

**WORK SESSION  
OF THE  
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ACTION ITEMS  
September 1, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for September 1, 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.

*\*Councilwoman Balistrieri arrived at 7:05pm.*

**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 posted and transmitted on January 8, 2022 and published on January 11, 2022.

**3. RESOLUTIONS:**

R-321-22                      Award of Bid – 15TH Avenue Improvements

**4. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**5. ADJOURNMENT:**

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-321-22**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AWARD OF BID – 15<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey solicited bid proposals for the FY2022 - 2023 CDBG 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bid Opening Committee did receive 6 bids pursuant to the advertisement for the above project; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposals were opened on Friday, August 26, 2022 and the results are as follows;

<u>Contractors</u>	<u>Bid</u>
4 Clean-up Inc.	\$163,792.75
AJM Contractors	\$166,268.00
American Asphalt & Trucking	\$172,508.64
D&L Paving Contractors	\$174,941.35
Zuccaro	\$214,065.00
D.L.S. Contracting	\$214,894.00

**WHEREAS**, the bids submitted have been reviewed by the Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer and are in compliance with the New Jersey Local Public Contract Law, and it is the recommendation of the Mayor and Council that the above-mentioned project be awarded to 4 Clean-Up in the amount of \$163,792.75; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the bid submitted by 4 Clean-Up in the amount of \$163,792.75 be and is hereby awarded to be paid out of bond ordinance 22-22 once adopted; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mayor Robert Colletti and Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris are hereby authorized to execute said contract.

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

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Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

August 31, 2022  
Dated

APPROVED: September 1, 2022

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Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shanee Morris, CMR  
Acting Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri				X	Pellegrine	X			
Dennis	X				Sheridan	X			
Golabek	X				Fasolo	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2022. Signed and sealed before me.

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Shanee Morris, CMR  
Acting Borough Clerk

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Dated

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

A quorum was reestablished with all members present.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

No one from the public wished to be heard.

**EXECUTIVE:**

**Litigation**

A request was made by Borough Administrator Michael Foligno to enter into executive session. A motion was made by Councilman Golabek 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**

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 Council President Fasolo to open the meeting back to the public.

**1 – ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT STIPEND PROGRAM**

Councilman Golabek introduced Fire Chief Bruce to explain the stipend program who called in via zoom. Chief Bruce explained the benefits of increasing the stipend program along with the clothing allowance. He then gave the Mayor and Council a breakdown of how much it would cost. Mayor and Council discussed and the Mayor asked Chief Bruce for last years numbers, to which Chief Bruce agreed to provide.

**2 – ENGINEERS REPORT**

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowicz of Alaimo Group Engineering gave his monthly report.

**3 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **Borough of Fair Lawn** – Ordinance for Drive Through Restaurants – No discussion ensued
- b. **Township of Saddle Brook** – Cannabis Ordinances – No discussion ensued

**4 – RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Snow Plow Agreement** – A resolution will be placed on the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.
- b. **Vacation Buyback** – A resolution will be placed on the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.
- c. **Fire Purchase** – A resolution will be placed on the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.
- d. **Firefighter Leave of Absence** – A resolution will be placed on the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.
- e. **Volunteer Firefighter Applications** – A resolution will be placed on the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.

**5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Municipal Court Report – July 2022** – Councilman Golabek asked how is court being conducted going forward. Borough Administrator Foligno informed him they are following State guidelines. Report was accepted with no further discussion.
- b. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2022** – Accepted without discussion
- c. **Finance Department Monthly Budget Report** – Accepted without discussion
- d. **Millennium Strategies Report through August** – Accepted without discussion

**6 – APPLICATIONS**

- a. **Society St. Anthony – October 29<sup>th</sup>** – Application will be placed on the September 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council.

**7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Balistreri stated how wonderful the summer concerts have been and how much of a success the block party was. She thanked the Police Chief for such a wonderful event.

Councilwoman Dennis Stated how amazing the Block party went and thanked all the volunteers and Police Department. She then mentions the upcoming Community Day event.

Councilman Golabek reported progress

Councilwoman Pellegrine Mentioned how much of a success the Block Party was. She thanked all for their donations along with the volunteers and Police Department. She proceeded to give dates for upcoming events such as Community Day and Council Corner. For her Board of Health update, she gave dates for the Flu Clinic and the next meeting.

Councilwoman Sheridan announced the Home Owners Association will host “Meet the Candidates Night”. She then announced “Country Western Night” that’s being held at the VFW. In closing she made a statement about placement of signs.

Council President Fasolo mentions the pedestrian crossing signs going up. He then states how great things are going with Emergency Medical Services. In closing he mentions how great the Block Party went.

Mayor Colletti states the concerts are growing having a great turn out and proposes a dance floor being added. He then addresses issue with signs and suggest an ordinance be put in place. He then announces the Grand Opening for the Library will be October 22, 2022.

**8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to open the meeting to the public.

Jeffery Freitag of 35 Hillman Drive stated on January 16, 2020 the Mayor commented on signage so he suggested looking into those minutes for clarification. He then asked if the Recreation Department was allowing people to use the Bandshell and if the request goes through the Council.

**EXECUTIVE**

A motion was made by Council President Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into executive session.

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**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

- Personnel – Clerk’s Office**
- Personnel – Human Resource**
- Personnel – Police**

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Councilwoman Dennis to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shanee Morris, CMR  
Acting Borough Clerk

*Minutes approved at the February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting*