

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**  
**WORK MEETING**  
**November 4, 2021**  
**7:00PM**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for November 4, 2021 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:07PM. 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.

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:**

Pamela Troisi, Elmwood Drive, request that the Mayor and Council keep Mr. Charles Vitale in mind in relation to the Lot 7 egress for Main & E. 54<sup>th</sup> Street as she is there on his behalf.

**1 – BOROUGH AUDITOR WIELKOTZ ARP PRESENTATION**

Borough Auditor Wielkotz and Borough CFO Riggitano made a presentation on how the Borough can utilize their American Recovery Plan funding. They stated that it can be used to reduce the budget but it cannot be utilized to afford a \$0 tax increase. Discussion then ensued regarding the Borough's 2021 Road Program and utilizing bonding or the American Recovery Plan funding.

**2 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **NJDOT FY22 Award Letter** – No discussion ensued

**3 – ENGINEERS REPORT**

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Group reviewed his monthly status report.

**4 – RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Vacation Buyback Requests** – A resolution will be placed on the November 10th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Handicap Parking Request** – A resolution will be placed on the November 10th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- c. **Resolution to Refund Premium** – A resolution will be placed on the November 10th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- d. **Permit Refund Request** – A resolution will be placed on the November 10th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- e. **Firefighter Volunteer Application** – A resolution will be placed on the November 10th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

**5 – ORDINANCES**

- a. **Salary Ordinance Amendment** – An ordinance will be drafted and introduced at the November 10th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Sump Pump Ordinance Amendment** – An ordinance will be drafted and introduced at the November 10th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

**6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Building Department Monthly Report – October 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through October 2021** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2021** – Accepted without discussion.

**7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Balistreri reported Progress.

Councilman Fakhoury reported Progress.

Councilman Fasolo reported Progress.

Councilman Golabek reported Progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine shared that the RAP Program and People’s Pantry will be giving away 120 turkeys and providing breakfast at an event to be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. She also thanked Council President Wechtler for her work on the display in the hall.

Council President Wechtler requested a library update from Mayor Colletti.

Mayor Colletti provided the requested library updated and reported Progress.

Borough Administrator Foligno addressed the loud music that has been coming from Paterson which has been disruptive throughout the Borough.

**8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

Carl Roberts, Washington Avenue, spoke about street lighting at the apartments being that the area from Dunkin’ Donuts to Obal Avenue is still dark and needs to be rectified.

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, advised that the microphone goes on and off at Planning Board meeting and inquired if a cord can be added. He then spoke on the American Recovery Plan funding and compared bonding versus utilizing these dollars to fund the Road Program. Lastly, Mr. Freitag questioned why Borough flags are at half-staff.

**9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Personnel – Ambulatory Services**
- c. **Personnel – Holidays**
- d. **Personnel – Insurance Plans**

A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Fasolo 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 – Ambulatory Services**
- Personnel – Holidays**
- Personnel – Insurance Plans**

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 Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Golabek to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Balistreri to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

*Meeting minutes approved at the Re-Organization on January 6, 2022*