

ELLPORT BOROUGH

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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, Gebhardt and Mazzant. Also present were Mayor Cisco, Solicitor Minett, Secretary Christy, Joe MacDonald and Justin Neupauer. An executive session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters and information from Council President Boy and Solicitor Minett. A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Gebhardt to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2023 meeting as received. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund - \$318,531. Fuel Fund - \$73,274. Memorial - \$1,921. A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Takacs to accept the treasurer's report. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A notice was received from Mary M. Glass, Office Manager of the Department of Planning & Community Development, that the Countywide Demolition application has been updated for Lawrence County, in addition to a copy of the application.

A copy of Resolution-R-2023-44 was received from Joseph Venasco, County Administrator, resolving that the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners approves the contract between the County of Lawrence and Ellport Borough for consideration of services which the County will provide to Ellport Borough in the assistance of completing the Borough's Zoning Ordinance at a cost to the Borough of \$500.00 to the County.

VISITORS:

Carol Cable questioned Council about a house on Martin Avenue which she considers a nuisance due to junk cars, and the alley behind the house often blocked and Martin Avenue also often blocked. President Boy advised that Council has been working on an ordinance addressing junk cars and Ellwood City police officer Magnifico explained that there has to be a violation taking place and people have to be willing to testify in court. He also advised people they should call police when a violation is occurring and that State law requires that a seven day notice be given to owners of abandoned vehicles.

Mr. & Mrs. Beagle asked that a portion of Connoquenessing Ave. which was vacated by the Borough be un-vacated due to their interest in some property along it. Solicitor Minett advised that there was no way to un-vacate the street by legal action of Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cisco reported that police spent 44 hours on patrol, had 49 calls and seven incidents.

STREET REPORT:

No action

SEWER REPORT:

Christy informed Council that Solicitor Leymarie was authorized

to contact Wayne, Perry and Franklin Townships and request a meeting with them to discuss current flow percentages which the Authority feels are not accurate.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Gebhardt to grant the request by the Ellwood City Lions for use of Rodgers Park on September 9, 2023, at no cost, for their pig roast. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Takacs to grant the request for the use of Rodgers Park ballfield by the Junior High baseball team from March through May. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Takacs to grant the use of Sheeler field by the Lil Angels ball team. Motion passed unam.

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Takacs to grant the request of the ECABF for use of Sheeler field from April 1 to Oct. 31 with the understanding that they have to co-ordinate use with the Lil Angels. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A proposed junk car ordinance has not yet been advertised so no action was taken.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Mazzant to authorize the approval of an agreement with the County and ratifying President Boy's signing of the agreement in which Ellport Borough agrees to pay the County for services in assisting with the Borough's Zoning ordinance in the amount of \$500.00. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new Borough Zoning Ordinance was drawn up by the County and received by the Borough. The Ordinance is to be reviewed by the Borough Planning Commission and has to be approved by the County Planning Commission.

All actions related to Berkheimer and collection of the Per Capita tax were tabled.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Takacs to approve the purchase of five signs for placement within the Borough, identifying the Community Center, Council Chambers, Borough office, Voting location, and recognizing the completion of an Eagle Scout project at the Rodgers Park bocce court. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Mazzant to authorize the purchase of a new office computer. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Takacs to give Lava New Media, LLC the authority to set up to seven Borough email accounts for use with the Borough web site by Council and code enforcement officials. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Gebhardt to formally appoint R.A.R. Engineering as Ellport Borough engineer. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Takacs to approve the creation of a committee to review and update Borough ordinances which require updating. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Gebhardt to accept receipts and pay the bills. A roll call vote was taken with all voting