

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
September 24, 2015
8:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for September 24, 2015 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, 2015.

Council Members Caramagna, Colletti, Martino, Vuoncino and Dombrowski was present. Councilman Pettigano arrived late. Also present Mayor Mola, Borough Clerk Keith Kazmark, Borough Attorney Randazzo and Borough Engineer Murphy.

Public Hearing: No one wished to be heard

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

- a. **2016 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant – Boulevard Section 10** – The Mayor and Council request a resolution authoring the submission of this grant application for the next public meeting.
- b. **Various Road Program Memorandum** – Mr. Murphy discussed the PSE&G paving schedule as furnished. He further discussed having PSE&G pave a portion of Washington Avenue, have the Borough pave the other portion and follow through with the handicap ramps in the spring. Discussion as to PSE&G swapping linear feet on certain roadways, how different sides of the streets affected by the project would be done and the economics of doing this job various way ensued. The Mayor and Council approved Mr. Murphy's proposal for Washington Avenue. Mr. Murphy reviewed our local the 2015 Road Program schedule which will commence on October 5, 2015. He addressed the Boulevard Section 8, 9 and 10 project and that the area from Elmwood Terrace to Broadway will be done this year and the remainder will be next year. He further discussed the Market Street force main project and that the contractor will be working longer hours and overnight on four nights to move the project along and not interfere with the Municipal Building/Police operations and to ease congestion during the day at the River Drive and Market Street intersection.

2 – Recreation Department Refunds – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution to approve at the next public meeting.

3 – Certified Municipal Registrar Certification – Marlene DiStefano – Mr. Kazmark was authorized to process this change in salary in accordance with the White Collar contract.

4 – PSE&G Outdoor Lighting Service Agreement – River Drive – Mr. Kazmark was authorized to sign and process this request for additional lights on River Drive through PSE&G.

5 – Letter regarding Liquor License Waiver – Discussion ensued as to the local ordinance which allows the Mayor and Council to grant a waiver for liquor licenses to operate within 500 feet on one another. Council President Dombrowski suggested the Council change the distance in the ordinance to 200 feet. Councilman Colletti disagreed and spoke about the hardship of the two current liquor stores which will be within 500 feet of the store which is being re-located. Discussion ensued. Councilman Pettigano recommended removing the distance requirement completely. Councilman Vuoncino proposed keeping the ordinance as is and taking each transfer on a case by case basis. The Council agreed to keep the ordinance as it currently reads at this time.

6 – Chamber of Commerce Green Communities Program – Recycling/Solid Waste Containers – Council President Dombrowski provided a map with the proposed locations of the garbage/recycling bins. Discussion ensued as to the structure of the contract and who would benefit from the revenue generated. After additional discussion, it was recommended by the Mayor that the representative of the company attend a work session to further discuss the proposal and answer any questions the Mayor and Council may have.

7 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Municipal Court Report – August 2015** – Accepted without discussion
- b. **Recreation Department Report – September 2015** – Accepted without discussion

8 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Pettigano reported that 9 of the “Welcome to Elmwood Park” signs should arrive next week and will be installed by DPW. He further reported on the After School program at the Recreation Center. The Councilman asked the Mayor about the status of the Shop Rite being proposed on the K-Mart site. He announced the alumni banners which will be dedicated on October 10, 2015.

Councilman Vuoncino reported on the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Car Show this past weekend. He also discussed the recent arrests made by the Elmwood Park Police Department.

Council President Dombrowski discussed the joint meeting with the Library Board and the time in which this project is taking. He proposed a resolution of ordinance which would restrict any capital improvements to Borough buildings unless they receive Mayor and Council approval. Discussion ensued. The Council President discussed some payroll issues at the library and announced the upcoming flu shot clinics.

Councilman Caramagna discussed the library meeting. He announced that Mr. Grieco has been appointed as Superintendent of Schools. He also reported on the school building improvements.

Councilman Martino reported progress.

Councilman Colletti had no report.

Mayor Mola reported on the meeting he, Mr. Kazmark and Chief Foligno attended relative to the proposed improvements to Route 80 westbound by the NJ DOT. The proposed improvements will run 9 miles from Hackensack to Woodland Park. It will relieve the bottleneck in Paterson where the highway goes from 3 lanes to 4. The project will also be eligible for sound barriers which is good news for the Borough. The Mayor will stay on top of this issue and keep advocating for ramp improvements, which he described and for the barriers.

9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Litigation – John Buonanno vs. Borough of Elmwood Park**
- b. **Litigation – EP United Soccer Club vs. Borough of Elmwood Park**

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:

Litigation – John Buonanno vs. Borough of Elmwood Park
Litigation – EP United Soccer Club vs. Borough of Elmwood Park

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



 Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
 Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the October 1, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.