

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
February 11, 2021
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for February 11, 2021 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:03PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Balistrieri, Fakhoury, Golabek, Pellegrine, and Council President Wechtler 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, 2021 and published on January 13, 2021.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one wished to be heard.

1 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **NJDOT Proposed Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia advised that he has no objections to the agreement. However, he requested that the same be reviewed and approved by the Engineer. Councilman Golabek requested an update regarding the project from the NJDOT.
- b. **Millennium Strategies Proposal – Disaster Recovery** – The Mayor & Council requested that the Borough Attorney review Millennium Strategies’ contract and advise as to whether or not disaster recovery funding is included in their monthly fee.
- c. **Volunteer Firefighters** – A resolution will be placed on the February 18th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- d. **Firefighter Resignation** – A resolution will be placed on the February 18th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- e. **Fair Lawn Training Center Agreement** – A resolution will be placed on the February 18th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- f. **Developers Agreement – Riverfront Development** – A resolution will be placed on the February 18th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- g. **Fire Department Standby – February Snow Storm** – A resolution will be placed on the February 18th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- h. **DMR Investigation Studies** – A resolution will be placed on the February 18th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

2 – ORDINANCES

- a. **Tattooing Prohibited** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia stated that he will draft an ordinance for introduction in March eliminating the tattooing prohibited ordinance, but with certain restrictions.

3 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Recreation Advisory Board Minutes – February 24, 2020 & October 19, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Planning Board Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Police Department Year-end Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Fire Prevention Department Year-end Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- g. **Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- h. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- i. **Building Department Monthly Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- j. **Finance Department Monthly Budget Report** – Accepted without discussion.

4 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistrieri reported Progress.

Councilman Fakhoury advised that he spoke with a staff member at CVS who would be happy to assist residents with vaccine appointments.

Councilman Golabek shared that the first Fire meeting was held since he took over as the Commissioner. Additionally, he talked about meeting with the 2 soccer clubs in town to discuss their merging into 1 team, which was a productive meeting.

Council President Wechtler reported Progress and announced the date for the next Library Board Meeting.

Councilwoman Pellegrine provided her Board of Health update by sharing that RAP Coordinator, Angela Fava, was the guest speaker at their recent meeting, information on the soon to be established food pantry, vaccine information, and the date of their next meeting.

Mayor Colletti discussed the recent snowstorms and snow removal efforts. In addition to the DPW being busy with the snow, they have also been kept busy with water main breaks so he asked the public for their patience. Mayor Colletti touched base on the fact that the clearing of the fire hydrants is the homeowner’s responsibility, however, the Fire Department will assist when their schedules allow.

5 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, advised that as the Planning Board chair he was not aware of the Prologis application and inquired as to what they would be doing. He further inquired about the Route 80 project.

Jeanne Freitag, Hillman Drive, informed the Mayor and Council that the Recreation generator cover needs replacing. Additionally, she raised concerns about the path to entire the library as it is currently being blocked by snow.

6 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **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 – 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 Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Golabek to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Council President Wechtler to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting.