WORK SESSION OF THE

ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

July 3, 2025 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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:

R-219-25	Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officer – Romi Kooz
R-220-25	Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officer – Brendan Blanchfield
R-221-25	Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officer – Dominick Provenzano
R-222-25	Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officer – Khristian Gill

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

R-223-24	Appointment of Recreation Staff for the 2025 Summer Program
	Recreation Department
R-224-24	Amend Vacation Buyback
R-225-25	Renew Liquor Licenses for the 2025/2026 License Term
R-226-25	Approve 2025/2026 New And/or Used Car Dealerships Licenses

5. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

6. ADJOURNMENT:

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-219-25

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

<u>AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER – ROMI KOOZ</u>

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 July 4, 2025:

Romi Kooz

and;

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

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Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer	<u>July 2, 2025</u> Dated
	APPROVED: July 3, 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					Sheridan				
Golabek					Troisi				
Saimson					Pellegrine				

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR	Dated	
Borough Clerk		

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-220-25

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

<u>AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER – BRENDAN BLANCHFIELD</u>

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 July 4, 2025:

Brendan Blanchfield

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ATTEST:	
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR	_
Borough Clerk	

Record of Council Vote on Passage

Robert Colletti, Mayor

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Fasolo					Sheridan				
Golabek					Troisi				
Saimson					Pellegrine				

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR	Dated
Borough Clerk	

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-221-25

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

<u>AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER – DOMINICK PROVENZANO</u>

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 July 4, 2025:

Dominick Provenzano

and;	
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that remuneral Contract effective March 15, 2018.	ation is set at the rate as per the 2018-2025 PBA
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	July 2, 2025
Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer	Dated
	APPROVED: July 3, 2025

	APPROVED: July 3, 2025
	Robert Colletti, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR	
Borough Clerk	

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Fasolo					Sheridan				
Golabek					Troisi				
Saimson					Pellegrine				

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR	Dated
Borough Clerk	

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-222-25

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

<u>AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER – KHRISTIAN GILL</u>

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 July 4, 2025:

Khristian Gill

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ATTEST: Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR Borough Clerk		
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Record of Council Vote on Passage

Robert Colletti, Mayor

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR	Dated	
Borough Clerk		

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-223-25

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

<u>APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION STAFF FOR THE 2025 SUMMER PROGRAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT</u>

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department is conducting the Summer Care Program and an After Care Program; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the Recreation Director that the following individuals be hired for said programs contingent of completion of Recreation requirements at the rates and titles stated below:

NAME	POSITION	HOURLY
	SPRAY PARK	\$23.00
Colombini, Linda	ATTENDANT	\$23.00
DePrima, Catherine	SPRAY PARK	\$21.00
Del Ilma, Camerine	ATTENDANT	Ψ21.00
Forzani, David	SPRAY PARK	\$21.00
1 0124111, 2 4 1 14	ATTENDANT	Ψ21.00
Mills, Marlon	SPRAY PARK	\$21.00
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Rivera, Dalwin	SPRAY PARK	\$21.00
	ATTENDANT	4 2
	AFTER CARE	\$16.00
Atkinson, Barbara Calderon, Shawn	COUNSELOR TEACHER	\$22.74
Calucion, Shawn	AFTER CARE	\$16.00
Collado, Cheryl	COUNSELOR	\$10.00
Figueroa, Joann	AFTER CARE COUNSELOR	\$16.00
Fontanez, Jennifer	AFTER CARE	\$16.00
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Hebda, Lisa	COUNSELOR	\$16.00
McOwen, Michelle	AFTER CARE DIRECTOR	\$27.83
Rahill, Ashley	AFTER CARE COUNSELOR	\$16.00
	AFTER CARE	\$16.00
Santillan, Madison	COUNSELOR	\$16.00
Scarpulla, Isabella	AFTER CARE COUNSELOR	\$16.00
	AFTER CARE ASST	\$25.69
Schwartz, Erik	DIRECTOR/TEACHER AFTER CARE	φ <i>Δ3.</i> U3
Surgent, Dorothy	COUNSELOR	\$16.00
Todmann, Darion	AFTER CARE	\$16.00
	COUNSELOR TEACHER (2)	
Calderon, Shawn	TEACHER (2)	\$4,109.70
Davis, Taylor	HEAD COUNSELOR	\$3,244.50
De Dios, Annali	HEAD COUNSELOR	\$3,244.50

Figueroa, Joann	HEAD COUNSELOR	\$3,244.50
Fontanez, Jennifer	HEAD COUNSELOR	\$3,244.50
Freda, Kevin	TEACHER	\$3,893.40
Gerald, Matthew	HEAD COUNSELOR	\$3,244.50
Krejpowicz, Nelly	HEAD COUNSELOR	\$3,244.50
McOwen, Michelle	CAMP DIRECTOR	\$4,750.60
Mills, Marlon	HEAD COUNSELOR	\$3,244.50
Ramos, David	HEAD COUNSELOR	\$3,244.50
Rivera, Dalwin	TEACHER (1)	\$3,893.40
Schwartz, Erik	SITE SUPERVISOR	\$4,500.00
Surgent, Joanne	TEACHER	\$4,109.70
Van Benschoten, Mark	SITE SUPERVISOR	\$4,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the above-named individual be and are hereby appointed for the 2025 Summer Care Program at the rates and titles stated above, retroactive to June 30, 2025.

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BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-224-25

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

AMEND VACATION BUYBACK

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approved resolution R-199-25 authorizing vacation buyback for Deborah Zafonte in the amount of \$1,960.96; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park would like to amend said resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that resolution R-199-25 is rescinded solely as it relates to the following employee, who is instead hereby approved to receive the amended vacation buyback as stated below:

Employee			Amount	t of Time	_	Amount	t of Com	<u>pensation</u>	
Deborah Z	afonte		05 Days			\$2,019.7	9		
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BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-225-25

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

RENEW LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2025/2026 LICENSE TERM

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the following Liquor Licenses, having met all requirements for renewal for the 2025/2026 license year, be and are hereby renewed:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE - \$1,200

0211-33-028	-009	158 M.	GIO P. BIA ARKET STI /OOD PARI	REET	7 7	ESTAUR	ANT & B	AR LLC.			
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BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-226-25

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

APPROVE 2025/2026 NEW AND/OR USED CAR DEALERSHIPS LICENSES

WHEREAS, the following car dealerships have made application to the Borough of Elmwood Park to obtain a license to sell new and used cards on properties listed below; and

WHEREAS, zoning has been previously approved at said properties; and

WHEREAS, said applicants have paid the required fee of \$650;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that permission is granted to the following car dealerships to sell new and used vehicles, expiring June 30, 2026;

ELRAC, LLC (Enterprise Car Sales)

US Route 46 East Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Scheuer Motors

285 US Route 46 West Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

North Jersey Truck Center

220 Route 46 East Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

AJS Auto Work, LLC

224 Van Riper Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Caropia 46

265 Route 46 West Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

NJM Auto Group

65 Broadway Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

Milan Motors II

391 Route 46 West Elmwood Park, NJ07407

APPROVED: July 3, 2025

	Robert Colletti, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR	
Borough Clerk	

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

<u>1 – CANNABIS DISCUSSION – DOUGLAS BERN</u>

2 – REVIEW OF THE 41 SLATER DRIVE INVESTIGATION STUDY

3 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. Monthly Status Report
- b. Proposal for Professional Services 2024 NJDOT Mola Blvd. Resurfacing between Linden Ave & Lee Street
- c. Estimate #1 Change Order #1 2023 CDBG Road Improvements

4 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- a. Handicap Parking Space Viviney Street
- b. Resignation of Firefighter
- c. Approval to submit Grant Application FY 2025 Municipal Aid, Mola Blvd to Rt 46 to Hillman Dr. Lighting Project
- d. Tree Removal Invoice Tax Lien
- e. Resolution to Redeem Third Party Tax Lien
- f. Resolution to Refund Tax Exempt Veteran (2)
- g. Resolution to Refund Riverwalk III, LLC Escrow Release
- h. Contract Recommendation DLK Consulting
- i. Dedication by Rider for Community Garden
- j. Vacation Buyback
- k. Block Party Request

<u>5 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES</u>

a. Amendment to Garbage Receptacle Volume and Weight

6 - DISCUSSION

- a. Solicitor Permits (NO BACK-UP)
- b. Police Towing Ordinance
- c. After Care Increase

7 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Board of Health Meeting Minutes May 12, 2025
- b. Municipal Court Monthly Report May, 2025
- c. Building Department Monthly June, 2025
- d. Millennium Strategies Monthly Report April, 2025

8 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo

Councilman Golabek

Councilman Saimson

Councilwoman Sheridan

Councilwoman Troisi

Council President Pellegrine

Mayor Colletti

9 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

10 - EXECUTIVE:

- a. Attorney Client
- b. Personnel Build Department
- c. Personnel Police

11 – ADJOURNMENT