

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
September 3, 2020
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for September 3, 2020 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:01PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

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

**Please note that Councilman Fasolo 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.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, asked the Governing Body if there has been any report of homeowners on Tuella Avenue not having proper lines. Additionally, he inquired as to the status of the library renovations.

Dominick Scalcione, E. 54th Street, followed up on the missing fence at English Avenue Park. He also noted that there is frequent vandalism and littering at the park and asked if cameras have been considered.

Barbara Von Dem Hagen, Orchard Street, requested information on the library renovation status via Facebook.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Proposal for Design Services – Marina Improvements Revised** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **IDA Sitework Services Inc. Change Order Request** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Memorial High School Tennis Courts** – Discussion ensued regarding the costs that exceed the Borough’s original approval. The Mayor and Council agreed that the Borough would not be responsible for any additional costs and it would either need to come from the Engineer and/or Contractor. Councilman Golabek questioned if the courts would be complete at the end of September. Ali Mohamed of Alaimo Group confirmed that they would.
- d. **Stormwater Control Ordinance** – Alaimo Group stated that they have no recommendations or changes for the Stormwater Control Ordinance. Therefore, the ordinance will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council for introduction.
- e. **Monthly Status Report** – Ali Mohamed of Alaimo Group reviewed the monthly status report and answered questions/concerns raised by the Governing Body regarding the NJDOT grant rescope, Van Riper Veterans Memorial, Tuella Avenue Improvements, drainage issues, and a new design to be considered for Borough Field.

2 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **New Jersey Turnpike Authority Public Hearing** – No discussion ensued.
- b. **Township of Saddle Brook Zoning Ordinance** – No discussion ensued.
- c. **Ridgewood Water Shared Service Offering** – No discussion ensued.

3 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Shared Services – County of Bergen – Bonfire Software** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Shared Services – County of Bergen – Snow Plowing** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **After School Program Counselors** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

4 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo reported Progress.

Councilman Golabek reported Progress.

Councilwoman Ingui reported Progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine reported Progress.

Councilwoman Wechtler reported Progress.

Council President Balistreri reported Progress.

Mayor Colletti complimented the contractor for the tennis courts, Zuccaro, for standing fast and not running from the project. He also discussed new restrictions for indoor dining and theaters while also stating he hopes to reopen the Borough in October.

5 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Dominick Scalcione, E. 54th Street, asked the Governing Body if the playground at English Avenue Park will be removed. He also shared information on the County’s second round of grants for small businesses and asked that it be shared on the Borough’s website.

Jeanne Freitag, Hillman Drive, stated that it is very difficult to hear as the Governing Body is not utilizing their microphones properly. Additionally, she suggested that the Borough finish ongoing projects before making plans for new ones. Ms. Freitag inquired as to whether or not the Engineer/Contractor will be paid by the Borough for going over budget on the tennis courts. Lastly, she asked for more information regarding the new design proposal that would entail a lake at Borough Field which was discussed by the Engineer earlier in the meeting.

6 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Personnel – Fire Prevention**
- c. **Personnel – DPW**
- d. **Personnel – Police Department**

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**
- Personnel – Fire Prevention**
- Personnel – DPW**
- Personnel – Police Department**

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 Council President Balistreri and seconded by Councilwoman Ingui to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

- Legal Reports/Litigation**
- Personnel – Fire Department**
- Personnel – DPW**
- Personnel – Police Department**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the October 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.