

**WORK SESSION
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ACTION ITEMS
June 6, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for June 6, 2024 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:02PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Dennis, Fasolo*, Golabek, Pellegrine, Troisi and Council President Sheridan were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Kyle Trent.

**Councilman Fasolo arrived at 7:10pm*

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, 2024 and published on January 10, 2024.

3. RESOLUTIONS:

R-200-24 Approval to Submit and Execute Grant Application

4. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-200-24**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AND EXECUTE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmwood Park desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Recreation Improvement Grant for approximately \$78,000.00 to carry out the Elmwood Park Recreation Center Renovations Project, to make necessary improvements to the Borough’s recreational facility.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

- 1) that the **Mayor and Borough Council** does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and,
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between

Borough of Elmwood Park and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

APPROVED: June 6, 2024

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 6th day of June 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

A resident from Florence Avenue stated the lights are too bright.

1 – MORGAN PROPERTIES: DAN FLAMINI

Dan Flamini came before the Mayor and Council in reference to the rent control for Elmwood Village. He would like to change it from a rent-controlled property to a permanent property decontrol. He stated it would allow for more reinvestments into the property. The Mayor and Council ask a few questions and discussed.

2 – NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The President Mr. Oswald and the secretary Mr. Tisellano of the Chamber of Commerce came before the Mayor and Council to go over the purpose of the chamber and how far they've come so far. They announced the meeting dates for the chamber along with an upcoming networking event. They Mayor and Council discussed and shared their excitement.

3 – GREG BAKER: VETERAN FUNDRAISER

Mr. Baker came before the Mayor and Council to present his proposed veteran project. He discussed where the funds would come from and where he would like it to go. He stated he does not have pricing yet but would like to stay under \$50,000.00. The Mayor and Council discuss and ask a few questions. They commend him on his dedication to his project.

A representative from the VFW then came forward to clarify the issues with fundraising.

4 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Matthew Basile from Alaimo Engineering went through the monthly report. He then presented the phase two drawing for Borough Park. The Mayor and Council discuss and requested more information on bricks.
- b. **Elmwood Drive Park** – Mayor Colletti asked about the grant match. The Mayor and Council then discussed the different sizes for the pavilion and the cost.

5 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution Establishing Change Fund** – A resolution will be added to the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Municipal Representative for CDBG** – The Mayor and Council discussed and agreed to the representatives being Councilwoman Dennis and Borough Administrator Chief Foligno. A resolution will be added to the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Promotion Recommendations – DPW** – Mayor and Council moved this item to the July work session meeting.
- d. **Revaluation bid results** – C.F.O Roy Riggiano briefly explained the purpose and benefits. He also informed the Mayor and Council of the funding that is needed for this project. A resolution will be added to the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Coin Toss Application – Company 4** – A resolution will be added to the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **Block Party Request** - A resolution will be added to the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Vacation Buyback (2)** - A resolution will be added to the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- h. **Resolutions for Senior Programs (2)** – Mayor and Council discuss the process and the amount that would be given. Borough Attorney Kyle Trent will redraft resolutions. This item will be discussed at the July work session.
- i. **Easement Resolution** - A resolution will be added to the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- j. **Summer Camp Staff** – The Mayor and Council had a few questions about the rates. A resolution will be added to the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

6 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Limit Parking on Elm Street** - An ordinance will be introduced at the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

7 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – April, 2024 & May, 2024** – Accepted without discussion
- c. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through May, 2024** – Accepted without discussion
- d. **Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2024 & April 15, 2024** – Accepted without discussion
- e. **Building Department Monthly Report – May, 2024** – Accepted without discussion

8 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Capital Bonding request** – Mayor and Council discuss and would like department heads to come to the July work session to discuss the items listed. Mayor Colletti asked if some items can come from a grant, he also asked if the item for Recreation can come from the trust. Borough Administrator Chief Foligno then reviewed and discussed his request with the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Corrective Action Plan** – C.F.O Roy Riggitano briefly went over the audit and corrective action plan.

9 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dennis reported the installation of the new equipment at Cherry Hill Park. She then congratulated the students who joined the honor society.

Councilman Fasolo recognized D-Day as well as Councilwoman Dennis birthday. He then announced his absence for the next few upcoming meetings.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine announced the next Board of Health meeting. She then announced the upcoming Police events. Lastly, she expressed how great the Memorial Day parade went.

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation report and announced camp registration along with upcoming events. She then gave a Board of Education update and announced the senior awards and upcoming meeting.

Council President Sheridan thanked Angela and Chief Foligno for helping with the parade coordination. She then announced the grand reopening for the Dunkin Donuts on River Drive.

Mayor Colletti applauded Chief Foligno for making the call in reference to the weather the day of the parade.

10 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Council President Sheridan to open to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Andrew Tisellano of Kipp avenue asked about rent control and the revaluation project and how it will help.

Jeanie Freitag of Hillman Drive asked about the block party request. She then commented on the ice cream truck at the parade and suggested a banner in front of the band.

Jeffery Freitag of Hillman Drive mentioned the parking for tenants at Elmwood Village is paid parking.

11 – EXECUTIVE:

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Council President Sheridan to enter into executive. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Personnel – Recreation

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 Council President Sheridan to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk