

4:15pm - Executive Session (Legal/Contracts – AMP Power Transmission Services)

5:00pm – American Municipal Power Representatives (PowerSecure/Efficiency Smart Program)

ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 18, 2025

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Brad Ovia! called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Celli, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Ovia!

Also Present: Solicitor Ryan Long, Borough Manager Kevin Swogger, and Mayor Anthony Court

Absent: Mr. Cragle and Ms. Lamenza

INVOCATION – James Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMENDATION

Kevin Swogger & Rhiannon Schnell
Innovative Readiness Training Initiative

VISITORS

1. Dawna Poole – RE: “Umbrella Alley” Project

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Meeting 7/8/25 & Regular Meeting 7/21/25

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held 7/8/25 and the Regular Meeting held 7/21/25, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List 8/14/25 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 8/15/25

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 8/14/25, in the amount of \$589,850.56, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 8/15/25, in the amount of \$300,887.00. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointment – Amy McKinney as Fair Housing Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, appointing Amy McKinney as the Fair Housing Officer. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Appointment – Rebecca Shaffer as Section 504 Housing Officer
A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, appointing Rebecca Shaffer as the Section 504 Housing Officer. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Williams, Celli, Lamenza)

Health/Public Safety: (Cragle, Lamenza, Ovial)

1. Payment – Witmer Public Safety Group
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the payment in the amount of \$13,287 to Witmer Public Safety Group for firefighting gear. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Reimbursement in the amount of \$13,287 will come from the EMS Grant. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Lawrence Co. Hazard Mitigation Plan
This item was pulled from the Agenda.
3. Agreement – School Crossing Guard Services
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the Agreement, as submitted, with the Ellwood City Area School District relative to school crossing guard services. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
4. EC Area Chamber – Fall Fest/Car Cruise, Halloween Parade, and Block Party (Bell Memorial Church)
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the following:
 - The request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Fall Fest/Car Cruise on September 27 from 11am – 5pm. It is further requested to close Lawrence Avenue from 4th to 11th Street beginning at 8am. It is also requested to approve suspending Part 10, Chapter 1066, subsection 1066.03 (a) of the Codified Ordinance Book pertaining to the prohibition of alcohol. This suspension only applies to participants of the “Fall Fest/Car Cruise” event. Event insurance shall be purchased, naming the Borough of Ellwood City as an additional named insured. All necessary State and County permits shall be in place for this event.
 - the request by the EC Parade Committee to hold the Halloween Parade October 25 beginning at 3:30pm.
 - the request by Bell Memorial Church to hold a block party September 20 from 4pm-7:30pm. It is further requested to close College Street from Line Avenue to Buchanan Way for this event.

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works: (Celli, Barry, Williams)

1. Wampum Avenue Pump Station Project – Change Order #2-2 (Penn Ohio Electrical Co.)

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve Change Order #2-2 in the amount of \$11,588.21 from Penn Ohio Electrical Co. relative to the Wampum Avenue Pump Station Project. This Change Order is for electronic sensors, SCADA programming and reimbursement to EC Borough for services rendered. This will result in net zero changes as the remaining allowance balance of (\$38,411.79) will be credited back to the Borough, showing a negative credit change order.

Utilities: (Williams, Celli, Johnson)

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Williams, Ovia)

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Ovia)

1. Travel Request – PSAB Fall Conference (Court & Williams)

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the travel request by Anthony Court and Jan Williams, to attend the PSAB Fall Conference in State College, PA October 3-5. The cost is \$380 (\$190 each) plus lodging, meals, and mileage. This will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Employment Casey Prell (Part-time Paramedic)

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the employment of Casey Prell as a part-time Paramedic at the rate of \$21.01/hour. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Employment – Ronald Van Horn (School Crossing Guard)

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Williams, to authorize the hiring of Ronald Van Horn as a school crossing guard at the rate of \$15.00/hour, contingent upon successful completion of all background checks and clearances. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Pension Benefit – James Lutz (Municipal Employees' Plan)

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the monthly pension benefit of James Lutz (Municipal Employees' Plan), as submitted by the Actuary. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Community Development/Buildings: (Ovia, Cragle, Johnson)

Blight: (Johnson, Barry, Ovia)

Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Lamenza)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Agreement – Special Event Police Details for School District Events

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve an Agreement with the Ellwood City Area School District, as submitted, regarding special event police details at various School District activities. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Borough Clean Up – October 4, 8am-2pm, 1210 Factory Avenue, \$10/passenger vehicle
Trick or Treat – October 31, 6-8pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary