

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
July 8, 2021
6:45P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park was called to order on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 6:48PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

On Roll Call Councilmembers: Balistreri, Fakhoury, Fasolo, Golabek, Pellegrine, and Council President Wechtler. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno, Borough Clerk Erin Delaney, and Borough Attorney Salvatore Ingrassia.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

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 a special meeting notice in The Record and Herald News 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. Said notice was first posted and transmitted on June 29, 2021 and published on July 2, 2021. It was then updated and reposted and transmitted on July 1, 2021 and published on July 6, 2021

3. GREEN ACRES GRANT APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING

R-243-21 State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Green Acres Enabling Resolution

Borough Administrator Foligno gave a brief overview of the Borough's Green Acres grant application which will be focused on Borough Field improvements. He noted that turf is being explored for one of the baseball fields and the Borough will be applying for numerous grants to help offset the costs of the improvements.

A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilwoman Balistreri to open the floor to the public. No one from the public wished to speak on the grant application. Mayor Colletti closed the public hearing.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- R-244-21 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Funding from the FY2022 Municipal Aid Program for the Grove Street Improvements Project
- R-245-21 Appointment of Recreation Staff for the 2021 Summer Program - Recreation Department
- R-246-21 Appointment of Recreation Staff for the 2021 Summer Program – Recreation Department
- R-247-21 Award Proposal for Design Services – Alaimo Group – Basketball Court Improvements
- R-248-21 Accepting Funds and Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey's SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program Administered by the Department of Law & Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General
- R-249-21 Authorize Purchase of Equipment – Police Department
- R-250-21 Authorize Purchase of Vehicles – Police Department
- R-251-21 Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

6. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-243-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmwood Park desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$500,000.00, in the form of a \$500,000.00 matching grant and, if available, a \$0 loan, from the State to fund the following project(s): Elmwood Park Borough Park Improvement Project at a cost of \$2,094,967.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park resolves that Robert Colletti or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:

- (a) make application for such a loan and/or such a grant
- (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required
- (c) act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant; and

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State’s funds in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park:

1. That the Mayor of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as the Elmwood Park Borough Park Improvement Project;
2. That the applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$1,594,967.00;
3. That, in the event the State’s funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
4. That the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED: July 8, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri	X				Golabek	X			
Fakhoury	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo	X				Wechtler	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 8th day of July 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-244-21
CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND
EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
FUNDING FROM THE FY2022 MUNICIPAL AID
PROGRAM FOR THE GROVE STREET IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as *MA-2022-Grove Street Improvements-00385* to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Elmwood Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Elmwood Park and that their signatures constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

APPROVED: July 8, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri	X				Golabek	X			
Fakhoury	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo	X				Wechtler	X			

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-245-21
CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION STAFF FOR THE 2021 SUMMER PROGRAM
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department is conducting the Summer Care Program; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the Recreation Director that the following individuals be hired for said program at the rates and titles stated below, retroactive to July 6, 2021:

GYM ASSISTANT	RATE P/HR
Olivero Jr., Joshua	\$13.26/hr.
Loprete, John	\$13.26/hr.
SPECIAL EVENT	RATE P/HR
Olivero Jr., Joshua	\$13.26/hr.
Loprete, John	\$13.26/hr.
SPRAY PARK ATTENDANT	RATE P/HR
Olivero Jr., Joshua	\$15.00/hr.
AFTER SCHOOL TEACHER	RATE P/HR
Schwartz, Erik	\$20.50/hr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the above-named individual be and are hereby appointed for the 2021 Summer Care Program at the rates and titles stated above, retroactive to July 6, 2021.

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

July 7, 2021
Dated

APPROVED: July 8, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri	X				Golabek	X			
Fakhoury	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo	X				Wechtler	X			

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-246-21**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION STAFF FOR THE 2021 SUMMER PROGRAM
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department is conducting the Summer Care Program; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the Recreation Director that the following individuals be hired for said program at the rates and titles stated below, retroactive to June 28, 2021:

NAME	SALARY
Pancaldo, Joseph	\$2,730.00
Szewczyk, Katherine	\$2,730.00
Chiffriller, Laylaine	\$2,730.00
Loprete, John	\$2,730.00
Azcona, Mikaylan (CIT)	Volunteer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the above-named individual be and are hereby appointed for the 2021 Summer Care Program at the rates and titles stated above, retroactive to June 28, 2021.

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

July 7, 2021
Dated

APPROVED: July 8, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri	X				Golabek	X			
Fakhoury	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo	X				Wechtler	X			

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-247-21**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**AWARD PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN SERVICES – ALAIMO GROUP
BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Borough is in receipt of a proposal for design services related to Basketball Court Improvements at various locations within the Borough from Alaimo Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the proposal notes the following costs: Design Phase \$33,500.00 and Construction Administration Phase \$26,500.00, resulting in a grand total of \$60,000.00 for design services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby awards the proposal for design services for Basketball Court Improvements to Alaimo Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, to be paid from Bond Ordinance #21-11 (C).

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

July 7, 2021
Dated

APPROVED: July 8, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri	X				Golabek	X			
Fakhoury	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo	X				Wechtler	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 8th day of July 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-248-21**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**ACCEPTING FUNDS AND APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY’S SFY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT
PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW &
PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmwood Park applied for and was awarded funding in the amount of \$30,570.00, with a “0” match requirement, under the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, said grant number is 21-BWC-046 and project duration is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Elmwood Park have reviewed the application and approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General and the Borough of Elmwood Park for the purposes described in the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that:

1. As a matter of public policy, the Borough of Elmwood Park wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General and hereby accepts the funds and approves participation.
2. The Attorney General of New Jersey will receive funds on behalf of the Applicant.
3. The Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall be responsible for the receipt of the applications for said funds.
4. The Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General shall initiate allocation to the applicant as authorized by law.

APPROVED: July 8, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri			Recuse		Golabek	X			
Fakhoury	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo	X				Wechtler	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 8th day of July 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-249-21**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested to purchase camera system equipment utilizing funds from Bond Ordinance 21-11(D); and

WHEREAS, the equipment requested is to be purchased as follows, over a 5-year period, as detailed in the provided quote:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Contract/Co-Op # (if applicable):</u>
Axon Enterprise Inc. 17800 North 85 th Street Scottsdale, AZ 85255	\$80,155.40	

and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it is in the best interest, welfare, and public safety of the residents to purchase the requested equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that they hereby authorize the purchase of the above-mentioned equipment totaling \$80,155.40 from Axon Enterprise Inc. under Bond Ordinance 21-11(D).

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

July 7, 2021
Dated

APPROVED: July 8, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri			Recuse		Golabek	X			
Fakhoury	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo	X				Wechtler	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 8th day of July 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-250-21**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested to purchase (2) 2021 Police Interceptor SUV vehicles using funding from Bond Ordinance 21-11(D); and

WHEREAS, said vehicles are to be purchased through State Contract #47-CPCPS, Item #1 at a cost of \$34,620.41 each, totaling \$69,240.82, with Beyer Ford located in Morristown, New Jersey;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that they hereby authorize the purchase of (2) 2021 Police Interceptor SUV vehicles totaling \$69,240.82 with Beyer Ford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that they hereby approve upfitting for said vehicles totaling \$25,732.52 with General Sales Administration T/A Major Police Supply, located in Kenil, New Jersey, under NJ State Contract 17-FLEET-00760.

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

July 7, 2021
Dated

APPROVED: July 8, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri			Recuse		Golabek	X			
Fakhoury	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo	X				Wechtler	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 8th day of July 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-251-21**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, Resolutions R-244-21 through R-251-21 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: July 8, 2021

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri	X				Golabek	X			
Fakhoury	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo	X				Wechtler	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 8th day of July 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Dated

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public wished to speak.

A motion was made by Council President Wechtler 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 September 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting.