

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
April 1, 2021
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for April 1, 2021 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Balistrieri, Fakhoury, Fasolo, 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*.

**Borough Attorney Ingraffia participated via conference call*

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 from the public wished to be heard.

1 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permit** – No discussion ensued.

2 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Vacation Buyback Requests** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Recreation Refund** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- c. **Surety Bond Release** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

3 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistrieri commended the Recreation Director and everyone else involved in making the egg hunt event a success.

Councilman Fakhoury stated that he was also present at the egg hunt event which was a success. He thanked all of those involved.

Councilman Fasolo congratulated the Recreation Director on a job well done with the egg hunt event. He said that it is a preview of the many good things to come out of that department under its new leadership.

Councilman Golabek reported Progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine thanked the Recreation Director and everyone involved in putting together the egg hunt event. She also shared the next meeting date for the Board of Health.

Council President Wechtler said how nice it was to come together for the egg hunt event and commended everyone on its success.

Mayor Colletti shared that the Mayor and Council met with the Auditor and CFO to discuss the budget in an effort to get the increase lower for the residents.

4 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, asked about the meeting advertisements. He inquired if the Borough pays for the advertisements to be placed in the paper twice. Mr. Freitag wished everyone a Happy Easter.

5 – 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 Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Fasolo 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 Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilman Golabek to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the April 22, 2021 Regular Meeting.