

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
December 10, 2020
7:00PM**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for December 10, 2020 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:07PM. 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. Ingrassia.

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:

Michael Langerlin, Washington Avenue, addressed the Mayor and Council in regards to the handicap ramp that was redone near his home. Due to the work being done improperly, there is flooding and he raised concerns regarding it freezing over the winter where people may fall. He requested an update on it's fixing.

Carl Roberts, Washington Avenue, concurred with Mr. Langerlin and asked the Governing Body whose responsibility it would be if someone were to fall.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Rubberecycle Inspection Report for Payment** – Borough Clerk Delaney advised Mr. Cristaldi that in order for the Rubberecycle payment to be released the Borough needs confirmation from Alaimo Group that the project is complete and satisfactory.
- b. **Gutter Replacement Project Update** – Borough Clerk Delaney advised the Mayor and Council that Alaimo Group is currently working on readjusting the specs to the project, which will now go out to bid in the Spring.
- c. **Green Acres Marina Preliminary Assessment Report** – Mayor Colletti noted that past Governing Bodies were hesitate to apply for Green Acres funding in the past as the projects then become accessible to the full public as opposed to just residents. Councilman Golabek requested that the Design Services be done at the same time to move the project along. A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Monthly Status Report** – Michael Cristaldi of Alaimo Group reviewed the monthly status report.

2 – PRESENTATION

Representatives from the Scirocco Group made a presentation to the Governing Body regarding their firm and services.

3 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **2021 Proposed Holiday Schedule** – The holiday schedule was agreed upon.
- b. **2021 Proposed Meeting Dates** – The meeting schedule was agreed upon.
- c. **FY2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Award** – No discussion ensued.
- d. **Police Department Blanket Accident Policy** – No discussion ensued.
- e. **South Bergen JIF 2021 Budgets & Reorganization Date** – No discussion ensued.
- f. **Prologis NJDEP Flood Hazard Area Verification Permit** – No discussion ensued.
- g. **PVSC Public Hearing** – No discussion ensued.
- h. **Township of Long Hill Resolution** – At the recommendation of the ordinance committee, a resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- i. **Bond Counsel Bond Anticipation Notes** – No discussion ensued.

4 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Fire Company 2 2021 Coin Toss Event** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Firemen Certificate of Exemptions** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Chapter 159 Finance Resolutions** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **PSE&G Easement** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Little Falls Shared Service Agreement** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **Tax Resolutions to Refund Overpayments** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Handicap Parking Spot** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- h. **Rosemont Park Improvements Excavation Work** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- i. **Resolution to Redeem Third Party Tax Lien** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- j. **Risk Management Agreement 2021** – This item was held.
- k. **Municipal Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- l. **Vacation/Sick-time Buybacks** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- m. **2021 Safe and Secure Grant Acceptance** – A resolution will be placed on the December 17th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

5 – ORDINANCES

- a. **Sale of Property – EMT Rescue Golf Cart** – Borough Clerk Delaney advised that due to the late submission of the ordinance, a special meeting will need to be held for its public hearing and final adoption before the end of the year. She noted that due to advertising requirements to only feasible day to hold said meeting would be December 30th. The Governing Body agreed to do so.

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **EMS Call Report November 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes – September 23, 2020; October 14, 2020; October 28, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Millennium Strategies Report through November 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **October & November 2020 Municipal Court Reports** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Planning Board Minutes – February 12, 2020; September 9, 2020; October 7, 2020; October 14, 2020; November 16, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- g. **Finance Report through November 2020** – Accepted without discussion.

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo commended Councilman Golabek for his hard work on the Borough's grants. He also noted that there is an issue with the traffic light on River coming off of Route 80. He wished Councilwoman Pellegrine a Happy Birthday.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilwoman Ingui reported progress and thanked all of those involved in the tree lighting ceremony.

Councilwoman Pellegrine shared the results of the November rabies clinic and next Board of Health meeting date. She shared information regarding the Annual PBA Toy Drive and commended all of those involved in putting together the tree lighting ceremony. In regards to the RAP Program, Councilwoman Pellegrine announced that this is the third year of their Toy Drive and a generous donation of 100 toys from a local church was received. She then went on to discuss the final election results. Councilwoman Pellegrine congratulated all of the winners and thanked her family, friends, and the residents for their support.

Councilwoman Wechtler thanked Councilman Golabek for all of his hard work. She also thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and Recreation Department for all they do.

Council President Balistreri praised those involved in putting together the tree lighting ceremony. She provided an update from the recent Recreation Advisory Board meeting. To conclude her report, Council President Balistreri congratulated Councilwoman Pellegrine on winning the election, thanked her supporters, and thanked all of the candidates that ran.

Mayor Colletti congratulated Councilwoman Pellegrine and Council President Balistreri for winning the election. He then ended his report by discussing the most recent planning board meeting and recent applications that were passed in the Borough.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Christine Grezlak, Linwood Avenue, requested an update regarding the decorating of the Borough's Christmas Tree.

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, advised that the pole is bent on one of the light shades located on Market Street.

9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Legal Reports/Litigation

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the January 7th 2021 Re-Organization meeting.