

ELLPORT BOROUGH

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April 17, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of Ellport Borough Council was held on the above date in Council Chambers, Ellport Borough Building. Present were President Boy and Council members Takacs, Tomon and Mazzant. Absent was Gebhardt. Also present were Mayor Cisco, Solicitor Minett, Secretary Christy, Joe MacDonald and Justin Neupauer. A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Mazzant to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting as received. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund - \$323,894. Fuel Fund - \$112,107. Memorial Fund - \$1,921. A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Tomon to accept the treasurer's report. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A notice and application was received from the Lawrence County Department of Planning informing the Borough that applications for Lawrence County Liquid Fuels Program will be received until June 30, 2023.

VISITORS:

Rita Foley informed Council that the borough community yard sale will be held the first Saturday in June.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cisco reported that police spent fifty hours on patrol, answered 31 calls and handled seven incidents.

STREET REPORT:

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Tomon to grant the request by an Ellwood City Borough employee for use of Ellport Borough's extra road millings at no cost to Ellwood City. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

SEWER REPORT:

The sewer authority meeting will be held April 20 at 12:00 P.M.

PARKS:

Tomon reported on a meeting held with R.A.R. Engineering Group, Inc. engineer Janine Malloy concerning the Sheeler playground grant project and some changes to the original plan which include less concrete and an addition of a four foot gate in the basketball court fence. Another bench was also added to the plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor Minett reported that the junk car ordinance was not advertised yet so could not be voted on by Council.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Mazzant to change the vehicle parts removal time allowed from 24 hours to 72 hours. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Mazzant to modify the wording "any private real property" to "any private, non-commercial, real property". Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Tomon to enter into an Agreement with H.A. Berkheimer, Inc. which designates them as tax collector of the Borough Per Capita Tax. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Tomon authorizing the Council President and Borough Secretary to execute the Agreement. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Mazzant to adopt Resolution No. 03 of 2023, appointing Berkheimer as the exclusive collector of Per Capita Tax for Ellport Borough. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Tomon to adopt Resolution No. 04 of 2023, appointing the Borough Secretary/Treasurer as the liaison person with Berkheimer for the sharing of information. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Takacs to adopt Resolution No. 05 of 2023, authorizing Berkheimer to be Ellport's Tax Hearing Officer required by Act 50 of the 1998 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of PA. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Mazzant directing the Borough Secretary/Treasurer to complete the AGH Authorization form which will allow electronic fund transfers from Berkheimer to the Borough's General Fund. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Tomon to adopt Resolution No. 06 of 2023, authorizing and empowering Berkheimer to impose and retain costs of collection on delinquent taxes. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Boy and seconded by Takacs to allocate an additional \$500.00 to Lawrence County for additional changes proposed to the Borough Zoning Ordinance which is in process. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Justin Neupauer informed council that a mortgage company is to be cited in reference to the former Rockyvich property at Deemer Avenue.
NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Takacs to require a Borough employee absence form to be filled out by employees. Tomon, Takacs and Mazzant voted yes and Boy voted no. Motion passed 3 to 1.

Tomon requested to tax collector Rita Foley that she provide a tax collection box at her residence and have office hours available for residents to deposit taxes. Council informed her that the Borough Building can be used for her office hours.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Mazzant to waive the Transient Retail License Fee of \$200.00 from Kevin Henry, ice cream truck driver, but require the necessary paperwork for the license. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Mazzant to accept receipts and pay the bills. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

President Boy adjourned the meeting.

Marguerite Christy
Borough Secretary