

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**

**WORK MEETING**

**May 23, 2013**

**8:00 p.m.**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council was called to order by Deputy Municipal Clerk Barbara Dispoto at 8:02 p.m. Statement of Compliance was read.

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by the publishing an annual notice in The Record of Hackensack and Herald News of Woodland Park and by posting such notice in the office of the Borough Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted on January 1, 2013.

Governing Body members Caramagna, Castiglia, Colletti, Conboy and Vuoncino and were present. Councilman Pettigano and Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark were absent. Also present were Mayor Mola, Deputy Borough Clerk Barbara Dispoto, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin.

**Public Hearing:**

Dave Meyers, Elmwood Park PBA, stated there might be a misunderstanding regarding the proposed increase for side jobs. He stated that the PBA does not wish to have the administrative pay for side jobs to be incorporated into the Collective Bargaining Agreement. He further stated that the wages paid for side jobs does not come from taxpayer money, instead it comes from a third party. Mayor Mola stated that Officer Meyers can request another meeting to revisit the discussions. The Governing Body agreed to allow Officer Meyers to come to the next work meeting to further discuss an increase in pay for side jobs. Mrs. Dispoto stated that the next work meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2013. Mrs. Dispoto will discuss with Mr. Kazmark the request from Officer Meyers to be on the June 13, 2013 agenda.

Police Chief Johnson, commended both Captain DiPasquale and Captain Foligno for their handling of the lockdown of the Middle/High School. Captain DiPasquale stated that a question arose as to why the schools were not closed when the threat was made. He stated school was already in session when the Guidance Counselor listened to the message that was left the night before. Captain DiPasquale stated that another question arose regarding the reasoning behind the decision not to put the elementary schools into lockdown as well. He stated the threat was made specifically to the High School and did not address the elementary schools. He further stated that at no time were the students or facility in any danger. He further discussed a recent training session that dealt with such a scenario and believes that helped during the lockdown. Captain DiPasquale stated there is still an active investigation therefore he cannot disclose specific information.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**1 – Discussions on Library State Aid requirements & Circulation** – Mrs. Dispoto stated that Mr. Kazmark sent an email to Mrs. Silverman again requesting information which was asked for at the last work session regarding State Aid requirements and Councilman Vuoncino's question regarding circulation data. Mrs. Dispoto stated that a follow up email to Mr. Kazmark's email was sent to Mrs. Silverman. Mrs. Silverman called Mrs. Dispoto and stated that the information is not ready and would be forwarded once it was completed. Councilman Vuoncino stated Mrs. Silverman's response was unacceptable. Councilman Colletti stated he did not understand the reasoning for the request. Councilman Vuoncino stated that Mrs. Silverman stated at the previous meeting that the capital improvement plans were being made around the State Aid requirements; those requirements being square footage and line of sight; and asked if those requirements can be forwarded to the Council. Councilman Vuoncino also stated that statements made at the last meeting were that the circulation has been increasing. He further stated that according to the State's website in fact the circulation has been declining. Mayor Mola stated that if there was misinformation he apologizes to everyone. Councilman Vuoncino stated he would like to see the data at the June 13, 2013 Work Session.

**2 – Request for Leliarts Lane Block Party** – A resolution will be placed on the June 6, 2013 Regular Meeting agenda.

**3 – Interlocal Service Agreement for the Use of Memorial Pool** - A resolution will be placed on the June 6, 2013 Regular Meeting agenda.

**6 – Letter from the Ambulance Corp. requesting permission to conduct Coin Toss** - A resolution will be placed on the June 6, 2013 Regular Meeting agenda.



**5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- a. Library Minutes – March 18 & April 22, 2013 – Accepted without discussion.
- b. Recreation Department Report – May 2013 – Accepted without discussion.
- c. Municipal Court Report – April 2013 – Accepted without discussion.
- d.

**7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Castiglia attended a meeting for the Memorial Day Parade. The Veteran organizations had some concerns with regards to the parking lot at the High School. Police Chief Johnson stated he will speak with Dr. Tomko to address the concerns the Veteran Organizations have. Councilman Castiglia stated that the parade will begin at 12:00 p.m.

Councilman Caramagna inquired about the installation of the TD Bank clock. Discussion ensued to the changes to the intersection of Market Street and Boulevard.

Councilman Conboy reported progress.

Councilman Vuoncino discussed the email in which the Department of Transportation is advancing the progress regarding the Hawk light on Route 4 by the Park-n-Ride.

Councilman Colletti reported progress.

Mayor Mola stated that the Borough will receive approximately \$162,000 from Community Development. Councilman Conboy inquired if the County discussed funds for the kitchen at the Senior Center. Mayor Mola stated the County would be discussing it the following day.

**8 – Executive Session:**

- a. **Personnel – Police Department – Discussion of Time Due**
- b. **Condemnation**

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

**Personnel – Police Department – Discussion of Time Due**  
**Condemnation**

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

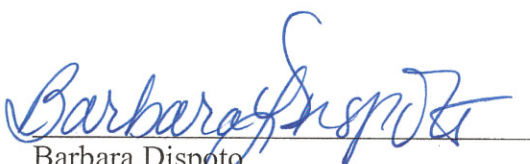
A motion was made by Councilman Vuoncino and seconded by Councilman Conboy to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

**Personnel – Police Department – Discussion of Time Due**  
**Condemnation**

A motion was made by Councilman Castiglia and seconded by Councilman Conboy to return to the public session. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Councilman Castiglia and seconded by Councilman Conboy to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Dispoto  
Deputy Municipal Clerk

*Minutes were approved at the June 6, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.*