

BOROUGH OF ELLPORT
313 BURNS AVENUE
ELLWOOD CITY, PA 16117

March 18, 2024

7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of Ellport Borough Council was held on the above date in the Community Center, Ellport Borough Building. Present were Council President William Boy, Vice-President Tammy Mazzant and Council members Jeffrey Borroni and Jacqueline Bowman. Absent was Councilman Matthew Gebhardt. Also present were Mayor Joseph Cisco, Solicitor Thomas Minett, Secretary/Treasurer Marguerite Christy and employee Joseph MacDonald. A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Bowman to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2024 regular monthly meeting and the March 11, 2024 agenda meeting as received. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund - \$342,273. Fuel Fund - \$153,395. Christy reported that a Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$43,700.10 was received from the State on March 1, 2024. A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Bowman to accept the treasurer's report. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS:

Blanche Novak, Thomas Topar, Tim Takacs, Ken Gebhardt and James Cable had no comments. Bryan Lucarelli questioned Council about his request for use of Sheeler ballfield in 2024 by the Ellwood City Recreational Fast Pitch Softball organization.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cisco reported that police spent 48 hours on patrol, answered 56 calls and responded to 8 incidents. Also, police ran speed traps within the Borough on 3/17/24.

MAINTENANCE/STREET REPORT:

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Bowman to hire Kenneth Gebhardt, part-time, if necessary, to assist Joseph MacDonald with a Borough storm sewer project at a wage of \$25.00/hour. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

SEWER REPORT:

Christy reported that Sewer Authority member Michael Milnes has died and a replacement to his position, which runs through December 31, 2026, needs to be considered by Council.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT:

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Bowman to hire Wayne Parsons as Rodgers Park janitor for the 2024 season with wages set at \$25.00/hour. A roll call vote was taken with Boy, Mazzant and Bowman voting yes and Borroni voting no. Motion passed 3 to 1.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Bowman to approve use of the Borough ballfields in 2024 as requested by the Ellwood City Area Baseball Federation, Ellwood City Girls Softball League, and Ellwood City Fast Pitch

Team, with their co-ordination of use of the fields. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Action.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Bowman to allocate an additional \$1000.00 to improvements to the Borough office. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Minett reported that he will be forwarding drafts to Council members for their review concerning the adoption of ordinances regulating solar panels and outdoor wood fired boilers.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Bowman to appoint Kenneth Gebhardt to the Sewer Authority vacancy created by the death of Michael Milnes. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Bowman to appoint Thomas Topar to the Zoning Hearing Board with his term running through December 31, 2026. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Minett presented Council with a draft of his opinion letter regarding price quotations received for two items, tree trimming and a fence gate, as requested for the Sheeler playground grant project. A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Bowman to accept the quotes of Mr. Fence for \$970.00 for the gate, and \$1,750.00 to JD Tree LLC for tree removal, as per the opinion of Solicitor Minett. A roll call vote was taken with Boy, Mazzant and Bowman voting yes and Borroni abstaining. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Bowman 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