

# ELLPORT BOROUGH

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September 16, 2024

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 Tammy Mazzant and Council members Matthew Gebhardt and Timothy Takacs. Absent was President William Boy due to illness and Council person Jeffrey Borroni. Also present were Mayor Joseph Cisco, Solicitor Thomas Minett, and Secretary/Treasurer Marguerite Christy. Solicitor Minett attempted to contact Council person Jeffrey Borroni by phone but received no response.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Gebhardt to accept the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 8/19/24 and the special and agenda meetings of 9/9/24. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund - \$425,473. Fuel Fund - \$148,028. Grant Account - \$30,500. A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Gebhardt to accept the treasurer's report. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously. Christy reported that the 2023 Ellport Borough audit report was complete and available for viewing.

## COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from Robert D. McGann, DO, confirming that Joseph MacDonald can return to work full duty on 9/16/24.

A review of a proposed amendment to the Borough's zoning ordinance regarding regulations for Swimming Pools was received from Allen J. Miller, Deputy Director of Planning, Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development with several comments and regulations.

## VISITORS:

The following residents were present: Sara Christy, Marlene White, Sandy Gallaher, Rev. Thomas Topar, Jim and Carol Cable, Wendy Sedgwick, Jacob DiBattista, Joe MacDonald, Herb Bookamer and Justin Neupauer.

Jacob DiBattista spoke about speeding on Martin and Mahony Avenues and STOP sign violations and the need to do something about these issues such as installing a camera. Mayor Cisco responded on the need to paint lines on more streets so police can conduct more speed traps and the need for people to testify against violators.

## MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cisco reported that police spent 55 hours on patrol, received 63 calls and responded to 8 incidents. He also reported that code enforcement resulted on junk removal, high grass removal, and two citations issued to persons going door to door without a permit.

## MAINTENANCE and STREETS:

It was reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street storm sewer project has not yet been completed and there has been no further

action involving the plate reader.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor Minett reported on progress involving the Solar Facilities Ordinance, the Pool Ordinance, and the Outdoor Wood-fired Ordinance. No action was taken by Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Takacs to accept a proposal from Security Technical Solutions to provide a modem and air cards for the Portersville Road camera at a cost of \$650 per year plus an annual payment with the written contract subject to review by Solicitor Minett and, if appropriate, allowing necessary signatures by Council President and/or the secretary/treasurer. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Takacs and seconded by Gebhardt to allow the use of the \$5,000.00 Lawrence County grant money for the purchase of a public safety radio, with total cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Mazzant to assign federal Covid funds in the amount of \$65,450.14 to the First Street storm sewer project. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Takacs to allow the payment of Borough utility bills on-line by the Borough Treasurer. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Takacs to authorize \$500.00 to be given to the Wurtemberg- Perry VFD for the purchase of candy to be distributed to trick-or-treaters in Ellport. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Acting President Mazzant adjourned the meeting.

Marguerite Christy

Secretary/Treasurer