

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
April 25, 2013
8:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council was called to order by Deputy Municipal Clerk Barbara Dispoto at 7:59 p.m. 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, 2013.

Governing Body members Caramagna, Castiglia, Conboy, Colletti, Pettigano and Vuoncino were present. Keith Kazmark was absent. Also present were Mayor Mola, Deputy Borough Clerk Barbara Dispoto, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin and Borough Engineer Pete Ten Kate.

Public Hearing: No one wished to be heard.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1 – Michael Kauker – Commercial Zoning – Mr. Kauker discussed his findings of the evaluation he conducted regarding the commercial Zone along Market Street. He spoke of the condition of various buildings and explained the difference between the rehabilitation and revitalization of an area. He stated that the businesses are viable however the physical appearances have deteriorated in some areas. He further stated that some of the businesses are reaching the end of their economic life. Councilman Colletti asked Mr. Kauker if he recommends an additional 50 feet of zooming on the south side of Market Street. Mr. Kauker stated an additional 50 feet would be for parking only with a buffer. Mr. Kauker suggests the Borough do an area rehabilitation study for both north and south side of Market Street. Councilman Vuoncino inquired to the costs for such a study, Mr. Kauker stated an estimated amount between \$15,000-\$20,000. Councilman Colletti asked Mr. Kauker to get more information and a proposed cost back to the Governing Body.

2 – Municipal Engineer's Report

- a. **Van Riper Avenue** – Mr. Ten Kate has forwarded the Council's response regarding the acquisition of Van Riper Avenue. Once Mr. Ten Kate receives a response from the County he will report back to the Governing Body.
- b. **River Road Widening – Conceptual Study** – Mr. Ten Kate stated the report that was given at the Work Session of April 18, 2013 remains unchanged.
- c. **Sewer issues on Market Street** – Mr. Ten Kate stated that a letter was sent to both Dr. Preager's and the owner of the property regarding the sewer backups.
- d. **Emergency Generator and 2013 Road Program Bid Date** – Mr. Ten Kate discussed the scheduled bid openings for the emergency generator and the 2013 Road Resurfacing Program. Mayor Mola discussed an error regarding one of the streets on the list. Mr. Ten Kate stated that he is comfortable stating there will be funds left to pave the street that was not on the paving list.

3 – Letter to Saddle Brook Mayor Chamberlain pertaining to the Shared Services – Mrs. Dispoto stated that it came to the Borough's attention that Saddle Brook entered into a shared service agreement with the County. Ms. Ricci repeatedly requested confirmation from Saddle Brook. A resolution was received by the Clerk's office in April showing the resolution was passed in January to enter into a shared service agreement with the County. Councilman Pettigano stated that the letter from Ms. Ricci to Saddle Brook was to recoup revenue due to Elmwood Park under the shared service agreement which was in place between the two towns.

4 – ORDINANCES:

- a. **Placement of Basketball Hoops on Borough streets** – Mr. Giblin stated under Title 39 the Police Department can enforce the placement of basketball hoops on Borough streets.
- b. **Mosquito Jungle** – Discussion ensued to the verbiage on signs at the parks regarding organized games on the fields. The agreed verbiage for the signage is "Field Use by Permit Only"
- c. **Board of Recreation Commissioners** – Mr. Giblin put the state statute into the ordinance. After a brief discussion of the contents of the ordinance, the Governing Body agreed to introduce the ordinance at the May 2, 2013.

- d. **Snow Parking Ordinance** – Mr. Karcz discussed his research regarding the ordinance which is in effect in other municipalities. Mr. Karcz stated that clearer verbiage is needed. Further discussion of the snow parking ordinance will be held over to a future work session.
- e. **Multi-Purpose Bond** – Councilman Conboy stated the Recreation Commission has agreed to fund the resurfacing of the gym floor with Trust Funds. Discussion ensued to the requests from the Fire Department. Councilman Colletti asked Mrs. Dispoto to verify the needs for the Fire Department with Chief Muttell. The Governing Body agreed to introduce the multi-purpose bond at the April 18, 2013 Regular Meeting.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Building Department Report – March 2013** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Municipal Court Report – March 2013** – Accepted without discussion.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Castiglia

Councilman Caramagna discussed a recent Homeowner’s Association meeting. He further discussed changes on their Board of Executives.

Councilman Conboy discussed an attempt to bring the two soccer leagues together.

Councilman Pettigano

Councilman Vuoncino stated there was nothing to report regarding the electric auction. He also stated that the Police promotions will be at the May 2, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Councilman Colletti discussed the recent Board of Education meeting. The State will advance the Board of Education their state aid to satisfy the deficit. The Board of Education now receives approximately \$500,000 in state aid per year. Over the next ten years \$220,000 less in state aid will be received to satisfy the advancement. Councilman Colletti recommended an increase for the LOSAP. Councilman Conboy requested the increase to the LOSAP be presented to Mr. Riggitano. Councilman Colletti stated he would like to increase the LOSAP \$100 with Mr. Riggitano’s approval.

Mayor Mola reported progress.

7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Personnel – Department of Public Works**
- b. **Personnel – Finance Department**
- c. **Personnel – TAO/Rec Department**
- d. **Litigation – Borough of Elmwood Park vs. Ingrasselino**

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:

- Personnel – Department of Public Works
- Personnel – Finance Department
- Personnel – TAO/Rec Department
- Litigation – Borough of Elmwood Park vs. Ingrasselino

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.

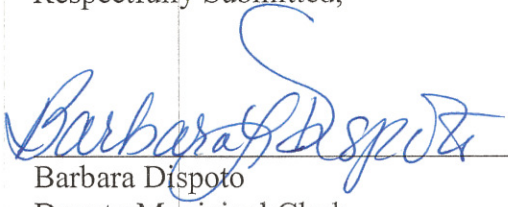
A motion was made by Councilman Caramagna and seconded by Councilman Colletti to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Castiglia and seconded by Councilman Pettigano to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara DiSpoto
Deputy Municipal Clerk

Minutes were approved at the June 6, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.