

5:30pm – Executive Session – YMCA Playground Contract

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
October 20, 2025**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brad OviaI called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. Barry, Mr. Celli, Mr. Cragle, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Williams, and Mr. OviaI  
Also Present: Solicitor Ryan Long, Borough Manager Kevin Swogger, and Mayor Anthony Court

Absent: Ms. Lamenza

**INVOCATION** – Dr. Tom Topar, Word Alive Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

1. Nick Mancini, 403 Beatty St – RE: EC Festival
2. Peri Malcolm, 911 Border Ave – RE: Traffic at 4<sup>th</sup>/Crescent, speeding

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting 9/15/25, Special Meeting 9/23/25

A motion Was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 9/15/25 and the Special Meeting held 9/23/25, as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:**

Pre-Paid Voucher List 10/16/25 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 10/17/25

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 10/16/25, in the amount of \$529,841.62, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 10/17/25, in the amount of \$902,042.97. Roll call vote. All in favor with Ms. Williams abstaining from Pre-Paid Voucher #25-01482. 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**

1. Authorized Leave of Absence (Municipal Pension Plan)  
*This item was pulled from the agenda.*

2. Distribution of Pension State Aid  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, authorizing the distribution of \$366,611.79 received in Pension State Aid for 2025 as follows: Firemen’s Pension Plan \$26,662.67; Municipal Pension Plan \$206,635.74; and Police Pension Plan \$133,313.38. Therefore, \$53,319.33 is owed to the Firemen’s Plan, \$40,120.26 is owed to the Municipal Employees Plan and a balance of \$306,761.62 is owed to the Police Plan. Further, it is moved that these balances be paid by the General Fund by December 31, 2025. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

### **COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

#### **Finance: (Williams, Celli, Lamenza)**

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

1. EC Children’s Center – Halloween Parade  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the request by the EC Children’s Center to close First Street from Spring Avenue to Pittsburgh Circle on October 31 from 9:45am-10:45am for a Halloween Parade. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Advertise Ordinance – Stop Intersection (College Street at First Avenue)  
A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Barry, to advertise an amendment to the traffic ordinance establishing a stop intersection on College Street at First Avenue (northbound & southbound). Roll call vote. Voting in favor were Mr. Barry, Mr. Cragle, and Mr. Ovia. Voting against were Mr. Celli, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Williams. With a 3-3 vote, the Mayor broke the tie voting in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Public Works: (Celli, Barry, Williams)**

#### **Utilities: (Williams, Celli, Johnson)**

1. Approve Payment – Pollard Land Services  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Barry, to approve the payment to Pollard Land Services in the amount of \$65,000 for costs associated with the Wampum Avenue Pump Station Project (interest claim). This amount will be paid from the Sewage Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Approve Payment – Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI)  
A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the payment to Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) in the amount of \$51,882.54 for engineering services associated with the Wampum Avenue Pump Station Project. This amount will be paid from PennVest (contingency). All voted against. Motion failed, 6-0.
3. Approve Quote – McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc. (MEI)  
A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the quote from McCutcheon Enterprises, Inc. (MEI) in the amount of approximately \$150,000 for sludge removal/cleaning of the oxidation tanks and influent tank at

**Community Development/Buildings: (Ovial, Cragle, Johnson)**

1. **Sewer Taps**

A motion was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the following sewer taps:

George Sewall, III, 112 White Fox Ct, Lot 32 (N. Sew Twp.), 1 tap, \$1000  
George Sewall, III, 115 White Fox Ct, Lot 33 (N. Sew Twp.), 1 tap, \$1000

Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. **Beaver Co. Repository – 318 Hillside Avenue**

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the bid for the Beaver Co. Repository property located at 318 Hillside Avenue (22-001-0917.000-01-1) to Yuji Ono for \$769, plus fees (grand total \$2363.35). It is further requested to exonerate the 2025 Borough taxes owed (\$283.73 Face). Roll call vote. All voted against, except Ms. Williams. Motion failed, 5-1.

**Blight: (Johnson, Barry, Ovial)**

**Technology: (Cragle, Williams, Lamenza)**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**VISITORS**

1. Joe Mancini, Second Street, RE: Speeding during Trick or Treat

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Halloween Parade – October 25, 3:00pm  
Trick or Treat – October 31, 6-8pm  
2026 Budget Workshops - 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 Ms. Williams. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary