

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**  
**WORK MEETING**  
**June 11, 2015**  
**8:00 p.m.**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for June 11, 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 Colletti, Dombrowski, Martino, Pettigano and Caramagna were present. Also present were Mayor Mola, Borough Clerk Keith Kazmark, Borough Attorney Giuseppe Randazzo, and Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy. Councilman Vuoncino was absent.

**Public Hearing:** No one wished to be heard.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:**

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Mr. Murphy reviewed his status report. The water tank inspection occurred this past Monday and we will receive a report within 60 days. He discussed the pump station project. He further reported on the 2014 Road Program and his communication with AJM Contracting with addressing outstanding issues. If they do not respond we will be contacting their bonding company. The Boulevard Section 8 & 9 is being rebid. The Iozia Terrace, Franklin Street and Court Street project has begun with concrete work. The English Avenue Park project is proceeding and we are waiting for design from Musco Lighting. 2015 Road Program is under design and will go out to bid in early summer.
- b. **Bid Withdrawl Request – Force Main Improvements** – Mr. Murphy discussed how the bids came in. There was a mathematical mistake by the low bidder, Matina and Sons. Mr. Murphy recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt a resolution releasing this bid.
- c. **Force Main Bid Tabulation** – Mr. Murphy discussed the bids coming in lower than the engineers estimate. He has confirmed with the second low bidder, who will not be the low bidder, that they are confident in their numbers. Discussion ensued as to the estimate and the bid amounts. The Mayor and Council requested a resolution to award the contract for this project.
- d. **PSE&G Energy Strong Paving** – Mr. Murphy stated that he has corresponded with PSE&G and they have advised him that they do not plan to pave the streets until the fall. Discussion on holding off installing the gas main on Gilbert Avenue until after graduation ensued. Mr. Murphy will follow up with PSE&G on that request. He further discussed that any of the roads which have been ripped up by PSE&G which were repaved in the last two years will need to be repaved curb to curb. Discussion regarding extending the moratorium on road openings ensued amongst the Mayor and Council. The Council agreed to amend the ordinance to 5-years.
- e. **Proposal – Boulevard Section 10** – Mr. Murphy discussed the construction cost estimate and the grant amount for this project. This is in line with the engineer percentages of late. The Mayor and Council requested a resolution awarding the contract to Aliamo.
- f. **Letter from Boswell Engineering to release Engineering Escrow** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution to release the escrow funds.
- g. **2015 Bergen County Open Space Grant Application** – Mr. Kazmark advised that he has sent this to Donna Puglisi so she may receive a recommendation from the Recreation Advisory Board. Discussion regarding historical a grant ensued.

**2 – Letter from residents of Sabo Court regarding traffic obstructions** – The Mayor and Council directed the Clerk to have the Building Department issue a warning to the residents to cut back the vegetation and large trees which impede the view.

**3 – Proposals for work regarding the All Purpose Room** – Mr. Kazmark advised that he and the Chief have been discussing making improvements to the All Purpose Room. He discussed what the room is now used for by the Borough, the Police Department and outside groups. We are also saving money by using the room to train our officers. He reviewed the three proposals for the improvements. Discussion as to the proposals and the current condition of the room ensued. Councilman Caramagna suggested a coat of fiberglass mesh and stucco be used to refinish the room. The Council all concurred that the room needs to be repaired. Councilman Caramagna will put the Clerk in touch with someone who does this type of work and get a quote.

**4 – Letter from NJ Transit regarding the relocation of Market St./Midland Ave. Bus Stop** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for the next public meeting supporting this relocation.

**5 – Requests for Block Parties on Leliarts Lane and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Mr. Kazmark discussed the form which the Police Department had created relative to various department heads signing off. The Mayor and Council requested a resolution approving the block party requests for the next public meeting.

**6 – Request to purchase Recreation Bus – Recreation Department** – Mr. Kazmark stated we have now entered the co-op to purchase the new bus. The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for the next public meeting authoring the purchase of the bus.

**10 – ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Ordinance 15-13 – Letter from Planning Board** - The Clerk discussed the Planning Board's comments and recommendations on the Zoning Ordinance. The Council reviewed each of the recommendations and asked Mr. Randazzo and Mr. Kazmark to have Mr. Kauker include all of the recommendations into the ordinance. Mr. Kazmark asked Mr. Randazzo whether any of these recommendations could be defined as a "substantial change" which would require re-introduction of the ordinance. Mr. Randazzo stated none meet that definition. The ordinance will be adopted next Thursday at the public meeting.

**7 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- a. **Finance Department Report – May 2015**
- b. **Municipal Court Report – May 2015**
- c. **Library Minutes – April 20, 2015**

All were accepted with no discussion.

**8 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Pettigano reported that he sent out the resolution about improvements to the marina. He thanked the Council for supporting the work which was done by John Durante at the island on Lincoln Avenue. Discussion as to summer employees at DPW ensued. The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for three part-time summer DPW employees for the next public meeting. Staffing at the Department of Public Works ensued.

Councilman Dombrowski reported progress.

Councilman Caramagna discussed the upcoming Elmwood Park Schools District graduations.

Councilman Martino reported progress.

Councilman Colletti reported progress.

Mayor Mola reported that he received a letter from Riverfront about requesting re-zoning. He has given the letter to Mr. Kauker for his review. The Mayor discussed a traffic study and Councilman Martino questioned how it will affect the schools. Mr. Randazzo cautioned the Council about continuing to discuss the matter as it is potential litigation.

**9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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 – Court Department**  
**Personnel – Recreation Department**  
**Litigation - Council on Affordable Housing Requirements**  
**Litigation – Buonanno 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.

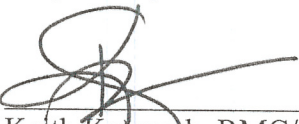
A motion was made by Councilman Martino and seconded by Councilman Pettigano to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC  
Borough Clerk

*Minutes approved at the August 20, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council*