

**WORK SESSION
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ACTION ITEMS
June 1, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for June 1, 2023 was called to order by Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Dennis, Fasolo*, Golabek*, Pellegrine, Sheridan and Council President Balistrieri were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Salvatore Ingraffia.

**Councilman Fasolo arrived at 7:11pm*

**Councilman Golabek arrived at 7:02pm*

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 6, 2023 and published on January 10, 2023.

3. RESOLUTIONS:

R-226-23 Authorizing a Grant Application - Lead Grant Assistance Program

4. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-226-23**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

**AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION
LEAD GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, effective July 22, 2022, the Legislature enacted P.L. 2021, c. 182, “An Act concerning certain lead-based paint hazard, and residential rental property, and establishing lead-based paint hazard programs, supplementing P.L. 2003, c. 311 (C. 52:27D-437.1 et al.) amending various parts of the statutory law, and making an appropriation;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(b)(1), a municipality that maintains a permanent local agency for the purpose of conducting inspections and enforcing laws, ordinances, and regulations concerning buildings and structures, is required to inspect for lead-based paint hazards in certain specified single-family, two-family, and multiple rental dwellings, at the time periods set forth in the statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(b)(2) a municipality that does not maintain such a permanent local agency must hire a lead evaluation contractor, certified to provide lead paint inspection services by DCA, or enter a shared services agreement as permitted by law, for the purpose of conducting the inspections for lead-based paint hazards; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 9 of P.L. 2021, c. 182, the State of New Jersey has allocated the sum of \$3,900,000 to effectuate the purposes of P.L. 2021, c. 182 (C. 52:27D-437.16). Further, pursuant to the FY 2023 Appropriations Act (P.L. 2022, Chapter 49), DCA received a grant-in-aid amount of \$3,900,000 for P.L. 2021, c. 182, for a total of \$7,800,000 in appropriations to effectuate the purpose of the Act.

WHEREAS, DCA has allocated \$7,000,000 of this appropriation to the development of the Lead Grant Assistance Program (“LGAP”) for the issuance of grant funds to municipalities for the purpose of assisting in municipal compliance with P.L. 2021, c. 182.

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS), within DCA, administers the LGAP; and

WHEREAS, the LGAP exists to provide funding to help off-set the costs to municipalities to provide the required inspections at stipulated times of certain single-family, two-family, and multiple rental dwelling units for lead-based paint hazards, pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 182; and

WHEREAS, an authorized municipal officer must execute the attached grant agreement in order to receive LGAP funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of Elmwood Park does hereby authorize the Michael Foligno, Borough Administrator to sign the attached grant agreement, and thus bind the Borough of Elmwood Park to the grant agreement’s terms in order to receive the \$ 41,800.00 grant from the DLGS;

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

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

May 31, 2023
Dated

APPROVED: June 1, 2023

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of June 2023. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Dated

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Brenda Hoffman came forward to share concerns about the softball league having a field to play on. She stated the English avenue field isn't big enough and the field does not have the resource the team needs. She also stated there's a lighting and parking issue. She then added and asked about the Flag Pole.

Sarah Tester came forward and read a statement to share her concerns about the softball league being moved the English avenue field.

Debra Tester asked if Pine Street will become the girls' softball field.

Jeffery Freitag asked about bid opening for upcoming project that he thought already started. He then asked if new additions were added to the current bid and if the project will go past the winter.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. Monthly Status Report – Mathew Baisle from Alaimo Group went through the monthly report.

2 – CORRESPONDANCE

- a. **Christmas Nativity Scene** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explains the email. The Mayor and Council agree to move forward.
- b. **Bergen County Upcoming Events** – No discussion ensued.
- c. **NJ Transit Bus Stops along Rt. 46** – Councilwoman Pellegrine asked about bus seating on the Boulevard. A resolution will be placed on the June 15, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Redactor Officer** – Borough Attorney Ingariffa explains the need of passing a resolution. Mayor and Council discuss and agree. A resolution will be placed on the June 15, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **DPW Seasonal** - A resolution will be placed on the June 15, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Bergen County Cooperative Agreement** - A resolution will be placed on the June 15, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Vacation Buyback** - A resolution will be placed on the June 15, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **LOSAP** – Mayor asked about ramifications if question is not placed on the ballot. Mayor and Council discuss and decide not to add ballot question.
- b. **4-way Stop – Willow St. & Elizabeth Ave.** – Ordinance will be placed on the June 15, 2023 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **4-way Stop – Stefanic Ave. & Meyer St.** – Ordinance will be placed on the June 15, 2023 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2023** – Councilwoman Dennis asked about the discussion for the dedication event. She then asked if it was rescheduled. The report was then accepted.
- b. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2023** – Accepted without discussion
- c. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2023** – Accepted without discussion
- d. **Monthly Court Report – April, 2023** – Accepted without discussion

6 – APPLICATIONS

- a. **St. Leo's RC Church – Raffle License – October 7, 2023** – Accepted without discussion
- b. **Elmwood Park Football Bombers – Calendar Raffle – 9/1/2023 – 11/30/2023** – Accepted without discussion

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dennis stated the Memorial Day parade was fantastic and thanked everyone involved.

Councilman Golabek stated the Memorial Day Parade went great and thanked everyone who helped put it together.

Councilman Fasolo stated he heard great things about the parade.

Councilwoman Pellegrine announced that ASEZ will host a townwide clean up. She then stated the parade was great and everyone did a great job. Lastly, she announced the Residents Assistance Program will be hosting a thank you luncheon.

Councilwoman Sheridan thanked the Chief, Police, Scott Karcz and Department of Public Works for all of their hard work with the parade. She then announced the Elks upcoming events.

Council President Balistreri stated the parade was a great turn out and everyone did a great job.

Mayor Colletti commended Councilwoman Sheridan for keeping the VFW together.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to open to the public. Motion carried unanimously. No one from the public wished to speak. The Mayor closed the public portion.

A motion was made by Council President Balistreri and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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:

Litigation/Legal Reports

Litigation/Legal Report – Affordable Housing

Litigation/Legal Report – Presentations

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 Councilman Fasolo 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 December 21, 2023 Regular Meeting