

**WORK SESSION
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ACTION ITEMS
November 6, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for November 6, 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 Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorneys Arthur Thibault and Kyle Trent.

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. PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to open to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Daniel Brizek expressed his sincere congratulations to Councilman Fasolo and Joseph Oswald on the election results. He then added we all can do what's best for the town.

Joseph Oswald thanked Daniel Brizek and complimented him as well. He then announced the rain date for the Chamber of Commerce car show.

4. EXECUTIVE:

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo 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:

Negotiations
Personnel

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 Saimson and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to open back to the public. Motion carried by the members present.

RESOLUTIONS:

R-333-25

Appointment Of John Molinelli, Esq., to Conduct An Investigation In
the Department Of Public Works

5. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

6. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-333-25**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN SAIMSON**

**APPOINTMENT OF JOHN MOLINELLI, ESQ., TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WHEREAS, the need has arisen within the Borough of Elmwood Park to secure special legal counsel to conduct an internal administrative investigation into a personnel matter arising out of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that a neutral and experienced attorney is required to conduct this investigation into this matter; and

WHEREAS, John Molinelli, Esq., of Price, Meese, Shulman, and D’Arminio, P.C. has the capabilities, skills, and requisite expertise to conduct a fact-finding investigation and to provide a report to the Borough which report shall contain factual findings and conclusions, and recommendations to the Borough to address and remedy the issues uncovered in his investigation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby agree to retain John Molinelli, Esq. to conduct a fact-finding investigation and to provide a report to the Borough on these issues, which report shall contain factual findings and conclusions, and recommendations to the Borough to address and remedy the issues uncovered in his investigation, for a sum not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the Business Administrator to execute a professional services agreement on behalf of the Borough of Elmwood Park.

This Resolution shall be effective, nunc pro tunc, October 28, 2025.

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

November 5, 2025
Dated

APPROVED: November 6, 2025

Lorraine Pellegrin, Council President

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 6th day of November 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1 – PUBLIC HEARING:

No one wished to speak.

2 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report**– Matthew Basile from Alaimo Engineering went through the monthly report.
- b. **Treatment Works Approval** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Payment Estimate #3 Change Order #3 – 2023 CDBG Road Improvements** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Payment Estimate #2 Change Order #1 – 2024 Borough Road Program** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Proposal for Professional Services – Borough Park Phase II Improvements** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

3– PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Vacation Buyback (2)** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **2026 Towing Application Report** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **3rd Quarter Stipend – Fire Department** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Fire Fighter Recommendation – Company 1** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Retirement Compensation** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. **Resolution to Refund Tax Overpayment** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- g. **Stale Checks** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- h. **Fire Fighter Resignation** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- i. **Fire Department Clothing Allowance** – A resolution will be added to the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Handicap Parking in Municipal Parks – Cherry Hill** – Councilwoman Troisi asked how many handicap spaces were currently there. She then made a suggestion of marking the road to show there are only handicap spaces there. An ordinance will be introduced at the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Turf Field Safety and Maintenance** - An ordinance will be introduced at the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Private Tree Hazard Remediation** - Borough Attorney Trent explained the current ordinance and the issues with dead and hazardous trees. The Mayor and Council discussed and asked the difference between what deems a tree dead or hazardous. They also mentioned possible issues with sidewalks lifting and how it will be addressed. An ordinance will be introduced at the November 13, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

5 – DISCUSSION

- a. **CDBG Grant Approval** – No discussion ensued.
- b. **Proposed one-way – Veterans Place** – Councilwoman Sheridan asked the proposed direction of the one-way. May and Council discuss and decide to hold off.
- c. **Cell Phone Use While Cycling** - Borough Attorney Trent discussed the benefits with the Mayor and Council. More discussion is needed and will be added to a future meeting.
- d. **Locust Street Proposed Closing** – Mayor and Council discuss and share their concerns about access for some of the homeowners. More discussion is needed and will be added to a future meeting.
- e. **2026 Proposed meeting dates** – No discussion ensued.
- f. **2026 Proposed Holiday Schedule** – No discussion ensued.
- g. **EP Historical Society Revolution Support** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno went through the details with the Mayor and Council. They agreed to move forward.

- h. **41 Slater Drive Redevelopment Plan** – Mayor and Council briefly discussed the traffic in the area. They then decided to move this discussion to a later meeting.

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- b. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2025 & September 15, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- c. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- d. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – September & October, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- e. **Building Department Monthly – October, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- f. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report – October, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- g. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – October, 2025** – Accepted without discussion

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo thanked the residents who came out and voted, he looks forward to another three years. He then thanked everyone involved with the food collection for residents with SNAP.

Councilman Golabek reported progress

Councilman Saimson reported the finance committee met and signed purchase orders. For his Planning Board update he informed the Mayor and Council of the applications presented to the board. He then announced the AARP meeting. Lastly, he congratulated Councilman Fasolo and Joseph Oswald.

Councilwoman Sheridan reviewed Council Corner meeting and asked residents not to dispose of trash in the river, she also thanked Chief Foligno for attending. She then discussed the events she attended and stated they were all great. She thanked those who assisted with first responders' day. Lastly, she informed everyone her and Doc went to local schools to talk about Veterans Day.

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation update and announced upcoming registration deadlines, cost and events. She then announced an upcoming event for the Elks. For her Board of Education update she informed every one of the upcoming fundraiser. Lastly, she discussed the garden and asked for benches to be installed.

Council President Pellegrine gave her Board of Health update and announced the next rabies clinic and meeting date. For her Chamber of Commerce update she announced the date change for the next event. She then gave her Residents Assistance Program update and informed everyone of an upcoming event. Lastly, she congratulated Councilman Fasolo and Joseph Oswald.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilman Saimson and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to open to the public. Motion carried unanimously. No one wished to speak.

10 – ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Saimson and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at the January 22, 2026 Regular Meeting