

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**January 5, 2026**

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brad Ovia! called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY/ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

1. Newly-Elected Mayor & Council Members  
Anthony J. Court, Michele Lamenza, Joseph Mancini, John Brad Ovia!, Jan Williams

**NOMINATION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Lamenza and Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Ovia! for President. There were no other nominations. Roll call vote for Mr. Ovia! as President; all in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Cragle and Mr. Johnson nominated Ms. Lamenza for Vice-President. There were no other nominations. Roll call vote for Ms. Lamenza as Vice-President; all in favor. Motion carried.

**COUNCILWOMAN JAN WILLIAMS' PREPARED STATEMENT:**

"I, Jan Williams, would like to state during my term of 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2029, that my opinions on any matter do not represent those of CVS Health/Aetna or its management."

**SET MEETING DATES**

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

Second Monday of every month at 6pm.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Third Monday of every month at 6pm.

If either of the above meetings fall on a Borough holiday, then said meetings will take place on the next day (Tuesday).

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

*These appointments will be announced at the January meeting.*

Finance

Health/Public Safety

Public Works

Utilities

Parks/Recreation

Administration/Personnel

Community Development/Buildings

Blight

Technology

**LAWRENCE CO. LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES (Formerly COG)  
DELEGATE/ALTERNATE**

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**ELLWOOD CITY REVITALIZATION (ECR) REPRESENTATIVES (2)**

*These appointments will be announced at the January meeting.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Personnel – Borough Manager’s Employment Agreement

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Employment Agreement – Borough Manager  
The Employment Agreement with Kevin Swogger, Borough Manager expired 12/31/25. Therefore, a motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve a new two-year Employment Agreement for Kevin Swogger, Borough Manager, as submitted. Roll call vote. All voted against, except Mr. Celli, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Lamenza. Motion failed, 4-3.
2. Reopen 2026 Budget  
A motion was made by Mr. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Williams, to reopen the 2026 Budget. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Linda M. List  
Borough Secretary