

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
May 28, 2015
8:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for May 28, 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.

Mr. Kazmark noted that the revised time for the meeting was sent to the newspaper and posted on July 28, 2015.

Council Members Dombrowski, Colletti, Martino, Pettigano, Vuoncino and Caramagna were present. Also present were Mayor Mola, Borough Clerk Keith Kazmark, Borough Attorney Giuseppe Randazzo and Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy.

Public Hearing: No one wished to be heard.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

a. **2015 Road Program** – Mr. Murphy discussed the bids for this project going out in June. The Mayor asked about the list provided of both locally funded and grant funded streets. Mr. Kazmark discussed the status of each of the projects relative to road re-surfacing listed. Mr. Murphy discussed roads listed at the bottom of the list being paved in spring of 2016. Discussion of the hold up in CDBG funding ensued. Mr. Murphy discussed the schedule for each work effort. The Mayor inquired as to the status of the PSE&G Energy Strong project and how the roads will be re-paved. Mr. Murphy discussed the need for the trench work to settle before the pave. Mr. Murphy will send a letter to PSE&G regarding this matter. Mr. Murphy discussed the bids which came in above the estimated cost for the Boulevard project. He discussed the required cameras and the cost to supply and install. The DOT will do the instillation at no cost to the town. Discussion of the bid structure and the project scope ensued. The Mayor and Council agreed to reject all bids due to the cost exceeding the engineer's estimate.

2 – Discussion with the Elmwood Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps – Councilman Vuoncino discussed the VAC seeking quotes to re-mount the chasses on our two existing ambulances. Chief Pais was present and described the process to re-mount the rigs. Discussion as to the condition of the rigs ensued. The Council asked questions relative to mileage and status of the boxes to be re-mounted. Chief Pais advised that the total amount for the re-mounting is approximately \$213,000. The Mayor and Council agreed to move forward with this proposal. Mr. Kazmark will work with Chief Pais to move this forward.

3 – Recreation Department:

a. **Discussion regarding purchase of new bus** – Mr. Kazmark reported that he and Mrs. Puglisi met with the Superintendent of Schools to see whether the two entities could share a bus which does not seem to be an option logistically. Mr. Kazmark further discussed the Recreation Advisory Board recommending the Council bond for the purchase of the bus. He advised the Council to purchase the bus through the Recreation Trust Fund and allow the proposed after school program registrations to off-set the cost of the bus. The Council may chose next year to budget to pay back some of the money to the Trust Fund if they decide to do so. Council President Dombrowski expressed concern about the logistics of utilizing the schools buses for the after school program. Discussion

as to utilizing trust fund money to match the open space grants and potential revenue from the after school program ensued. The Mayor and Council agreed to purchase the bus using the Recreation Trust Fund account.

- b. **Request for Bike Days** - The Mayor and Council requested a resolution of approval for the next public meeting.

4 – Request from Lincoln Avenue residents to hold a Block Party on August 22, 2015 – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution of approval for the next public meeting.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Finance Department Report** – April 2015 – Accepted with no discussion.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Pettigano reported progress.

Councilman Vuoncino reported that on Memorial Day both the Police and Fire Department participated in the memorial and he would like to see the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. have a monument near the two others on Molnar Drive. He also discussed having the curb repainted near the memorial and also the striping in front of the VAC. Mr. Kazmark will follow up with Mr. Karcz on that request.

Councilman Dombrowski discussed honoring students from the Elmwood Park schools. Discussion ensued as to this proposal. The Council President stated that he spoke to Councilman Colletti during the parade about the political signs board on Van Riper and other areas in town. Discussion ensued as to limiting the signs, electronic signs, replacing the boards and First Amendment rights.

Councilman Caramagna discussed trees in the right of way and DPW doing some maintenance around town especially when the elderly are involved. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Martino reported progress.

Councilman Colletti inquired about getting the fire hydrants in town painted. Discussion about getting the Bergen County prisoners to do this work ensued. Mr. Kazmark will investigate the possibility of having them do it.

Mayor Mola reported progress.

7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Litigation – John Buonanno 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 – 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 Colletti and seconded by Councilman Dombrowski to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Pettigano and seconded by Councilman Martino to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith/Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes were approved at the September 17, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.