

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
October 2 , 2025
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for October 2, 2025 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:00PM. 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.

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.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Daniel Breizek, Elmwood Park – Thanked everyone who assisted with his event.

1 – BEST PRACTICE – C.F.O ROY RIGGITANO

Roy Riggitano reviewed the best practice survey with the Mayor and Council and explained the process. He also stated the Edmunds conversion is going well.

2 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Matthew Baisle from Alaimo Engineering went through the monthly report. Mayor and Council asked a few questions in connection with updates to projects.
- b. **Payment Estimate #2 Change Order #2 – 2023 CDBG Road Improvements** – A resolution will be added to the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Proposal for Professional Services – 2024 CDBG Doremus Place** – A resolution will be added to the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

3 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Vacation Buyback (2)** – A resolution will be added to the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Road Opening Bond Refund** – A resolution will be added to the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Chapter 159 Recreation Improvement (2)** – A resolution will be added to the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **EMT New Hires** – A resolution will be added to the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **DPW Cut List Recommendation** – A resolution will be added to the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

- f. **Handicap Parking Space** – A resolution will be added to the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4– PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Towing License Distribution** – No discussion ensued.
- b. **Designation of Parkway Lanes for Amusement Games** – The Mayor and Council discussed the proposed fee amount. Borough Clerk Shanee Morris gave them examples of what other Municipalities charge as well as what the state charges. The Mayor and Council decided to make the fees equal to the State.
- c. **Electric Scooter Use** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explained the purpose of the change. Borough Attorney Kyle Trent discussed what would be restricted. The Mayor and Council discussed and would like to add more stipulations in **regards to turf**.
- d. **Stop Intersection on Van Riper Avenue** – An ordinance will be introduced at the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Contractor Compliance** – An ordinance will be introduced at the October 16, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

5 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Proposal for Bleachers** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explained the purpose for this contract.
- b. **Department of Public Works New Hire** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explained this is a replacement.
- c. **Meeting Schedule – November, 2025 & Re-Org 2026** – The Mayor and Council discuss changing the November meeting to give Council members the opportunity to travel back from the conference. They also discussed the date for the reorganization meeting and Councilman Golabek suggest waiting to the Election to have the Elects way in on the date.
- d. **Award Presentation** – No discussion ensued.
- e. **Recognition Consideration** – Council President Pellegrine informed everyone that she and Councilwoman Troisi attended an event where awards/certificates were given and they were unaware. The Mayor and Council discuss different options to give the honored individuals a certificate. They decided to give the certificates to the chair person to give to the honorees.

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – August, 2025** – Councilwoman Troisi asked for the outstanding debt. No further discussion ensued.
- b. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2025 & August 11, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Building Department Monthly Report – September, 2025** – Councilwoman Troisi asked about the Elmwood Village rat complaint. No further discussion ensued.
- d. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Reports – September, 2025** – Mayor Colletti asked how things are going with the company.
- e. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report – September, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.

7- COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo stated cones with the cop's event went great and mentioned the upcoming senior event.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilman Saimson informed everyone that the Finance committee met and reviewed purchase orders. He then gave his Planning Board update. Next, he announced an upcoming Elks event and AARP meeting date.

Councilwoman Sheridan mentioned the last concert went well. She then thanked Daniel Brizek for the candlelight as well as the Police, Fire, DPW and all that attended.

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation update and announced upcoming registration deadlines. For her Board of Education update she announced upcoming events. Lastly, she announced October is SIDs awareness month and would like to donate safe sleep boxes to the Residents Assistance Program.

Council President Pellegrine gave her Board of Health update and announced the upcoming Elmwood Park Celebrates Seniors event, as well as the next meeting date. For her Police update she announced upcoming events. Next, she announced upcoming events for the Residents Assistance Program. Lastly, she stated the vigil that was held went beautiful and informed everyone of the Chamber of Commerce upcoming events.

Mayor Colletti informed everyone that surrounding Mayor's compliment him on Elmwood Park. With the upcoming Election he then advised candidates to be respectful to each other.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Jeannette Randazzo, Franklin Street invited the Mayor and Council to the next ASRP meeting.

Carl Roberts spoke on social media harassment and would like the page to be shut down.

Johnn DeMarzio, Lincoln Ave came before the Mayor and Council as the board of Health president and spoke about the upcoming Elmwood Park Celebrates Seniors event.

Joseph Oswald came before the Mayor and Council as the president of the Chamber of Commerce to announce upcoming Latino event, Pizza fundraiser and Chris Woolis fundraiser.

9 – EXECUTIVE:

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Troisi 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

Attorney Client

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 Council President Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Approved at the December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting