

ELLPORT BOROUGH

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December 19, 2022
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 Vice-President Takacs and Council members Tomon and Mazzant. Absent were President Boy and Council member Gebhardt. Also present were Mayor Cisco, Solicitor Minett, Secretary Christy and employee MacDonald. A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Tomon to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2022 meeting as received. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund - \$356,139. Fuel Fund - \$73,272. Memorial - \$1921. A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Mazzant to accept the treasurer's report. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

VISITORS:

Herb Cratty requested the use of the Community Center on March 4, 2023 for the 5K racers, after the race. A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Mazzant to allow use of the Center to the racers at no cost on March 4, 2023. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Hughs asked if the new zoning ordinance has progressed and was told that it is still in progress.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cisco reported that police spent 43 hours on patrol, had six incidents and answered 49 calls.

SEWER REPORT:

Christy reported that the Authority is applying for a grant to help pay for the repair of the main sewer line on Sixth Street through the PA Small Water And Sewer Systems grant program. She also reported that Authority meetings will continue to be held on the third Thursday of each month at 12:00 P.M. in 2023.

PARKS:

Tomon reported on the Sheeler field grant progress. A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Mazzant to keep the Park shelter rental rates for 2023 the same as 2022. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council discussed the proposed zoning ordinance which they need to review again per the County and the need to get together for the review.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Takacs to adopt Resolution 09 of 2022, with changes, a Per Capita tax resolution. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unan.

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Mazzant to appoint Berkheimer as tax collector of the Per Capita tax. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cisco reported that Ellwood City police officer McBride did not recommend adding any more STOP signs at the intersection of Duncan Avenue and Creek Lane as requested by resident David Schaffer.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Tomon to adopt Resolution 10 of 2022, setting the property tax at 4 mills for 2023. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unan.

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Mazzant to adopt Resolution 11 of 2022, authorization of Ellwood City police officers. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Tomon to adopt Resolution 12 Of 2022, expanding enforcement of Ordinance 207 to include the Borough Code Enforcement Officer and the volunteer part-time Code Enforcement officer. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Mazzant to adopt Resolution 13 of 2022 authorizing disposition of unnecessary personal property of less that \$2000.00 value. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Mazzant to have Marshall Tree Experts remove four oak trees in Rodgers Park for four thousand dollars (\$4000.00), and grind 10 to 12 stumps for one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), as quoted, for a total of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00). A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Tomon to adopt the 2023 General and Fuel Fund budgets as advertised, with Borough maintenance supervisor wages set at \$27.00/hour, Secretary/Treasurer wages set at \$17,496.00/year, assistant secretary wages at \$20.00/hour, and janitorial wages for the community center and parks at \$20.00/hour. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unan.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Tomon to authorize Secretary Christy to advertise Council meetings for 2023 for the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. for agenda mtgs. and the third Monday of each Month at 7:00 P.M. for regular monthly meetings. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unan.

A motion was made by Tomon and seconded by Mazzant to keep the charges for the Community Center and Rodgers Park rentals the same as 2022 rates. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Tomon to re-appoint James Cable to a three year term on the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Mazzant to appoint Herb Cratty to the Planning Commission. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Tomon to re-appoint Heidi Takacs to a five year term on the Ellport Borough Sewer Authority. Motion passed.

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

Acting President Takacs adjourned the meeting

Marguerite Christy
Borough Secretary