

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
May 7, 2020
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for May 7, 2020 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Fasolo, Golabek, Ingui, Pellegrine, and Wechtler were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Salvatore A. Ingraffia.

**Please note that Councilmembers Pellegrine and Wechtler participated by way of teleconference.*

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 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 8, 2020.

Due to the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, precautionary measures were taken in an attempt to prevent further spread of the virus and to protect the health and public safety of the Governing Body, Borough Professionals, and members of the public. As a result, the public was unable to physically attend the meeting. In order to participate in the meeting, the public was required to use the free access number which was provided and advertised in advance.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Borough Clerk Delaney read the following into the record which was submitted via e-mail by Jeanne Freitag, Hillman Drive:

Special Meeting

Are either of the prospective police officers being transferred from other departments?

Work Meeting

I see that the BLS services are being extended. What is the length of time proposed and when is it anticipated that EP will have the appropriate certification to run its own ambulance service?

Ms. Freitag then thanked everyone for their responses.

Dominick Scalcione, E. 54th Street, asked that the members in attendance speak louder so that the public can hear them better.

1 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **PSE&G Public Hearing** – No discussion ensued.

2 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Employee Dental Benefits Plan Renewal** – A resolution will be placed on the May 7th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **New Police Vehicles Quote** – A resolution will be placed on the May 7th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Sick time Buyback** – A resolution will be placed on the May 7th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Firefighter Applications** – A resolution will be placed on the May 7th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Rosemont Park Playground Equipment Estimates** – Councilman Golabek requested that Borough Administrator Foligno look into whether or not the DPW can handle the \$6,800 worth of work in the last quote of the packet. Additionally, he asked that the Administrator find out if the all-inclusive equipment is included in said estimates.
- f. **South Bergen JIF Bylaws Amendment** – A resolution will be placed on the May 7th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Fire Department Equipment Requests** – The Governing Body requested that this request be held until further information can be gathered.
- h. **Authorize Estimated Tax Bills** – The Governing Body requested that this request be held until further information can be gathered.

- i. **Extension of BLS Service** – A resolution will be placed on the May 7th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- j. **Adopt Policy & Procedure Manual** – A resolution will be placed on the May 7th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

3 – ORDINANCES:

- a. **Curbs and Sidewalks** – The adjusted ordinance will be introduced at the May 7th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

4 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Planning and Zoning Boards** – Borough Administrator Foligno advised that a meeting will be coordinated between the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairs and the Borough Planner to discuss the Master Plan. Additionally, he stated that he requested the two Board have more of an open line of communication with Borough Departments regarding their approved projects.
- b. **Rosemont Park Dog Park** – The Governing Body discussed the potential hazards of having a dog run at Rosemont Park where children would be present. They decided that it would be best to not install a dog run at said location.

5 – ENGINEERS REPORT

Ali Mohamed of Alaimo Group, the Borough Engineer, called into the meeting to review the Monthly Status report and answer and questions posed by the Governing Body.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Given the circumstances of the meeting, no committee reports were shared by the Governing Body.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Dominick Scalcione, E. 54th Street, discussed being in compliance with the municipal land use law and the Borough Boards. Additionally, he mentioned the tree cutting on Molnar Drive and garbage remediation on E. 55th Street. Lastly, he briefly touched base on the recent Freeholder meeting and COVID statistics/worries.

8 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Ambulance Corps. – Personnel**
- c. **Fire Department – Personnel**

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:

Legal Reports/Litigation
Ambulance Corps. – Personnel
Fire Department – Personnel

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 Councilwoman Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Golabek to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Golabek to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Wechtler to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
 Borough Clerk

