

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
WORK MEETING  
December 4 , 2025  
7:00PM**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for July 3, 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:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**

**Personnel – Build Department**

**Personnel – Police**

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 Saimson to open the meeting back up to the public. Motion carried by the members present.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Shannon Kochis Miller Avenue shared her concerns about a sober living group that may cause over population and the proximity to school and children.

Miller Avenue resident stated the Attorney should explain what is going on and feels as though she needs to move out.

Joe Makowski, Miller Avenue would like the Governing Body to share the same concerns in reference to sober living. He also expressed his concerns about parking.

Hubert Konowski, Belleview Avenue shared his concerned in reference to the tree ordinance and the determination of dangerous or diseased trees.

Alisha, Birchwood Drive, asked for an increase in size regulations for sheds. Would like it to increase to 20 sq ft.

## **1 – ENGINEERS REPORT**

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Matthew Baisle from Alaimo Engineering went over the monthly report. The Mayor and Council then asked a few questions.
- b. **Award Recommendation – Elmwood Drive Park** – A resolution will be added to the December 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

## **2 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Fire Department Clothing Allowance Amendment** – A resolution will be added to the December 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Resolution to add a Bus Stop** – A resolution will be added to the December 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Fire Fighter Resignation**– A resolution will be added to the December 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Resolution to Refund Tax Exempt Veteran** – A resolution will be added to the December 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Fire Fight New Member Recommendation** – A resolution will be added to the December 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

## **3 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

- a. **Amendment to allow leashed dogs in Borough Parks** – Councilwoman Troisi explained her request for this ordinance. Borough Attorney Kyle Trent then went over the changes to the ordinance. The Mayor and Council discussed and requested a fine for unleashed dogs to be put in place.
- b. **Electric Scooter and Electric Bicycle use** – An ordinance will be introduced at the January Regular meeting.
- c. **Update in Towing Fees**– An ordinance will be introduced at the January Regular meeting.

## **4 – DISCUSSION**

- a. **EPIC** - Borough Administrator Foligno went over the request he received from this organization to receive a stipend from the Borough. The Mayor and Council discuss and agreed to the same terms in conditions set for other organizations for an amount of \$5,000.00. A resolution will be done in January, 2026.

## **5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2025** – Councilman Fasolo inquired about a program a resident is requesting the Library to continue. No further discussion was had.
- c. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report – November, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through November, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.

## **6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Fasolo commends all of the organizations that assisted with the food drives. He then recognized this meeting being Councilman’s Golabek last work session.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilman Saimson briefly spoke on his attendance to the League of Municipalities and the Major League Baseball ground breaking. He then reported the Finance committee met. For his Planning Board report, he stated the board discussed the signage for the Major League Baseball building. Lastly, he spoke on the ambulances needing to be replaced and would like to have a committee for the ambulance.

Councilwoman Sheridan thanked the Police Department for the turkey giveaway. She then spoke on the special needs turkey giveaway held by the Veterans.

Councilwoman Troisi announced registrations for Recreation. She then announced upcoming events connected to the Board of Education.

Council President Pellegrine gave her Police update and announced upcoming events. She then gave her Residents Assistance Program report and announced days that were added to turkey giveaway, the town clean up and the annual toy store dates. For her Board of Health update she announced the next meeting date. Lastly, she announced upcoming town events and stated the Major League Baseball groundbreaking went great.

Mayor Colletti stated Major League Baseball will be the spark of our town.

## **7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

## **8 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**Negotiations**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk