

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**  
**WORK MEETING**  
**September 7, 2017**  
**8:00 p.m.**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for September 7, 2017 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 8:00 p.m. The Statement of compliance was read.

Council Members Dombrowski, Golabek, Work, Vuoncino and Giandomenico were present. Councilman Chirido was absent due to another commitment. Also present were Mayor Robert Colletti, Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark and Borough Attorney Brian Giblin.

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. Notice was posted on January 5, 2017.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Robin Ran, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue discussed parking concerns on her street near 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue School. She further discussed the 2 hour parking restrictions and the need for enforcement. She also requested a solar powered, blinking stop sign.

Berta Perez, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue reinforced Ms. Ran's concerns about parking in the area, especially before and after school.

Rosolino Sausa, 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue discussed speeding, parking and the need for enforcement. He discussed his dog being hit by a car and killed. He also spoke about the issuance of tickets.

**1 – Discussion with Municipal Auditor Paul Lerch, RMA regarding Municipal Pilot Agreements and Bonding** – Mr. Lerch and Mr. Johnston were present and discussed Municipal Pilot agreements, the establishment of re-development areas and the current debt service forecast for the Borough. Discussion regarding additional funding for road re-surfacing, a possible purchase of a fire truck and the development of a 5 years Capital Improvement Plan ensued.

**2 – 2017 Governor's Best Practices Check List** – Mr. Kazmark reviewed the check list with the Mayor and Council, advising that we will receive full aid based upon the number of affirmative answers. A brief discussion ensued and the Mayor and Council authorized Mr. Riggitano to submit the checklist.

**3 – CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. **Letter from St. Leo's Committee for Buildings and Grounds regarding the adjacent service station** – Mr. Kazmark reviewed the initial complaint and the subsequent correspondence from the Building Department and Police Department. Discussion ensued. No additional action was taken.
- b. **Letter from NJDOT regarding Transportation Alternatives Program** – Mr. Kazmark advised that the Borough did not receive the grant for Market Street Streetscape – Phase 3.
- c. **Letter from Jose Juarez seeking permission to build retaining wall on the Borough right-of-way** – Mr. Kazmark discussed this request and the decision by the Building Department. After additional discussion, the Mayor and Council requested input from Municipal Engineer Nordan Murphy on this request.

**4 – RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Application for Community Use of the Municipal Building – North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for the public meeting September 21, 2017.
- b. **Member Participation in a Cooperative Pricing System** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for the public meeting September 21, 2017.

- c. **Appointment of Before/After School Care Staff for 2017/2018 School Year – Recreation Department** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for the public meeting of September 21, 2017.
- d. **Renew Annual Telephone System Maintenance Agreement – Extel Communications, Inc.** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for the public meeting September 21, 2017.
- e. **Appointment of New Firefighters** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for the public meeting of September 21, 2017.
- f. **Request for support to widen bike path on George Washington Bridge** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for the public meeting of September 21, 2017.
- g. **Chief Foligno’s recommendation to regarding Honeywell Alert System** – Councilman Vuoncino recused himself from this discussion, as he is an employee of Honeywell. The Mayor and Council reviewed the memorandum from Chief Foligno. They discussed the cost difference between the two systems and the pros and cons of both the current emergency notification system and the proposed Honeywell system. After additional discussion, the Mayor and Council agreed to move to the Honeywell system with the subscription features.
- h. **Request for Substitute School Security Officer** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for the public meeting of September 21, 2017.

**5 – ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Parking for Library Business Only Signs** – Accepted with no discussion.
- b. **Relocation of 258 Market Street Bus Stop** – Mr. Kazmark, explained the Police Department’s recommendation and the Engineers concurrence. The Mayor and Council requested an ordinance be introduced moving the bus stop.
- c. **Street Sweeping Ordinance** – The Mayor and Council discussed the possible removal of certain dead ends and cul-de-sac’s from the street sweeping ordinance. They further spoke about the future of program and expanding it town wide. The governing body requested Chief Foligno and Mr. Karcz attend the next work session to share their observations thus far and recommendations for the future of the program. In conclusion, the Mayor and Council asked that the signs be removed from 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 2nd Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Livi Court, Court Place and James Place.

**6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- a. **Police Department Report – July 2017** – Accepted with no discussion.
- b. **Municipal Court Report – July & August 2017** – Accepted with no discussion.
- c. **Millennium Strategies Report – August 2017** – Accepted with no discussion.
- d. **Finance Department Report – August 2017** – Accepted with no discussion.

**7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Chirido was absent.

Councilman Vuoncino reported on the NJ SEM auction and the upcoming LUCAS demonstration by the Ambulance Corps at our public meeting in October.

Councilman Dombrowski reported on the first high school football game under lights. He requested the blue line be repainted onto Market Street. Discussion then ensued as to the recent article that stated the Elmwood Park School District’s disciplinary rating and the overgrowth near the Route 80 entrance off of Molnar Drive.

Council President Giandomenico discussed the presentation by the Auditor concerning debt service.

Councilman Work reported on various Recreation Department programs and activities. He also announced the EPFD 9/11 Ceremony and their upcoming coin toss event.

Councilman Golabek reported there will be a Board of Health meeting next week and praised the recent newsletter which went out to residents.

Mayor Colletti requested the Veteran’s Memorial Committee include Mr. Mulligan as a representative from the Veteran’s Council. He further reported on the paving of River Road.

**8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING:**

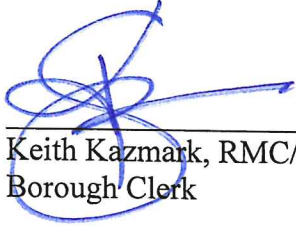
Dominic Scalcione, E. 54<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke about the reverse 911 notification system and the use of Nixle.

Jean Frietag, Hillman Drive discussed radio reports about violence statistics in the schools and the street sweeping pilot program.

Jeff Frietag, Hillman Drive discussed the street sweeping program and how it will work during leaf pick up season.

A motion was made by Councilman Golabek and seconded by Council President Giandomenico to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,



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Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC  
Borough Clerk

*Minutes approved at the September 21, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.*