

**WORK SESSION
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ACTION ITEMS
May 1, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for May 1, 2025 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:04PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

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

**Councilman Golabek arrived at 7:40pm*

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 3, 2025 and published on January 8, 2025.

3. RESOLUTIONS:

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| R-155-25 | Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officer – Stephen Harris |
| R-156-25 | Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officer – Niko Haralambakis |
| R-157-25 | Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officer – Nicholas Alpher |
| R-158-25 | Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officer – Adam Polisi |

Borough Clerk Shanee Morris called the new Officers forward with their family members to be sworn in by Mayor Colletti alongside Police Chief Michael Foligno and Police Commissioner Council President Lorraine Pellegrine. The Mayor and Council then shared congratulatory remarks.

4. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT:

**BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-155-25**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER –
STEPHEN HARRIS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 authorizes the appointment of entry level police officers who have successfully passed a Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission without the need to take an entry-level Civil Service examination so long as certain prerequisites are met; and

WHEREAS, the Borough meets the prerequisites for appointments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that authorizing appointments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 is in the best interest of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, that individuals who have successfully completed a Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission may be appointed to entry level police officer positions within the Borough without the need to take an entry-level Civil Service examination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the following named be and is hereby appointed as a Police Officer in the Police Department of the Borough of Elmwood Park, effective May 2, 2025:

Stephen Harris

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that remuneration is set at the rate as per the 2018-2025 PBA Contract effective March 15, 2018.

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

April 30, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: May 1, 2025

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Fasolo	X				Sheridan	X			
Golabek				X	Troisi	X			
Saimson	X				Pellegrine	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 May 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-156-25**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER –
NIKO HARALAMBAKIS**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 authorizes the appointment of entry level police officers who have successfully passed a Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission without the need to take an entry-level Civil Service examination so long as certain prerequisites are met; and

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Niko Haralambakis

and;

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BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
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**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO**

**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER –
NICHOLAS ALPHER**

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Nicholas Alpher

and;

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Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-158-25**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER –
ADAM POLISI**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 authorizes the appointment of entry level police officers who have successfully passed a Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission without the need to take an entry-level Civil Service examination so long as certain prerequisites are met; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the following named be and is hereby appointed as a Police Officer in the Police Department of the Borough of Elmwood Park, effective May 2, 2025:

Adam Polisi

and;

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Borough Clerk

Dated

Work Meeting Agenda Items:
PUBLIC HEARING:

GPI PRESENTATION

Thomas Lemanowicz from GPI discussed the upcoming lighting project that is set to take place on Mola Boulevard. He suggested shield for the lights as well as changing the lens. He announced he will be making a presentation for the public prior to the June meeting from 6pm-7pm for members of the public to review the project and ask questions.

1– ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Matthew Basile from Alaimo Engineering went through the monthly report. He discussed the proposed plan for the Geese control being added in the Marina Project and advised the Mayor and Council it is not included in the grant. Councilman Golabek then asked about the PSE&G gas line work being done on 16th Avenue in reference to paving.
- b. **Proposal for Professional Services – Market Street Improvements** – A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

2 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Part-Time Seasonal Employees – Department of Public Works (2)** – A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Resignation of Firefighters** – A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran** – A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Refund – Tax Exempt Veteran** – A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Dispatcher Replacement**– A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. **EMT New Hires**– A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- g. **Building Department Inspectors** – The Mayor and Council asked a few questions about the position and funding. Councilman Golabek added he would like Department Heads to consider the budget when hiring for their department. A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- h. **Fire Department 1st Quarter Stipend** – Councilman Golabek requested the Fire Chief review the list and remove the names of people who are no longer members. A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

3 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Residential Parking Permit Area** – The Mayor and Council asked a few questions and made a few suggestions and changes. They set the fees and time frame as well as the designated areas and registration process. A new draft will be placed on the June 5th, work session.
- b. **Ordinance Request – All-Way stop at Elmwood Terrace & Glenwood Avenue** – An ordinance will be introduced at the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Ordinance Request – All-Way stop at Fencsak Avenue & Bank Street** – An ordinance will be introduced at the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Amendment to Cannabis license – Class 6 Delivery services** – Councilwoman Troisi asked about zoning being mentioned in the ordinance and would like provisions to be made.
- e. **Amendment to Cannabis license** – Number of Licenses The Mayor and Council would like the Cannabis attorney to summarize the ordinance and eliminate the class 6 portion.

4 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Board of Health Curio** – Mayor and Council discuss and approve the placement of the curio in Borough Hall.
- b. **Shade Tree Ordinance (NO BACK-UP)** – Councilman Golabek will follow-up with the Borough Attorney to go over the ordinance.
- c. **Library Board Resignation** – No discussion ensued.
- d. **Library Board Replacement suggestion** – Mayor Colletti explained his suggestion. The Council agreed to move forward. A resolution will be added to the May 15, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2025** – Councilwoman Troisi asked about the turn over at the library with the number of resignations.
- b. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Recreation Advisory Board Minutes – March 24, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – March, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Building Department Monthly – April, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- g. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – April, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo requested a ceremony be held at the beginning of the May public meeting for a high school student in connection with her success in wrestling. He then discussed basketball courts being used late at night. Lastly, he mentions things that are discussed in executive getting out to the public and advised his colleagues to stop as it is violating confidentiality.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilman Saimson reported the Finance committee met. He then announced he attended the EPIC event where Police Chief Michael Foligno was honored. Lastly, he mentioned the Homeowners trip went well.

Councilwoman Sheridan congratulated Police Chief Michael Foligno on receiving EPIC award. She then thanked the Senior Center for their event.

Councilwoman Troisi mentioned the spring festival and asked about a rain date. For her Recreation update she announced upcoming events. For her Board of Education update she stated the ELKS will be recognizing student achievements at the next meeting.

Council President Pellegrine reported the next rabies clinic as well as the next meeting date for the Board of Health. For her Chamber of Commerce report she announced upcoming events and the next meeting date. She then announced the upcoming cleaning being done by the ASEZ group. Lastly, for her Police update she announced upcoming events.

Mayor Colletti stated the Homeowners meeting was informative and announced the upcoming trip. He then added the Chief Foligno will be in attendance.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

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

No one from the public wished to speak.

8 – EXECUTIVE:

A motion was made by Council President Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Saimson 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:

Attorney Client – Solicitation Permit

Attorney Client – Restricted Area

Attorney Client – Sewer usage

Attorney Client – 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 Councilwoman Sheridan and seconded by Councilman Saimson to adjourn.
Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk