

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
WORK MEETING  
September 10, 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 7:04PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Fasolo, 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.

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:**

No one from the public wished to be heard.

**1 – Fire Department 5-Year Plan**

The Fire Department 5-Year Plan presentation was postponed.

**2 – Fire Prevention ISO Rating Presentation**

Fire Official Steven Kochik made a special presentation about the Borough’s current ISO Rating and made suggestions as to how it can be upgraded in the future.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wechtler and seconded by Council President Balistreri to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

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**

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 Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

**Litigation  
Personnel – Clerks Office  
Personnel – Fire Department**

A motion was made by Councilman Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present. The meeting reconvened at 9PM.

### **3 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **NJ Transit Public Hearing** – No discussion ensued.

### **4 – RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Road Opening Performance Bonds** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Shared Service for Borough Vehicles – Paramus** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Acadia Realty Service Contract** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **South Bergen JIF Bylaw Amendment** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **Fire Department Volunteer** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Rosemont Park Fencing** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- h. **Cherry Hill Fencing** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- i. **2020-2021 Liquor License Renewal** – A resolution will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

### **5 – APPLICATIONS:**

- a. **St. Leo’s Church Raffle – November 15, 2020** – The application will be placed on the September 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

### **6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- a. **August 2020 Building Department Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Millennium Strategies January 2020-August 2020 Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Finance Department through August 31, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Board of Health Minutes – February 2020 & March 2020** – Accepted without discussion.

### **7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Fasolo reported Progress.

Councilwoman Ingui shared information on an upcoming Rare is Beautiful event scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Pellegrine announced the date for the Flu Clinic to be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Wechtler reported Progress.

Council President Balistrieri reported Progress.

Mayor Colletti provided updates on the reopening of schools, library renovations, and Memorial High School tennis court project. Additionally, Mayor Colletti shared information in regards to the 9/11 Memorial Service.

### **8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, asked about the reasoning for the first Executive Session.

Dominick Scalcione, E. 54<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that his concerns about the missing fence at English Avenue Parks were addressed within days. However, he noted that it appears the fence was installed inside out.

**9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**a. Legal Reports/Litigation**

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**Legal Reports/Litigation**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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