

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK

WORK MEETING

July 14, 2022

7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for July 14, 2022 was called to order by Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:01PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Balistrieri, Dennis, Golabek, Pellegrine, Sheridan and Council President Fasolo were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Salvatore 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 May 23, 2022 and published on May 26, 2022.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Dominic Scalcione from 120 East 54th Street reported street lights being out on Broadway. He also asks about inductive lights on Market Street and the railroad crossing by Taco Bell.

PRESENTATION BY ASHLEE LUTHER

Councilwoman Pellegrine introduced Ashlee Luther from the Veterans Affairs of Fair Lawn. Ms. Luther explained the program in detail and informed the Mayor and Council of what she would need from the Borough in order to have a successful program here in town. Mayor and Council discuss further and decide to have Borough Attorney Ingraffia draft a resolution.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Proposal – Mola Boulevard TAP Grant** – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Engineering explained the difference between this proposal and the one submitted for the 2021 NJDOT. A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Current Estimate #1 Change Order #1 – Bandshell Extension** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Current Estimate #3 – 2021 Drainage Improvement** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowicz of Alaimo Engineering gave his monthly report. Councilwoman Sheridan asked about Fleisher Brook clean up. Mr. Lemanowicz explain DPW limits.
- e. **NJDOT Firm Recommendation** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **Costa Engineering – Payment #1- MA19 Mola Blvd Improvements Phase II** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Proposal – 2021 NJDOT – Mola Blvd., Linden Ave. to Philip Ave.** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

2 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Township of Saddle Brook – Cannabis Ordinance** – No discussion ensued.
- b. **Borough of Fair Lawn – Ordinance to amend zoning** – No discussion ensued.
- c. **Borough of New Milford – Resolution supporting Senate Bill 790** – No discussion ensued.
- d. **Library Board Recommendation** – Mayor apologies for not sending out a resume for Ms. Troisi. Councilwoman Dennis then presented a resume for Ms. Barbara Marquez as another recommendation. A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **One-way Street Proposal** - Councilwoman Dennis asked if it was a private street and what sections would be considered for this ordinance. Borough Attorney Ingraffia will draft an ordinance.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Community Affairs grant – Fire Department** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Handicap Parking Space** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **2022 Used Car license renewal** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Vacation Buyback** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Correction of the Borough Code** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **Municipal Representative BCDCD** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Volunteer Firefighter Application** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- h. **Volunteer Firefighter Junior members** - A resolution will be added to the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

4 – APPLICATIONS

- a. **Defender Company #2 – Raffle License** – The application will be placed on the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **St. Leo’s Church – Raffle License** - The application will be placed on the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Our Lady Mt. Virgin Church – Raffle License** - The application will be placed on the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Library Board Meeting – May 16, 2022** – Accepted without discussion
- b. **Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2022** – Accepted without discussion
- c. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – May & June 2022** - Accepted without discussion
- d. **Millennium Strategies Report – Through July 1, 2022** - Accepted without discussion
- e. **Finance Department Monthly Budget Report** - Accepted without discussion
- f. **Building Department Monthly Report – June, 2022** - Accepted without discussion

6– COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistrieri stated that the Prom Night Sneaker Ball is a great idea.

Councilwoman Dennis Gave dates and details in reference to the Elmwood Park Food Truck and Music Festival.

Councilman Golabek reported progress

Councilwoman Pellegrine gave her police update with dates of the upcoming events that they are hosting. She then mentioned that Council corner will be starting up again soon. She added how she and Councilwoman Sheridan met Ashlee Luther at the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilwoman Sheridan stated how the concerts are starting out great for this summer and mentioned the weather for the second show wasn’t so good.

Council President Fasolo reported progress

Mayor Colletti reported the concerts are going well this summer. He then brought up concern with COVID numbers increasing and would like to move the Work Sessions back to the Council Chambers. Council discuss they are okay for now.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Council President Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to open to the Public.

Jeffery Freitag from 35 Hillman Drive asked about Planning Board resolution that was past in relation to 38 Market Street.

Dominic Scalcione followed up with a question asking if more than a warehouse was being put there.

8- EXECUTIVE

- a. Litigation**
- b. Personnel – Tax Office**
- c. Personnel – Police**

A motion was made by Council President Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by those 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 Tax Office
Personnel Police

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 Balistreri and seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting.