

5:30pm – Executive Session (Personnel)(Employment Public Works Laborer III)

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 15, 2025**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Brad Ovia called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Solicitor Edward Leymarie, Borough Manager Kevin Swogger, and Mayor Anthony Court

INVOCATION – Phil Conklin, First Church of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

1. Alice Gretch, 610 Rt 288, EC Festival Committee – RE: 2026 Festival Dates

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting 8/18/25

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 8/18/25, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List 9/12/25 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/12/25

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 9/12/25, in the amount of \$742,184.76, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 9/12/25, in the amount of \$280,591.97. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. Confirming Receipt of 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, confirming receipt of the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) by September 30, 2025. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Williams, Celli, Lamenza)

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

1. **Authorize to Sell – 422 Sales**

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to authorize the sale of the following vehicles:

2016 Ford Explorer 1FM5K8ARXGGA04775 mileage 107,473 (Police)
2017 Ford Interceptor 1FM5K8AR2HGE00894 mileage 111,071 (Police)

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. **“People Concerned for the Unborn Child”**

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the request by the “People Concerned for the Unborn Child” to stand on the sidewalks along Lawrence Avenue and Fifth Street holding pro-life signs on October 5, 2025 from 2-3pm. Voice vote. All in favor, except Ms. Williams. Motion carried, 6-1.

Public Works: (Celli, Barry, Williams)

Utilities: (Williams, Celli, Johnson)

1. **Approve Quote – Saracon Industrial Services**

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the quote from Saracon Industrial Services in an amount not to exceed \$7,566.96 for the removal of sludge from the aeration basins. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. **Approve Quote – Insight Pipe Contracting**

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the quote from Insight Pipe Contracting in the amount of \$83,325.75 for the lining of 8”, 10”, and 12” of sanitary sewers in the area of West Line Avenue. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Collection Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (Cragle, Williams, Ovia)

1. **Dog Days of Summer Event - 2026**

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the request by Reeds Services to use Ewing Park and all facilities for the “Dog Days of Summer” event June 23 – June 25, 2026 (actual days are June 26-28, 2026). It is further requested to suspend Part 10, Chapter 1066, subsection 1066.03 (a) of the Codified Ordinance Book pertaining to the prohibition of alcohol in Ewing Park. This suspension only applies to participants of the “Dog Days of Summer K-9 Benefit” event held June 26-28. 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. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. **EC Arts, Crafts, Food & Entertainment Festival - 2026**

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the request by the EC Arts, Crafts, Food and Entertainment Festival Committee to use Ewing Park and all facilities including the swimming pool and tennis court parking lots from June 23 – June 30, 2026 (actual days are June 26, 27, 28, 2026). It is further requested to suspend Part 10, Chapter 1066, subsection 1066.03 (a) of the Codified Ordinance Book pertaining to the prohibition of alcohol in Ewing Park. This suspension only applies to participants of the “EC Arts, Crafts, Food and Entertainment Festival” event held June 26-28. 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.

Due to a conflict with the Dog Days of Summer event in 2026, an amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza to amend the motion to have the Festival July 3, 4, 5, 2026. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Ovia)

1. Employment – Laborer III (Public Works)
This item was pulled from the agenda.

3. Employment – Peri McKim-Malcolm (School Crossing Guard)
A motion was made Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to authorize the hiring of Peri McKim-Malcolm 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.

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

Blight: (Johnson, Barry, Ovia)

Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Lamenza)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Quote – Chalmers Kubeck
A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the quote from Chalmers Kubeck in the amount of \$9600 to repair gears/seals on the #3 rotor gear box at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. Wampum Avenue Pump Station Project – Change Order #6 (Pollard Land Services)
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve Change Order #6 in the amount of \$11,001.83 from Pollard Land Services relative to the Wampum Avenue Pump Station Project. This is the final reconciliation change order to balance all quantities with actual quantities utilized to reflect the final contract amount. This change order results in an overall credit back to the project funding. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. Permission to Add to Agenda – Ellwood City Arts, Crafts, Food & Entertainment Festival
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Barry, to add to the agenda establishing specific dates for the Ellwood City Arts, Crafts, Food & Entertainment Festival. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. Ellwood City Arts, Crafts, Food & Entertainment Festival
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Johnson, establishing, as follows, when the Ellwood City Arts, Crafts, Food & Entertainment Festival will be held: If the Independence Day (July 4) holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, the Festival will be held the weekend before July 4. If the Independence Day (July 4) falls on a Wednesday or Thursday, the Festival will be held the weekend after July 4. Roll call vote. All in favor, except Ms. Williams. Motion carried, 6-1.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

VISITORS

1. Victoria Kincaid, 511 9th St – RE: power outage
2. Peri Malcolm, - RE: During “Wander Ellwood” consider closing streets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Clean Up – October 4, 8am-2pm, 1210 Factory Avenue, \$10/passenger vehicle – must buy a ticket by October 2 at noon

October Committee of the Whole meeting moved to Tuesday, October 14 due to Columbus Day Holiday

Trick or Treat – October 31, 6-8pm
2026 Budget Workshops – Oct 1 at 1pm, Oct 14 at 6:30pm, Oct 20 at 7pm, Nov 10 at
6:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary