ms. Lamenza, and Mr. Celli

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

Absent: Alicia Swick (Jr. Councilperson)

INVOCATION – Dave McQuaid – First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENDATION

Ellwood City Volunteer Fire Department Personnel

VISITORS

1. Keith Venezie, Eric Ryan Corp/415 Argonne Blvd – RE: Moving into new building

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 4/20/20

A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 4/20/20, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 5/13/20 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 5/14/20

A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 5/13/20, in the amount of \$94,242.40, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 5/14/20, in the amount of \$199,158.54. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. Extending Real Estate Tax Deadlines – Covid-19

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, extending real estate tax deadlines due to Covid-19 (Discount period would end July 15, and no penalty charged if taxes are paid by 12/31/20). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Guerrera, Cragle, Barry)

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

1. EC Community Enrichment – Summer Concert Series
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by the EC Community Enrichment to close Beaver Avenue from 5th Street to 6th Street and Lawrence Avenue from 5th Street to 6th Street beginning at 7pm on June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, and August 1 for the summer concerts at the Community Plaza. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Extend Declaration of Disaster Emergency
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to extend the Declaration of Disaster Emergency (Resolution #2020-2, adopted 3/27/20) for the full 90 days (expiring 6/27/20), as per the PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Lamenza, Brough)

1. LHS Girls Tennis Team
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the request by the LHS Girls Tennis Team to use the Ewing Park Tennis Courts July 1 – October 16. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. LHS Girls/Boys Soccer Team
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Guerrera, to approve the request by the LHS Girls/Boys Soccer Team to use the Stiefel Park multi-purpose field July 1 – October 31. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Barry)

1. Borough Insurance Policies
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Brough, to approve the proposal submitted by HUB/HDH Group to provide the following insurance coverages: Package policy (property, equipment breakdown, inland marine, crime, general liability, auto, excess liability)(MRM Property & Liability Trust) \$118,265, Professional Liability (public officials liability/employment practices liability)(Greenwich Insurance Co) \$7,958, Police Professional Liability (Greenwich Insurance Co.) \$5,737. These amounts will be split between the General, Electric, and Sewage Funds. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Blight: (Brough, Dici, Guerrera)

1. Advertise Ordinance – Waste Dumpsters
A motion was made by Mr. Brough, seconded by Ms. Dici, to advertise an amendment to the waste dumpster ordinance, specifically “Permit Required”, “Permit Fee”, and adding all waste dumpsters having a height of 4 feet or less must be covered by a tarp. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment – Witmer Public Safety Group
A motion was made by Ms. Dici, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the payment in the amount of \$11,788 to Witmer Public Safety Group for turnout gear for the Fire Department. This amount will be paid from the EMS Grant. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT

MANAGER’S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary