

**ELLWOOD CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
February 16, 2026**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Brad OviaI called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Solicitor Ryan Long and Mayor Anthony Court

INVOCATION – David McQuaid, First Baptist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

1. Tracy Covert, 520 Denny Avenue – RE: Placement/Removal of trash carts at the curb
2. Rev. Dr. Larry Maley, 204 Line Avenue – RE: Paving of Buchanan Way (middle 3rd section)

COMMUNICATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Reorganizational Meeting 1/5/26, Regular Meeting 1/20/26

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to approve the Minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting held 1/5/26 and the Regular Meeting held 1/20/26 as submitted. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 2/13/26 and List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 2/13/26.

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the Pre-Paid Voucher List dated 2/13/26, in the amount of \$576,183.33, and the List of Vouchers to be Paid dated 2/13/26, in the amount of \$360,584.25. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the Departmental Reports, as submitted.

BID OPENINGS

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

1. Policy – Payments Made with Loose Change
A motion was made by Mr. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, establishing a policy on payments made with loose change. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.
2. Revised Fee Schedule
A motion was made by Mr. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to adopt a Resolution, as submitted, amending the Borough's fee schedule. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment – Board of Health
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Celli, to appoint Caleb Cragle to the vacancy on the Board of Health for a term that expires 12/31/27. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Finance: (Williams, Celli, Lamenza)

1. **Exonerate Tax Collector**

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Williams, to exonerate the tax collector from further collection of the 2025 real estate taxes charged to her. The tax collector has accounted for all monies as either collected, exonerated or lienied in accordance with her report. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

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

1. **Memorial Day Parade**

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the request by the Memorial Day Parade Committee to hold the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and to use the parking area near Todd Avenue as a staging area. It is also requested to use Legion Park for a ceremony and Pittsburgh Circle Heritage Park for a community cookout following the parade and ceremony. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. **Wander Ellwood Event**

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the “Wander Ellwood” event on June 10, July 15, and August 12 from 5-9pm, and September 9 from 5-8pm. 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 “Wander Ellwood” event. Event insurance shall be purchased, naming the Borough of Ellwood City as an additional named insured. All necessary Borough, State and County permits shall be in place for this event. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. **Advertise Ordinance – 90 Minute Parking (Pittsburgh Circle/Glen Ave)**

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Celli, to advertise an ordinance establishing a 90-minute parking zoning on Pittsburgh Circle (west side) from Glen Avenue to a point 100’ south, Monday through Friday from 8am – 7:30pm. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Approve the Purchase of Police Radios from Wayne Township**

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Mr. Celli, to approve the purchase of five (5) police radios from Wayne Township at a total cost of \$8,000 (\$1600 each). This amount will be paid from the General Fund.

5. **Approve the Purchase of Police Vehicle from Wayne Township**

A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Truck from Wayne Township at a cost of \$40,000. This amount will be paid from the General Fund (\$35,000) and the Drug Investigation Fund (\$5,000). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Public Works: (Celli, Mancini, Ovial)

Utilities: (Williams, Celli, Cragle)

1. **Rescind Motion Made 1/20/26 Approving Quote – Chalmers & Kubeck - \$89,000**

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to rescind the motion made at the Regular Council Meeting held 1/20/26 approving “the quote from Chalmers & Kubeck in the amount of \$89,000 to make repairs to the #4 rotor at the wastewater treatment plant. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Collection System Fund (\$58,000) and the Sewage Fund (\$31,000).” Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. **Approve Quote – Chalmers & Kubeck - \$89,000**

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to approve the quote from Chalmers & Kubeck in the amount of \$89,000 to make repairs to the #4 rotor at the wastewater treatment plant. This amount will be paid from the Sewage Capital Reserve Fund (\$58,000) and the Sewage Fund (\$31,000). Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Parks/Recreation: (Mancini, Johnson, Ovia)

1. **Evan’s Monumental Gifts, Easter Egg Hunt, Earth Day, & Farmers’ Market**

A motion would be in order to approve the following:

- The request by Evan’s Monumental Gifts to use the grassy areas of Ewing Park and the bocce court on August 22 for a carnival fundraiser
- the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to use Ewing Park and all facilities for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 28 from 11-4pm. This request is also asking for permission to invite food trucks to the event and paying the appropriate fee to the Borough
- the request by the EC Area Chamber of Commerce to use Ewing Park and parking areas for the annual Earth Day event on April 25 from 10-2pm. This request is also asking for permission to invite food trucks to the event and paying the appropriate fee to the Borough
- the request by the Ellwood City Farmers’ Market to use the Beaver Avenue parking lot, Saturdays from June 6 – October 3 from 8:00am – noon

Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Administration/Personnel: (Lamenza, Cragle, Williams)

1. **2026 Standardized Billing Rates**

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to establish the 2026 employee hourly billing rates as follows:

<u>Department Group</u>	<u>Hourly Billing Rate</u>	<u>Overtime Billing Rate</u>
Supervisors	\$58.83	\$83.17
Clerical	\$40.74	\$53.83
Police Full Time	\$73.30	\$90.52
Police Part Time	\$24.65	\$36.98
Fire	\$68.64	\$88.94
Public Works, Electric, WWTP	\$50.76	\$68.59
Parks Labor	\$16.60	\$24.90
Code Enforcement	\$22.90	\$34.34

Be it further moved that 1) When Borough manpower is utilized for “In Borough Taxpayers/Groups” (businesses, residents, profit/non-profit groups), **ACTUAL employee hourly rate** (whether Base Rate or Overtime Rate), shall be used 2) When Borough manpower is utilized for “Out of Borough Third Party Vendor Activity” (businesses (Federal/State agencies/Utilities), residents, profit/non-profit groups), then the **Standardized Billing Rates** (Base and/or Overtime Rate) established annually by Council, shall be used. Any and all requests for Borough manpower must be submitted to the Borough Manager/Council for review before the Borough’s manpower can be utilized. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

2. **Advertise Ordinance – Mechanical & Electrical Amusement Devices**

A motion was made by Mr. Cragle, seconded by Ms. Lamenza, to advertise an amendment to the Mechanical & Electrical Amusement Devices Ordinance changing the date when the license fee is due from January 31 to November 1 of each year. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

3. **Approve Quote – Central Heating**

A motion was made by Mr. Celli, seconded by Mr. Cragle, to approve the quote in the amount of \$17,733 from Central Heating & Plumbing to replace the air conditioning unit at the Community Center (above fire department) with 2 mini split systems. This amount will be paid from the General Fund. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Community Development/Buildings: (Ovial, Celli, Johnson)

1. Lot Consolidation (Gerald & Tina Wallace)
A motion was made by Ms. Lamenza, seconded by Mr. Mancini, to approve the lot consolidation (reverse subdivision) of Gerald and Tina Wallace of 215 ½ Circle Way, combining two (2) lots into one (1) lot. Roll call vote; all in favor. Motion carried.

Blight: (Johnson, Mancini, Lamenza)

Technology: (Cragle, Johnson, Mancini)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picnic shelter reservations will begin on the fourth Monday in **February** (Feb. 23) for Borough residents and beginning on the fourth Monday in **March** (Mar. 23) for non-Borough residents

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.

Linda M. List
Borough Secretary