

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
July 8, 2021
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for July 8, 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. Ingrassia.

**Councilman Fasolo participated by way of teleconference.*

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:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, inquired about Borough vehicles and equipment. He questioned how tree debris is disposed of and if the Borough uses the chipper that was purchased.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Road Program Proposal** – The Mayor and Council discussed the Road Program proposal submitted from Alaimo Engineering. Councilman Golabek requested that 13th be removed from the list as it fell under a CDBG grant and suggested that credits be taken from PSE&G for Riehl, Stone, and Dye as they are in the PSE&G zone. He also asked for a realistic bid opening date. Mayor Colletti had concerns regarding the cost and asked that only roads in dire need be addressed. They decided that further discussion should take place but suggested that an updated proposal be submitted with input from Scott Karcz.
- b. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Group reviewed the Monthly Status Report. Conversation ensued regarding the marina project's entrance ramp and the PSE&G work on the Boulevard.

2 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Emergency Work – Department of Public Works** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Approve of Items of Revenue and Appropriation** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- c. **Sound System Contract** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- d. **Recreation Department Home Depot Card** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- e. **SnoGo Shared Services Proposal** – The Governing Body requested that the shared services contract be for one year with an option to renew. A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- f. **Vacation Buyback Requests** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- g. **Redeem Third Party Tax Lien** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- h. **Planning Board Appointment/Removal** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- i. **Appointment of Municipal Representatives – Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

- j. **Urban Parks Grant Application** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- k. **Retirement Compensation** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- l. **DPW Vehicle/Equipment Request** – A resolution will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

3 – ORDINANCES

- a. **Parking Restriction Additions** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia advised that he would draft an ordinance for introduction at the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

4 – APPLICATIONS

- a. **Elmwood Park Football Bombers – Calendar Raffle** – The application will be placed on the July 15th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Planning Board Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Building Department Monthly Report – June 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through June 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- g. **Finance Department Monthly Report – Through June 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- h. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – June 2021** – Accepted without discussion.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistreri advised that the summer concert for Tuesday was cancelled due to weather and announced the band for the upcoming concert. She noted that they will be held every Tuesday.

Councilman Fakhoury noted that a meeting was held amongst the diversity committee and they are working on a project with the Police Department. He gave kudos to the committee as they are planning many great things.

Councilman Fasolo commended Scott Karcz and the DPW for the recent work during past storms.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine announced the dates for the upcoming Junior Police Academy as well as contact information for anyone interested in registering. She also advised that there will be a COVID-19 vaccination clinic held at Borough Hall on July 28th.

Council President Wechtler thanked everyone for their hard work during the recent storms. She went on to say that she attended the last Youth Advisory Committee meeting and was impressed with the work they are doing. Council President Wechtler ended her report by announcing the upcoming bus trip fundraiser through the Homeowner’s Association.

Mayor Colletti stated that unfortunately the summer concert for Tuesday had to be cancelled due to the weather but, for all future concerts, there will be a plan in place to bring them indoors. He then shared that he attended a recent food giveaway put together by Strangers Helping Strangers and commended all that they have done for the Borough and its residents, even in the rain.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

No one wished to be heard.

8 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Personnel – Fire Prevention**
- c. **Personnel – Department of Public Works**
- d. **Personnel – Clerk’s Office**

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

Legal Reports/Litigation
Personnel – Fire Prevention
Personnel – Department of Public Works
Personnel – Clerk’s Office

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

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 September 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting