

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
April 15, 2021
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for April 15, 2021 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Balistriero, 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. 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, 2021 and published on January 13, 2021.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeanne Freitag, Hillman Drive, thanked Councilman Golabek for sharing the vaccination information from Garfield to Facebook as she knows a number of Elmwood Park resident walk-ins were accepted.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Revised Proposal for Design Services – Traffic Signalization** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Group reviewed the Monthly Status Report. Mayor Colletti asked questions regarding the Marina dock. Additionally, discussion ensued regarding PSE&G work and coordinating road paving trade-offs.

2 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **American Legion Bingo License Request** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Refund Tax Court Judgements** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- c. **Coin Drop/Toss Application – Defender Company #4** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- d. **Recreation Refund Request** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- e. **First Department 1st Quarter Stipends** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- f. **Radio Equipment Request – Fire Department/Prevention Bureau** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- g. **Liquor License Transfer** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- h. **Volunteer Firefighter Applications** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- i. **Recreation Department New Hire** – A resolution will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

3 – ORDINANCES

- a. **Landscaping Permits** – An ordinance will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda for introduction.
- b. **Parking Prohibited** – An ordinance will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda for introduction.
- c. **Bond Ordinance – CDBG 13th & 17th** – An ordinance will be placed on the April 22nd, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda for introduction.

4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Planning Board Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Millennium Strategies Report through March 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Building Department Monthly Report – March 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – March 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- g. **Finance Department Monthly Report through March 2021** – Accepted without discussion.

5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistreri shared that the first in-person Recreation Advisory Board meeting since the pandemic will be held and reported Progress.

Councilman Fakhoury reported Progress.

Councilman Fasolo reported Progress.

Councilman Golabek commended Scott Karcz and the DPW for implementing the tree program. He stated that 60 trees were planted this week and 30 more will be planted this year. He noted that 40 more requests came in this week as a result of the program beginning.

Councilwoman Pellegrine commended Councilman Golabek on bringing the tree program to the Borough as the results are beautiful. Additionally, she announced that, through the RAP program, a town wide clean-up will be held this weekend in conjunction with the ASEZ volunteer group. Councilwoman Pellegrine shared the locations for the clean-up.

Council President Wechtler thanked Councilman Golabek for bringing the tree program to the Borough and gave kudos to the Police Chief on his piece on Inside Edition. She also shared that the library should be finished by the end of the month.

4 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, shared that the Federal Government released a grant program for libraries, of which he notified the Borough of via e-mail last week, and stated that he hopes the Borough applied and will continue to apply in the future.

5 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Personnel – Tax Department**
- c. **Personnel – Building 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 – Tax Department
Personnel – Building 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 Councilwoman Balistrieri 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 Councilman Fakhoury and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk