

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
October 27, 2016
8:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for October 27, 2016 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 8:00 p.m. The Statement of compliance was read.

Council Members Caramagna, Colletti, Chirido, Dombrowski, Giandomenico and Council President/Acting Mayor Vuoncino were present. Also present were Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin and Borough Engineer Nordan Murphy.

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.

Borough Clerk Kazmark discussed the changes to the upcoming meeting schedule. A joint meeting with the Library Board is to be held on November 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., the November 3, 2016 Regular Meeting has been rescheduled to November 10, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. with a Work Session will take place prior to the Regular Meeting which is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing:

Daniel Altamar, Levy Court, inquired about the joint Library meeting.

Rich DeLorenzo, Hillman Drive, inquired if plans for the hockey rink would be available at the next Recreation Advisory Board meeting. Mr. Murphy will forward the finalized plans to Recreation Director Puglisi so they can be forwarded to the Advisory Board.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

- a. **Current Estimate #3** – Market Street Streetscape, Phase 2 – Mr. Murphy stated the streetscape is running on schedule and weather permitting will be completed the following week. Discussion ensued to the progress of the improvements to the intersection of Market Street and Boulevard and the re-paving of Market Street. A resolution will be placed on the November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting for Current Estimate #3.

2 – Letter to Elmwood Park Republican Chairman regarding the Municipal Vacancy – Borough Clerk Kazmark discussed the letter sent to the Republican Chairman and further discussed the timeline to fill the Mayoral vacancy. He anticipates the appointment can be made at the November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting. Mr. Kazmark suggested rescheduling the December 1, 2016 Regular Meeting to November 30, 2016 due to the Centennial Gala taking place on December 1, 2016. The Council directed Mr. Kazmark to advertise the change in the meeting schedule.

3 – Email from NJ Transit regarding bus stops on Municipal Roadways – Borough Clerk Kazmark forwarded a copy of the email to the Police Department for review. The bus stops listed are already established and the resolution is needed by the NJ Transit to codify the stops. A resolution will be placed on the November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting once the Police Department is completed reviewing the list.

4 – Request from Mobilization for Animal Rights, Inc. to utilize All Purpose Room for 2017 – The group has utilized the All Purpose Room for prior years and is requesting the use for 2017. All paperwork is in order and a resolution will be placed on the November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting to approve the request.

5 – Request from CFO for Current Fund Transfers – A resolution will be placed on the November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting authorizing the fund transfers.

6 – Request from Defender Company #4 for Coin Toss Event – A resolution will be placed on the November 10, 2016 to authorize the Coin Toss Event.

7– ORDINANCES:

- a. **Handicap Parking** – Borough Clerk discussed the handicap parking ordinance which would designate a parking spot to a specific person for a fee. Discussion ensued as to the amount of the fee. Mr. Kazmark will calculate the cost of creating these designated parking spaces.

8 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Library Board Minutes – September 19, 2016** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Finance Department Report – September 2016** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Department of Public Works Report – August & September 2016** – Accepted without discussion.

9 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Chirido discussed a pilot program for street sweeping. He stated that Scott Karcz and Patrolman Dave Meyers have been involved in the discussions.

Councilwoman Giandomenico reported on the Halloween Dance held by the Recreation Department. She announced the upcoming Board of Education meeting.

Councilman Dombrowski discussed the upcoming Rabies Clinic that will be held on November 2, 2016 at Fire Company #4.

Councilman Vuoncino discussed the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Annual Haunted House and the cancellation of the Planning Board meeting due to the lack of applications. He stated he believes the CCO ordinance which was passed by the Council has reduced the number of applications going before the Planning Board. He inquired as to whether Councilwoman Giandomenico needs to abstain from discussion at the Library Board regarding the capital improvements. Councilwoman Giandomenico reached out to the Community Affairs regarding her participation in discussions regarding the Library. Mr. Giblin stated he would like to see the response that Councilwoman Giandomenico received.

Councilman Caramagna discussed yard waste pick up during leaf pickup. Mr. Kazmark discussed the difficulty of picking up two different types of vegetation due to the need to utilize different equipment. Mr. Kazmark will inquire with Scott Karcz as to the dates for the different schedules. Councilman Caramagna discussed guest speakers at Homeowner Association meetings.

Councilman Colletti discussed the conversation held with Paterson Business Administrator Nellie Pou regarding the signage at the parks in Paterson where noise complaints have originated from. He suggested the Council consider some type of dedication to Mayor Mola. Members of the Council stated they would be in favor of dedicating either a building or roadway. Mr. Kazmark will reach out to Mrs. Mola for her input.

Borough Clerk Keith Kazmark thanked everyone for the support during the recent weeks regarding the illness and passing of Mayor Mola.

10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Litigation – COAH**

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 – COAH

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.

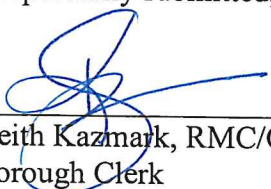
A motion was made by Councilman Chirido and seconded by Councilman Dombrowski to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the January 5, 2017 Re-Organization Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

