

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 and Matthew Gebhardt. Absent was Council member Jeffrey Borroni. Jacquelyn Bowman was absent because of her resignation from Council due to employment relocation. Also present were Mayor Joseph Cisco, Solicitor Thomas Minett and Secretary/Treasurer Marguerite Christy. An attempt was made by Solicitor Minett to call Mr. Borroni and a message was left to his voice mail when the call was not answered. An executive session of Council was held prior to the meeting to discuss several personnel issues.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Mazzant to accept the minutes of the July 15 regular monthly meeting, the July 29 informational meeting, and the August 12 agenda meeting as received. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund - \$416,819. Fuel Fund - \$153,108. Grant Account - \$35,500.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter of resignation from Council was received from Jacquelyn Bowman, effective August 11, 2024, since she will no longer be residing in Ellport Borough.

VISITORS:

Timothy Takacs, Wayne Parsons, Justin Neupauer, and New Castle News reporter Nicholas Vercilla.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Cisco reported that police spent 49 hours on patrol, answered 51 calls and had one incident, and code enforcement reported on four incidents. No action was taken on the Mayor's request to purchase up to six speed limit signs to be placed on SR 488.

MAINTENANCE AND STREETS:

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Boy to clarify that Kenneth Gebhardt is hired as a sub-contractor at \$28.00 per hour, to perform maintenance work, part-time, within the Borough. Mazzant and Boy voted yes and Gebhardt abstained. Motion passed.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

One bid was received for the advertised Sheeler playground paving/sidewalk project, from Giordano Construction Co. for \$70,100.00. A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Boy to reject the bid. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Solicitor Minett reported that a copy of the proposed Solar Facilities Ordinance has been submitted to Lawrence County and the Borough's local planning, and copies were given to Council members present.

Solicitor Minett reported that a copy of the proposed Swimming Pool Ordinance still needs to be submitted to Lawrence County and local planning, and copies were given to Council members present.

Solicitor Minett supplied copies of a proposed Outdoor Wood Fired Boiler Ordinance to Council members present.

Solicitor Minett reported that he has drafts in process for an Animal Ordinance and a Trees and Shrubs Ordinance.

Solicitor Minett presented Council with Resolution No. 4 of 2024 for their review. A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Mazzant to adopt the Resolution which specifies the rules and regulations for virtual participation of Council members in Council meetings including the requirement for giving advance notice of intention to participate virtually whenever possible to the Borough Secretary. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Gebhardt to accept with regret the resignation of Jacquelyn Bowman from Council. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Boy and seconded by Gebhardt to accept the request made by Timothy Takacs to be appointed to fill the Council vacancy created by Bowman's resignation. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mazzant and seconded by Gebhardt to hire Travis Bauer as an outside contractor at a rate of \$30.00 per hour to assist with the technical aspects of the Borough's web site. A roll call vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Mazzant to hire Timothy Takacs as a part-time Borough maintenance employee at a rate of \$28.00 per hour on an as needed basis effective today. A roll call vote was made with all voting yes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gebhardt and seconded by Mazzant to accept Joseph MacDonald's return as a Borough employee only upon receipt of a full duty release by his treating physician. A roll call vote was taken with Mazzant and Gebhardt voting yes and Boy voting no. Motion passed two to one.

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.

President Boy adjourned the meeting.

Marguerite Christy

Borough Secretary