

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 Council President William Boy and Council members Tammy Mazzant, Matthew Gebhardt and Jacqueline Bowman. Absent was Council member Jeffrey Borroni. 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 Gebhardt to accept the minutes of the June 10, June 17, July 8, and July 15, agenda and regular monthly meetings, minutes as received. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund - \$428,414. Fuel Fund - \$152,963. Grant Account - \$500. A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Bowman to accept the treasurer's report. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Joseph A. Tomon informing that he has applied for renewal of his existing permit to operate Joseph A. Tomon, Jr. Funeral Home & Crematory.

VISITORS:

Rita and Neil Foley and Andy Rauch of R.A.R. Engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bernardi of Golf Avenue complained about the letter they received from the Borough advising them of the need to trim foliage along

their fence at the corner of Third street and Golf Avenue. They also complained about speeding on Golf. President Boy explained that residents have complained about the difficulty of pulling out onto Golf Avenue from Third Street due to the Bernardi's foliage causing an obstruction of view.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cisco reported that police spent 54 hours on patrol and received 64 calls in May and spent 61 hours on patrol and received 72 calls in June. He also reported that 4 citations were issued for solicitation without a permit.

MAINTENANCE AND STREET REPORT:

Four bids were received and opened for the First Street storm sewer project.

- 1) Roto-Rooter Service Co. had a base bid of \$530,265.00, an option of \$62,200 and a total of \$592,465.
- 2) M. O'Herron Co. had a base bid of \$426,660.00, an option of \$34,640.00 and a total of \$461,300.00
- 3) Mortimer's Excavating Inc. had a base bid of \$407,080.00, an option of \$29,680.00 and a total of \$436,760.00.
- 4) Grazianni Construction, Inc. had a base bid of \$495,314.00, an option of \$46,080.00 and a total of \$541,394.00.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Mazzant to reject all four bids and authorize R.A.R. Engineering to review the project for ways to reduce the cost. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Mazzant reported that R.A.R. Engineering planned to have the bid package advertised and bids available for opening by Council at the August regular monthly meeting for the Sheeler playground cement work.

OLD BUSINESS:

No action was taken on five items on the agenda, solar facilities ordinance, swimming pool/hot tub ordinance, outdoor wood-fired boilers ordinance, traffic camera status, and Council person virtual participation in meetings resolution.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Mazzant to authorize Solicitor Minett to act on behalf of the Borough in regards to the July 30, 2024 hearing scheduled for property on Deemer Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Cisco presented Council with an agreement from Ellwood City Borough to provide police protection to Ellport Borough for two years more than the existing contract provides, the years 2026 and 2027. A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Mazzant to accept the agreement from Ellwood City Borough to provide police protection to Ellport Borough for 2026 for \$61,500.00, and 2027 for 63,000.00. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Bowman to approve the request made by Solicitor Minett to apply to membership to the PA Borough Solicitors Association at a cost to the Borough of \$250.00 for dues. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Gebhardt 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