

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
June 10, 2021
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for June 10, 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:

Dominick Scalcione, E. 54th Street, advised that the broken fence he previously reported has not yet been fixed. Additionally, he shared information regarding COVID-19 cases and vaccinations.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Group reviewed the Monthly Status Report. Councilman Golabek inquired about the upcoming Green Acres Grant application. It was agreed upon to have a Special meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2021 prior to the regularly scheduled Work Session meeting.

2 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Council President Wechtler 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:

Personnel – Contract Negotiations

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 Councilwoman Pellegrine to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present.

2 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Redevelopment Study Request** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia requested that this item be held for Executive Session.
- b. **Park & Ride Permit** – Borough Clerk Delaney reviewed a request for a Park & Ride permit fee reimbursement. Borough Attorney Ingraffia stated that he will look into this matter and provide a recommendation at a later date.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **DPW Seasonal Help Hires** – A resolution will be placed on the June 17th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Retirement Compensation** – A resolution will be placed on the June 17th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- c. **Recreation Summer Camp Hires** – A resolution will be placed on the June 17th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

4 – ORDINANCES

- a. **Marijuana Dispensary Ordinances** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia requested that this item be held for Executive Session.
- b. **Tattooing/Piercing Ordinance** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia reviewed the proposed ordinance. Borough Clerk Delaney will place this on the agenda for introduction once given the green light from Mr. Ingraffia.

5 – APPLICATIONS

- a. **American Legion Post 147 – Bingo & Raffle** – The application will be placed on the June 17th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **UNICO National, Garfield Chapter – Raffle** – The application will be placed on the June 17th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Planning Board Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Building Department Monthly Report – May 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – May 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through May 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- g. **Finance Department Monthly Report – Through May 2021** – Accepted without discussion.

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistrieri announced information regarding the opening of the spray park and upcoming Multi-cultural Day.

Councilman Fakhoury discussed the upcoming Multi-cultural Day.

Councilman Golabek reported Progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine spoke about the upcoming Chief for a Day event and provided the date for the next Board of Health meeting.

Council President Wechtler shared information in regards to the Elks Lodge's Flag Day ceremony. She then went on to discuss the library and advised that inspections are moving forward and the phone lines have been installed. Council President Wechtler was hopeful for an August opening with the library being dedicated to former Mayor Mola.

Mayor Colletti advised that the next Library Board meeting will be held in person. He then announced information regarding the Baseball Annual Picnic and congratulated all upcoming graduates.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Carl Roberts, Washington Avenue, provided a brief summary on the history of Flag Day and invited everyone to attend the Elks Lodge Flag Day ceremony.

Dominick Scalcione, E. 54th Street, further discussed vaccination numbers and goals. He also went on to note that he feels the Borough's Master Plan should include numbers for highways as it does for residential and public properties.

9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Personnel – Building Department**
- c. **Personnel – Department of Public Works**

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A motion was made by Councilman Fakhoury 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 July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting.