

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
April 7, 2022
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for April 7, 2022 was called to order by Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Balistrieri, Dennis, Golabek, Pellegrine and Council President Fasolo were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Salvatore 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, 2022 and published on January 11, 2022.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one from the public wished to be heard.

1 – PRESENTATION

- a. **NJ 211 – Resource for R.A.P & People’s Pantry** – Melissa from NJ211 explained the resources they offer that may assist the R.A.P and People’s Pantry in helping the residents of Elmwood Park. Mayor and Council had a few questions and agreed with the assistance.
- b. **Sustainable Jersey** – Councilwoman Dennis explains the benefit from being a part of this program. She then stated a resolution would need to be put in place to form a committee. Council members Dennis, Sheridan, Pellegrine and Council President Fasolo have volunteered.
- c. **Topology** – Chris Colley from Topology spoke about the Broadway redevelopment plan. He made suggested changes to the plan that the Mayor and Council agreed to. The ordinance for the redevelopment plan will be reintroduced at the April 21, 2022 Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council. Kenneth Porro from Chasan Law stated that the housing element of the plan was before the planning board and gave a timeline for the ordinance. He will continue to assist with fair housing components with new redevelopments.

2 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Current Estimate #1, Change Order #1 – 2021 Drainage Improvement** - A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Proposal for Professional Services – Borough Park Turf Field** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Award Letter for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Statue** – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo went over the statue break down. A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo went over the monthly status report.

3 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Borough of Saddle River – Resolution Notification** – No discussion ensued
- b. **Borough of New Milford – Resolution Notification** – No discussion ensued
- c. **City of Garfield – Ordinance Notification** – No discussion ensued
- d. **Township of Saddle Brook – Ordinance Notification** – No discussion ensued
- e. **DCA – Redevelopment** – No discussion ensued
- f. **Recreation Resignation** – Accepted without discussion
- g. **Ladies Auxiliary Resignation** – Accepted without discussion
- h. **Ladies Auxiliary New Members** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

4 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Firefighter Resignation** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Volunteer Firefighters** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **CDBG Endorsement** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia briefly explains. A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Energy Taxes**– C.F.O Roy Riggitano explains the purpose of resolution. A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Ride – Along Program** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **Distractive Driving** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Recreation Department – Staffing** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- h. **Vacation Buybacks** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- i. **Redeem Third Party Tax Lien** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- j. **Refund Overpayment** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- k. **EMS Billing** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- l. **Consulting Clerk’s Office** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- m. **Building Department – New Hire** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- n. **Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- o. **Bergen County Open Space Grant** – A resolution will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

5 – ORDINANCES

- a. **Proposed Electric Vehicle Parking** – An ordinance will be drafted and placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council for introduction.
- b. **School Bus Parking** - An ordinance will be drafted and placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council for introduction
- c. **No Left Turn** - An ordinance will be drafted and placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council for introduction

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Municipal Court Report – February & March, 2022** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2022** - Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Millennium Strategies Report – Through April 1, 2022** - Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Library Board Meeting – February 28, 2022** - Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Building Department Monthly Report – March 2022** - Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Finance Department Monthly Budget Report** - Accepted without discussion.

7 – APPLICATIONS

- a. **Our Lady of Mount Virgin RC Church – Bingo – April 29, 2022 & October 14, 2022**
The application will be placed on the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

8– COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistrieri reported how well the softball opening went, Mayor Colletti threw the first pitch. She then went on to give dates for the next game.

Councilwoman Dennis Spoke on how well the softball opening went. She then gave dates for the upcoming Board of Education meeting and Recreation events.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine reported her Police update with dates of upcoming events. She spoke on how great the Senior Center opening went. Councilwoman Pellegrine then mentioned Mrs. Shamah passing and would like to honor her at an upcoming meeting with her family present. She then acknowledged Mr. Inserra for donating gift cards to the People's Pantry and R.A.P.

Councilwoman Sheridan reported dates for upcoming events at the Senior Center and Home Owners Association.

Council President Fasolo mentioned how great the softball opening was and commended everyone for the events that are happening intown.

Mayor Colletti thanked the Home Owners Association for their donation.

9 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

No one from the public wished to be heard.

10- EXECUTIVE

a. Personnel – Borough Employees

b. Budget Items

A motion was made by Council President Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by those 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 – Salary Ordinance
Budget Items

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 Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting.