

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
January 7, 2016
8:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for January 7, 2016 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 8:02 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, 2016.

Council Members Colletti, Chirido, Dombrowski, Giandomenico arrived at 8:07p.m., Martino, and Vuoncino were present. Also present were Mayor Mola, Borough Clerk Keith Kazmark, Borough Attorney Giblin & Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy.

Public Hearing: No one wished to be heard.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

- a. **Status Report** – Mr. Murphy reported that the PSE&G Energy Strong project corrective work list has been sent to PSE&G and a meeting will be upcoming as to the punch list. There are 45 new services which still need to be complete. NJ DOT still has not stripped the Route 46 and Boulevard intersection. There will be a full report for the next work session regarding the water tank. Mr. Murphy reported on the progress with regard to Pump Station #6 and the force main. Councilman Colletti asked about the unmarked utilities near Soundview on Market Street. Mr. Murphy indicated that while the main is in, the utility issues are still being investigated; however our contractor did not cut any lines during installation. Discussion ensued as to the unmarked utilities. With regard to the 2014 Road Program, Mr. Murphy advised that a letter has gone to the contractor's bonding company as this work is still pending. Mr. Murphy updated the Mayor and Council on the English Avenue Park project regarding lighting and backstop installation. Discussion of the parking lot ensued. The contractor repaved areas on Cadmus Avenue and Orchard Street as part of the 2015 Road Program and the punch list items will be addressed in the spring time. Mr. Murphy discussed Boulevard Sections 8, 9 & 10 and the NJ DOT's request to hold this project to the spring due to AJM's time delays. Council President Vuoncino asked about the design specifications for the hockey rink at Borough Field. Discussion as to equipment storage areas and materials to be used ensued. Mr. Murphy will meet with Mrs. Puglisi to discuss the needs for the rink. Councilman Colletti asked about the timing of the multiple projects on Market Street. Discussion ensued as to the streetscape project and the county widening of the Market Street and Boulevard intersection project.

2 – Estimates pertaining to Scoreboard and the Installation of Scoreboard – After a brief discussion the Council agreed to move forward with the installation of the scoreboard.

3 – Letter of Veto from Mayor Mola pertaining to Ordinance #15-24 – Borough Clerk Kazmark discussed the letter of veto which was received on December 31, 2015. Borough Attorney Giblin stated that due to the calendar year ending and a new Borough Council, the veto stands and there is not opportunity to override the veto. He further stated that the Council could reintroduce the ordinance. Council President Vuoncino discussed some of the points that were listed in the letter of veto. He then presented a statute pertaining to libraries and capital improvements and the requirement for Council consent. Borough Attorney Giblin will review the statute presented by Council President Vuoncino. Councilman Dombrowski discussed the timing of when the letter of veto was written and when it was submitted to the Clerk. He then discussed the lost opportunity to overturn the veto because of the timing. Councilwoman Giandomenico discussed State statutes trumping local ordinances. Council President Vuoncino discussed the difficulties experienced with the Library Board over the past four years. Councilman Dombrowski discussed the needed repairs and concerns that have not yet been addressed by the Library Board. Councilwoman Giandomenico discussed State statutes trumping any local ordinance and the municipality not having jurisdiction over the Library.

4 – Energy Audit for the Municipal Building – Borough Clerk Kazmark discussed the history of prior energy audits. He stated the cost of the project to retrofit the municipality will cost \$15,129.68 and will be payable on a monthly basis for 36 months. The projected savings for the Borough amount to approximately \$7,700 a

month. The Mayor and Council agreed with Councilman Dombrowski abstaining due to a relationship with the contractor, to move forward with the project.

5 – Elmwood Park Fire Department Clothing Allowance – Borough Clerk Kazmark requested to pull this item from the agenda until a meeting can be set with Councilman Colletti and Fire Chief Pressler to discuss the clothing allowance.

6 – Green Communities Program – Recycling/Solid Waste Containers – Mr. Arron Klein of the Green Communities program discussed the minimum term for a contract being seven years and the minimum amount of receptacle units being ten. He further discussed the expected revenues and gross revenues if the Borough undertook the program. Discussion ensued as to the having the CFO analyze the numbers and the way in which the contract would be generated. Mr. Klein discussed the various agreements with other municipalities and the restrictions which can be placed on advertising. Councilman Dombrowski asked Mr. Giblin about the company being the "sole source" and whether we would still need to go out to bid if they were the only company who provides the service. Mr. Giblin stated that if indeed they are the only company which does this work then we can forego the bid process. Mr. Giblin will review the proposal. Discussion ensued as to contract terms. Councilman Colletti asked Mr. Kazmark to reach out to the recycling contractor to see about any additional costs. Further discussion will take place at the January 21, 2016 Work Session.

7 – RESOLUTION REQUESTS:

- a. **2016 Police Towers & Junk Title Procedures** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.
- b. **Opt-Out Requirement – Energy Procurement Cooperative Pricing System** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.
- c. **Refund Building Permit – Building Department** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.
- d. **Award Contract – Nature's Choice Corporation Agreement** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.
- e. **Fair Lawn Shared Service Agreement – Building Department** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Agenda.

11 – Letter from Boswell Engineering regarding Bids for Market Street Streetscape – Phase 2 – Borough Clerk Kazmark discussed the approval from the NJDOT to withdraw the low bidder. The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting agenda to award the bid for this project.

8 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Recreation Department Report – December 2015** – Approved without discussion
- b. **Municipal Court Report – December 2015** – Approved without discussion
- c. **Building Department Report – November 2015** – Approved without discussion

9 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Chirido stated he has spoken to Scott Karcz and looks forward to working with him and the staff at the DPW. He also mentioned that the fire hydrants are being painted and the Welcome to Elmwood Park signs are going up around town.

Councilman Vuoncino discussed the New Jersey SEM auction. He also spoke about the Planning Board and the Ambulance Corps. meeting taking place at the same time. The Mayor stated they would discuss it.

Councilman Dombrowski discussed the Board of Health's decision to extend the health services with the County. He also requested being taken off the Personnel Committee so the majority on the Council also has the majority on the committee.

Councilwoman Giandomenico stated she looks forward to working with everyone and will be meeting with Mr. Riggitano.

Councilman Martino discussed the Bombers dinner coming up and the fact that all their games were played away.

Council Colletti stated he will be meeting with Mrs. Puglisi soon as the new Recreation liaison.

Mayor Mola stated that some of the Council members have asked about limiting the public comment at our Public meetings. He suggested limiting the public comment to ten minutes. Discussion ensued and the Council polled to have the limit be ten minutes with a 3 minute rebuttal. Councilman Dombrowski discussed how the Board of Education hold their public comment hearings.

10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Personnel – Police Department**
- b. **Contract Negotiations – White Collar**

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 – Police Department
Contract Negotiations – White Collar

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 Colletti to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Police Department
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A motion was made by Councilman Chirido and seconded by Councilman Martino to return to the public session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the February 4, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.