

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**

**WORK MEETING**

**May 22, 2014**

**8:00 p.m.**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for May 22, 2014 was called to order by Deputy Municipal Clerk Barbara Dispoto at 8:00 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, 2014.

Governing Body members Colletti, Martino, Pettigano, Vuoncino and Caramagna were present. Councilman Dombrowski was absent. Also present were Mayor Mola, Deputy Borough Clerk Barbara Dispoto, Borough Attorney Randazzo, Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy. Borough Clerk Keith Kazmark was absent due to attendance at a conference.

**Public Hearing:**

Raffaele Elia, Linden Avenue, discussed re-occurring sewer backups into his basement. Councilman Pettigano will reach out to Mr. Karcz regarding the issue.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:**

- a. **Boswell Monthly Status Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **2014 Road Program Proposal** – Mr. Murphy discussed the proposal and stated Alaimo is prepared to begin the project once authorized.
- c. **Letter from DeBlock regarding Pump Station #6** – Mr. Murphy discussed the letter from DeBlock and stated the letter does not impact the proposal submitted by Alaimo.
- d. **Improvements to English Avenue Park Proposal** – Mr. Murphy stated the proposal was generated from information received from Boswell Engineering. He further stated he heard concerns about the hockey rink and if the hockey rink was removed from the plans the cost would be reduced by \$5,000. Mr. Murphy stated Alaimo is ready to move forward when authorized. He further stated the budget for the project is \$200,000 and the money must be spent by the end of the year per the grant requirements. Discussion ensued to the engineering charges for the project. Mayor Mola stated the funds available from grants are spent on the project while engineering costs are incurred by the Borough. Councilman Colletti inquired whether the engineering costs will be funded by the Recreation Trust or the municipal budget. Mayor Mola stated in the past the municipal budget funded the engineering costs but can be funded by the Trust account. Councilman Colletti expressed he feels the engineering fee should be paid for by the Trust Account.
- e. **Second Supplement to Pump Station #6 Proposal** – Mr. Murphy discussed the capacity of the pump station and the amounts that flow through the station. Councilman Colletti inquired if potential growth was taken into consideration. Mr. Murphy discussed a projected 15% growth in the future. Councilman Vuoncino inquired whether Alaimo did their due diligence or using Boswell's numbers pertaining to the pump station. Mr. Murphy stated Boswell's numbers are derived from the metered flow of the pump station. He further stated Boswell's figures come from a reputable engineering firm and he feels there is no reason to doubt the figures. Councilman Colletti inquired about the infiltration during Superstorm Sandy. Mr. Murphy discussed the reduction of \$25,000 to the proposal for Pump Station #6 and \$10,000 for the 2014 Road Program. Councilman Vuoncino inquired about the \$250,000 difference between the proposals from Alaimo and Boswell Engineering. Mr. Murphy stated Alaimo calculated their proposal based on experience from another pump station that was recently completed. Councilman Colletti asked Mr. Murphy to research maximizing the capacity without affecting the amount of the proposal.

**2 – Award letter from Department of Transportation for the 2014 Municipal Aid Program** – Mayor Mola discussed the grant would fund the resurfacing of the Boulevard between Falmouth and Lee Street and also between Route 4 to Elmwood Terrace for \$140,000.

**3 – Letter from Charles Bonin regarding property tax payments** – Mrs. Dispoto explained that the Borough Tax Collector Mr. Santora stated the Tax Department cannot accept postdated tax payments, therefore those payments are returned. Discussion ensued.



4 – **Proposal from Kauker & Kauker, LLC for Market Street Rehabilitation Study** – Mrs. Dispoto discussed a resolution that was passed on October 3, 2014 with a not to exceed limit of \$15,000. To date \$14,383.00 has been paid out to Kauker & Kauker for the Market Street Rehabilitation Study. After some discussion regarding the current proposal, the Governing Body authorized a resolution to be placed on the June 5, 2014 Regular Meeting with an amount not to exceed limit of \$10,000.

5 – **REQUEST FOR RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Request from Chief Foligno to purchase two vehicles and upgrade the dispatch system** – Mrs. Dispoto discussed the memorandum from Chief Foligno. She stated the 2014 Ford Taurus was an item that was worked into the 2014 municipal budget, while 2014 Ford Explorer and the upgrades to the dispatch system will be funded by forfeiture monies. She further stated that while the funds are coming from the Prosecutor's office for two of the purchases, resolutions authorizing the purchases are still required. Resolutions will be on the June 5, 2014 Regular Meeting agenda for the upgrade to the dispatch system and the purchase of two new vehicles.

6 – **ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Certificate of Occupancy** – Mrs. Dispoto discussed at a prior work session, Borough Attorney Randazzo stated a sunset was not included in the ordinance and Mr. Kazmark was looking for direction on how to proceed regarding the ordinance. Councilman Colletti stated the ordinance worked well and the sunset was not needed. No one else commented.
- b. **Snow Ordinance** – Discussion ensued regarding the snow ordinance and the signage. The ordinance will be introduced at the June 5, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

7 – **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- a. **Municipal Court – April 2014** – Councilman Vuoncino discussed the decline in revenue for the Court Department. Minutes accepted.
- b. **Library Minutes – April 21, 2014** – Accepted without discussion
- c. **Recreation Report – May 2014** – Accepted without discussion

8 – **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Pettigano had nothing to report.

Councilman Vuoncino discussed a meeting with Councilman Dombrowski and Chief Foligno where they asked for the monthly report to be revamped. He further discussed a conversation with Chief Foligno regarding miscommunication with the Recreation Department. He stated he told Chief Foligno that the Council should not be micromanaging Department Heads, if an issue cannot be satisfied then it should be brought to Mr. Kazmark. Councilman Vuoncino discussed the table of organization and the need to fill vacancies which include Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant. He further discussed Chief Foligno's request to hire three new officers. Councilman Vuoncino stated he feels the Council should hire 3 new officers. Councilman Vuoncino suggested bringing in the three potential candidates in to interview with the Council prior to a work session so that the Council can then discuss the interviews in Executive Session. Discussion ensued to the number of officers in the Borough. Mayor Mola expressed his concern regarding any new hires being grandfathered into the 2014 contract. Borough Attorney Randazzo stated any new hire would fall under the current contract. Discussion ensued as to the number of officers to hire. The Governing Body agreed to hire three officers. It was asked that Mr. Kazmark reach out to Chief Foligno and set up interviews with the candidates prior to the June 12, 2014 Work Session.

Councilman Caramagna discussed the costs incurred with Pump Station #5. Councilman Colletti stated Pump Station #6 is the largest project that will be paid for by the taxpayers alone without grant funding.

Councilman Martino reported that Councilman Dombrowski is out of surgery and doing well.

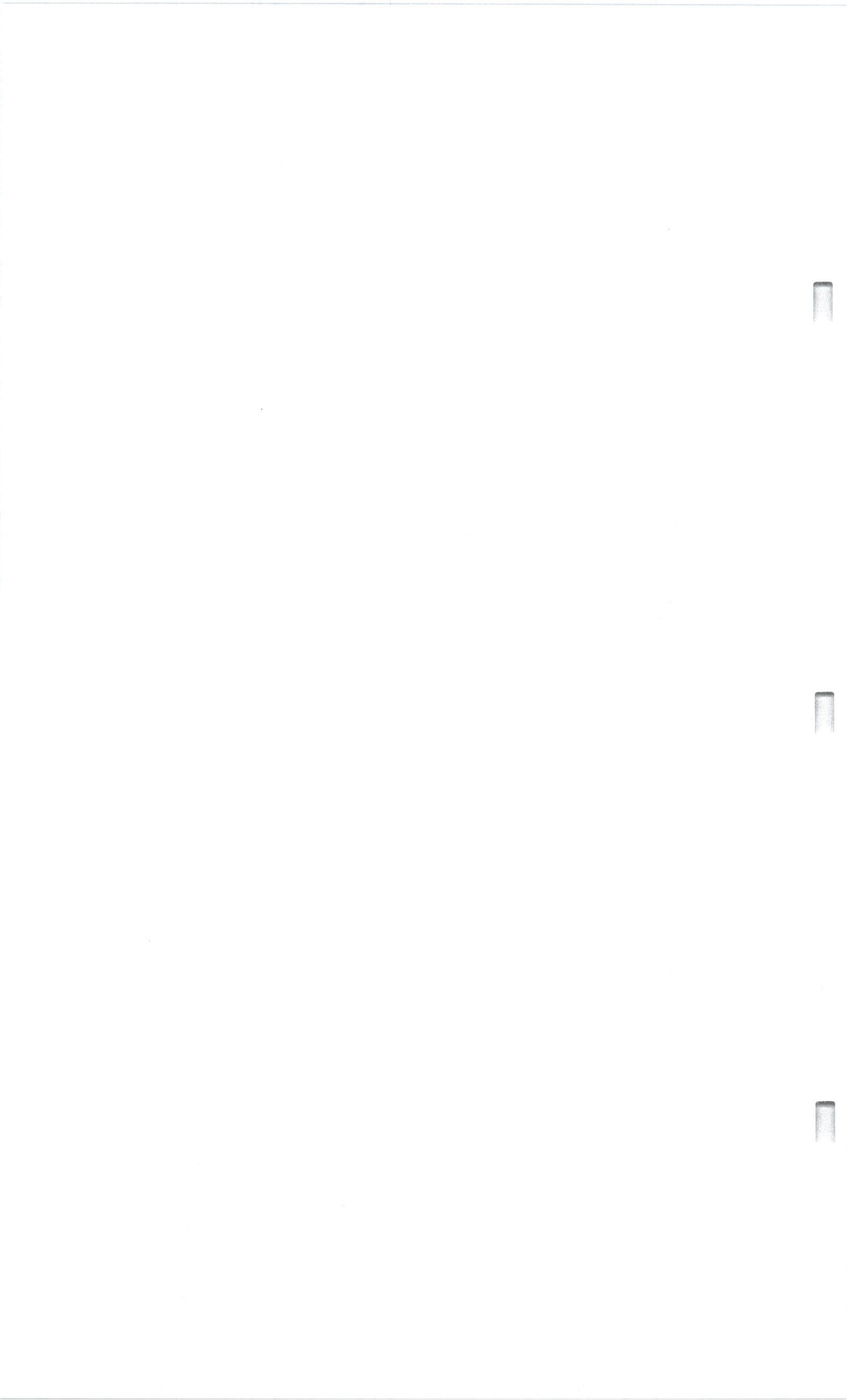
Councilman Colletti discussed a news article that states Chief Foligno was hired at a higher salary than Chief Johnson. Discussion ensued to Bike Days with the Recreation Department. Mayor Mola asked if the Council approved the closing of the Boulevard. Discussion ensued regarding Councilmembers learning about Bike Days by seeing the electronic sign outside of the Recreation Center.

Mayor Mola had nothing to report.

9 – **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. **Negotiations – PBA Contract**

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:

**PBA Contract**

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 Colletti and seconded by Councilman Pettigano to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

**PBA Contract**

A motion was made by Councilman Martino and seconded by Councilman Vuoncino to return to the public session. Motion carried by the members present.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Dispoto  
Deputy Borough Clerk

*Minutes approved at the August 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.*

