

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK

WORK MEETING

October 23, 2014

8:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for October 23, 2014 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 8:00 p.m. The Statement of Compliance was read.

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 the publishing an annual notice in The Record of Hackensack and Herald News of Woodland Park 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 on January 1, 2014.

Governing Body members Colletti, Dombrowski, Martino, Pettigano, Vuoncino and Caramagna were present. Also present were Mayor Mola, Borough Clerk Keith Kazmark, Borough Attorney Giuseppe Randazzo, and Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy.

Public Hearing:

No one wished to be heard.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1- EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Potential Litigation – Tax Assessor

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:

Potential Litigation – Tax Assessment – 48-50 Cadmus Avenue

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 Vuoncino and seconded by Councilman Pettigano to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Potential Litigation – Tax Assessment – 48-50 Cadmus Avenue

A motion was made by Councilman Dombrowski and seconded by Councilman Colletti to return to the public session. Motion carried unanimously.

The work session returned to a public session at 8:29 p.m.

2 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

a. Scheduling of various Market Street project – Mr. Murphy discussed reaching out to the County and Boswell Engineering regarding the various projects. A meeting will be set up with all entities involved to discuss the projects and timelines for Market Street.

3 – Memorandum from Boswell Engineering regarding Change Order #2 for Improvements to Fleischer’s Brook – A resolution will be placed on the November 6, 2014 Public Meeting agenda.

4 – Email from Boswell Engineering regarding Van Riper Avenue Culvert – Mr. Kazmark discussed the email and the letter which Boswell included if the Council decides not to pursue ownership of Van Riper Avenue. After some discussion the decision was made to send the letter provided by Boswell Engineering to the County.

5 – Request from Donna Puglisi regarding the use of the Recreation Bus by the Bombers Organization for additional dates – Discussion ensued regarding the request made by the Bombers Organization. A

resolution will be placed on the November 6, 2014 Public Meeting agenda authorizing the use of the Recreation bus.

6 – Request by Doug DeMatteo regarding a coin toss for Project Graduation – Mr. Kazmark discussed the request submitted for Project Graduation. Discussion ensued to the regulations that are being put in place and a new application that will be used in the future. A resolution will be placed on the November 6, 2014 Public Meeting agenda.

7 – Email from Richard Bolan regarding hours of operation for the Building Department – Mr. Kazmark briefly reviewed the changes to the department and discussed the requested change of office hours by Mr. Bolan. After a brief discussion the Building Department will open at 8:30 a.m. with scheduled appointments between the 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

8 – Copy of letter being distributed by the Board of Health – Discussion ensued regarding the letter that is being distributed by the Board of Health.

11 – Letter from Boswell Engineering regarding Route 46 East Bus Shelter – Mr. Kazmark discussed the letter from Boswell Engineering and reported the installation of the bus shelter should begin around October 31, 2014.

12 – Letter from Boswell Engineering regarding Bergen County ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Program – Mr. Kazmark discussed the letter from Boswell Engineering is for informational purposes.

9 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution to increase hours for Brian Mutch – Building Department** – Mr. Kazmark discussed the request for additional hours by the Construction Official. A resolution will be placed on the November 6, 2014 Regular Meeting agenda.
- b. **Resolution to increase hours for Judy Hawrylak – Fire Prevention Bureau** – Mr. Kazmark discussed the need for clerical help for the Elmwood Park Fire Department. A resolution will be placed on the November 6, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- c. **Resolution from Hackensack Riverkeeper Inc. regarding the ballot initiative** – Discussion ensued regarding the distribution of the funds and setting precedence by endorsing a ballot initiative. The Council decided not to pass a resolution endorsing the initiative.
- d. **Resolution by Brick Township pertaining to the Governor’s recommendations regarding the pension system** – After some discussion the Council decide not to pass a resolution pertaining to the pension system.

10 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Building Department Report – September 2014** – Accepted without discussion
- b. **Library Minutes – September 22, 2014** – Councilman Dombrowski discussed the lack of information in the minutes pertaining to the progress with the Library Capital Plan.

11 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Pettigano suggested angled parking on Market Street within the business district. He requested the triangular parcel on Lincoln Avenue be landscaped by the Future Alumni Club.

Councilman Vuoncino discussed concerns by residents regarding high speed traffic in residential areas. He made a request to Police Chief Foligno to use the radar signs at areas of high concern. Councilman Vuoncino reminded the Council of the upcoming events sponsored by the Ambulance Corps such as the Haunted House and the 80’s Ziti Dinner.

Councilman Dombrowski congratulated Victoria Stec for being selected for the “Athlete of the Week” for her accomplishments on the Elmwood Park Girls Volleyball team. He discussed a pink clothing bin that has been placed on Market Street which is being addressed. He further discussed overgrown brush and trees from the Parkway that have reached into residential back yards. He reached out to a gentleman at the Turnpike Authority and the issue is being corrected. Councilman Dombrowski discussed the appropriation of additional funds to address a storage tank that was found where the house was located on the County property.


Councilman Caramagna discussed a resident’s concern regarding a tree that hangs over her property. He further discussed Board of Education meetings and the length of time Mr. Egan will remain in the District.

Councilman Martino reported progress.

Councilman Colletti reported progress.

Mayor Mola reported progress.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the December 4, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.