

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
March 2, 2017
7:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for March 2, 2017 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 7:01 p.m. The Statement of compliance was read.

Council Members Chirido, Dombrowski, Golabek, Work, Vuoncino and Giandomenico were present. Also present were Mayor Robert Colletti, Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin, Jr. and Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy.

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 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. Revised notice was posted on January 24, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING: No one wished to be heard.

1 – Recreation Advisory Board Joint Meeting – Discussion ensued between the Mayor and Council and the Recreation Advisory Board regarding the pros and cons of an Advisory Board and a Recreation Commission. The Mayor and Council requested the Recreation Advisory Board to submit ordinance changes that they wish to be considered.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

2 – CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Letter from Steve Zaccone regarding Elmwood Park Bombers** – Discussion ensued as to the request to reinstate the stipend program and the history of the stipend program for with the Bombers program. The request will be forwarded to the Recreation Advisory Board for their recommendation.

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:

Litigation - COAH

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 Chirido and seconded by Councilman Vuoncino to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Litigation – COAH

A motion was made by Councilman Dombrowski and seconded by Council President Giandomenico to return to the work session. Motion carried unanimously.

The work session of the Mayor and Council resumed at 8:42 p.m.

2 – CORRESPONDENCE:

- b. **Email from County Engineer regarding a traffic signal by River Drive & River Road** – Mayor and Council instructed Mr. Kazmark to send a letter to the County Engineer expressing the Borough’s interest in pursuing improvements to River Drive & River Road.
- c. **Letter from Stephen Waters regarding the Borough Rent Control Ordinance** – The Mayor and Council will entertain a presentation by Mr. Waters regarding the Rent Control ordinance upon satisfying the outstanding requirements of the Planning Board.
- d. **Letter from Lerch, Vinci & Higgens, LLP regarding the 2016 Audit** – Accepted without discussion.

3 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution to fill vacancy on the Board of Adjustment – Alternate #2** – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.
- b. **Memorialize William Mulligan on Veteran’s Place** – Discussion ensued as to establishing criteria for memorializing residents. Veterans Place will be dedicated to Commander Mulligan on Veteran’s Day.
- c. **Appoint Temporary Fire Subcode Official in Building Department** – Discussion will be held during the second executive session.
- d. **Execute Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing – HGAC Buy** – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.
- e. **Release Road Opening Performance Bonds – 2 Chamberlain Avenue** – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.

4 – ORDINANCES:

- a. **Fire Prevention Fee Ordinance** – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda to introduced said ordinance.
- b. **Snow & Ice Removal from Sidewalks** – Councilman Golabek requested the Mayor and Council to consider increasing the time required to clear the sidewalks from 12 hours to 18 hours within the current Municipal Code. The decision was made to keep the ordinance as is.
- c. **Shared Parking Ordinance** – Mayor and Council requested further discussion at the March 9, 2017 Work Session with Building Official Richard Bolan and Brian Giblin.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Elmwood Park Library Minutes – December 19, 2016** – Accepted without discussion.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Chirido reported on the Library Construction Committee and the Department of Public Works.

Councilman Vuoncino reported on the Ambulance Corps capital request. He also resported on the Library Construction Committee.

Councilman Dombrowski reported on the Homeowners Association and some concerns discussing concerns regarding the water notice that was distributed. Mr. Kazmark will invite Water Operator Robert DeBlock to the March 16, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Council President Giandomenico reported on the budget and the Board of Education.

Councilman Work reported on the Fire Department and the ongoing Recreation programs and registrations.

Councilman Golabek discussed the Board of Health and the TNVR program and the maintenance of State property by the Route 80 exit ramps.

Mayor Colletti discussed the renovation of the Caucus Room and Mayor’s Office.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING: No one wished to be heard.

8 – **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. **Litigation – COAH – Discussion held during the first executive session.**
- b. **Personnel – Municipal Court**
- c. **Personnel – Building Department**
- d. **Personnel – Department of Public Works**
- e. **Negotiations – Department of Public Works**

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A motion was made by Councilman Dombrowski and seconded by Council President Giandomenico to return to the public portion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Dombrowski and seconded by Council President Giandomenico to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the August 17, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.