

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**  
**WORK MEETING**  
**May 26, 2016**  
**8:00 p.m.**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for May 26, 2016 was called to order by Deputy Municipal Clerk Barbara Dispoto at 8:04 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 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, 2016.

Council Members Colletti, Chirido, Dombrowski, Giandomenico, Martino, and Vuoncino were present. Also present were Mayor Mola, Deputy Borough Clerk Barbara Dispoto, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin and Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy. Borough Clerk Keith Kazmark was absent as he was attending the IIMC Conference. Councilman Martino left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

**Public Hearing:**

No one wished to be heard.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:**

- a. **Final Payment Estimate – English Avenue Park Improvements** – Mr. Murphy reviewed the final payment estimate and requested the Council approve the payment. A resolution will be placed on the June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting agenda for approval.
- b. **Proposal for Design Services – 2016 Road Program** – Councilman Colletti asked if there was room to reduce the proposal for this project. Council President Vuoncino inquired as to why the costs for the design and the supervision are so similar. Mr. Murphy stated the reason is the difficulty in installing the handicap ramps. Discussion then ensued as to utilizing flagmen instead of traffic control by officers. Mr. Murphy will bring a revised proposal before the Council at the next work session. Mayor Mola discussed spending less for the 2017 Road Program because of all the roads that are being resurfaced through grants.
- c. **Emergency Water Main Repair – River Road** – Mr. Murphy discussed the emergency water main repair and the cost to complete said repair. A resolution will be placed on the June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting agenda.
- d. **Synkote Paint Building** – Mrs. Dispoto discussed with the Council of the complaint that came into the Clerk's office regarding children entering the Synkote Paint Building. She then explained the steps that were taken to notify the Police Department, Department of Public Works, Building Department, Engineer and the Licensed Site Remediation Professional. Building Official Richard Bolan was present and explained the condition of the building and the jurisdiction he has to enforce codes regarding the building. Mr. Murphy discussed three proposals he obtained for the demolition of the building. The lowest proposal was for \$38,900 from Greenway Demolition. Discussion then ensued as to the positive test results for asbestos and the how it would be remediated. Borough Attorney Giblin suggested it be deemed as an emergency and to proceed with the demolition. The Council agreed to the \$38,900 proposal. A resolution will be placed on the June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting agenda declaring an emergency and authorizing the contractor to proceed.

**2 – 2016 Capital Budget Requests**

- a. **Department of Public Works** - Councilman Chirido discussed his prepared spreadsheet. Councilman Dombrowski inquired as to why the 30 yard containers at the DPW are not

currently being used for leaf and yard waste pick up. He stated the containers are capable of holding more than a new dump truck would. After some discussion the Council was polled regarding the purchase of a new dump truck for the Department of Public Works. Councilwoman Giandomenico and Councilmen Colletti, Vuoncino and Chirido polled in favor of the purchase while Councilman Dombrowski polled against it.

**3 – Arbitrage Rebate Report for the period of May 15, 2003 through December 31, 2014 prepared by Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP.** – The report was accepted without discussion.

**4 – Email from Arthur DeVoe requesting Handicap Parking Space on Parkview Avenue** – The Council accepted the recommendation from the Police Department and denied the handicap parking space request due to there being ample parking in the driveway to accommodate both handicap vehicles. A letter of denial will be sent to the requestor.

**5 – Fire & Emergency Services Exploring Program Guidelines** – Councilman Chirido discussed the program with the Council. A resolution endorsing the Fire Department’s participation in the program will be on the June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting agenda.

**6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**a. Library Board Minutes – April 18, 2016** – Accepted without discussion

**7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Chirido discussed the planting of the flowers around the memorials and the Municipal Building for Memorial Day.

Councilwoman Giandomenico discussed a meeting that she had with CFO Roy Riggitano pertaining to the 2015 Municipal Audit. She stated that the Board of Education will be interviewing interested candidates for the vacant BOE seat on June 1, 2016. She further stated that three applications were submitted for the vacancy. She then discussed the relocating of the Luigi Abramo scoreboard, and comments that were made at a recent Board of Education meeting by one of the trustees. She stated that after some communications with the Building Official and the Building Department cannot go against what is required by the State Construction Code to protect the public safety. The only item that the Building Department would be able to waive would be any municipal fees if authorized.

Councilman Dombrowski wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Councilman Vuoncino discussed the upcoming Police Committee meeting on Primary Election Day. He also discussed the Youth Week Council Meeting and recommended next year that the students be brought in to the previous work session to see what goes into creating public meeting agendas.

Councilman Martino left the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Councilman Colletti discussed as a process moving forward, that departmental requests be vetted through a department committee prior to being brought to the Council.

Mayor Mola discussed the cleaning up at Artesian Fields by the County.

**8– EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. Personnel – Department of Public Works**
- b. Personnel – Recreation Department**
- c. Negotiations – Shared Service Agreement – EP Board of Education & Police Department**
- d. Personnel – Police Department – Substitute Dispatcher Pool**
- e. Personnel – Police Department – Additional Police Officer**

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 – Recreation Department**  
**Negotiations – Shared Service Agreement – EP Board of Education & Police Department**  
**Personnel – Police Department – Substitute Dispatcher Pool**  
**Personnel – Police Department – Additional Police Officer**

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

**Personnel – Department of Public Works**  
**Personnel – Recreation Department**  
**Negotiations – Shared Service Agreement – EP Board of Education & Police Department**  
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A motion was made by Councilman Chirido and seconded by Councilman Dombrowski to return to the public session. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Council Colletti and seconded by Councilman Chirido to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara L. Dispoto, RMC  
Deputy Borough Clerk

*Meeting minutes approved at the June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.*