

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
August 3, 2017
7:00 p.m. (Revised Time)

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for August 3, 2017 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 7:00 p.m. The Statement of compliance was read.

Council Members Chirido, Dombrowski, Work, Vuoncino and Giandomenico (arrived 7:08 pm), were present. Councilman Golabek was absent due to illness. Also present were Mayor Robert Colletti, Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin, Jr. 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. Revised Notice was posted on July 28, 2017.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1 – 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:

Negotiations – PBA Local #185

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

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

Negotiations – PBA Local #185

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

2 – 8:00 p.m. Break for Special Regular Meeting to Re-Introduce Ordinance 17-18 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 17-18, ADOPTED ON MAY 18, 2017, WHICH AMENDS CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK TITLED “TRAFFIC” BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-12 THEREOF – (See Special Public Meeting Minutes)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Lorraine Pellegrine, Elm Street inquired about the Borough putting out a letter regarding water quality. She mentioned that some residents are concerned and that she called the Licensed Water Operator. Mrs. Pellegrine believes the letter would help people understand that the water quality in the town is safe. She also discussed the street sweeper pilot program.

Jeff Frietag, Hillman Drive discussed newspaper reports about lead levels in the water in the schools.

3 – **Mid-Year Report by Millennium Strategies** – Sue Scavone and Norah Hatch were present and reported upon the grant in which the Borough has received to date. Pending grants were also reviewed as were grant opportunities which the Borough did not pursue. Councilman Vuoncino requested that an area be added to the report which gives a short explanation as to why we passed on applying for certain grants.

4 – **ENGINEERING REPORT:**

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Mr. Murphy reviewed his monthly status report with the Mayor and Council. The Mayor requested that a reverse 911 call go out about the roadwork being done by PSE&G in mid-August.
- b. **Letter from NJ DOT regarding NJDOT FY 2018 State Aid Programs** – After discussion the Mayor and Council directed Mr. Murphy to move forward with an application for Mola Blvd.
- c. **Letter to John Yannuzzi regarding Emergency Sanitary Sewer Main Repair** – Mr. Murphy discussed the contractor taking issue with the emergency contractor's bill. Discussion ensued. Mr. Murphy was directed to continue to have discussion with the contractor on this matter.
- d. **Authorize Payment for Emergency Sanitary Sewer Main – Montana Construction, Inc.** – Mr. Murphy was directed to hold this invoice until the matter under 4c of this agenda can be rectified.
- e. **Current Estimate #9 & Change Order #1 – Pump Station #6 Improvements** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.
- f. **Current Estimate #1 & Final & Change Order #1 – Hockey Rink** - The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.

5 – **Proposal submitted by Goosetown Communications for video recorders for the firehouses** – Chief Shadwell and Asst. Chief Sulick were present to discuss the camera proposal. After discussion the Mayor and Council agreed to the proposal under a lease option, with confirmation from the Chief that the options were correct. Discussion as to the stipend program and the response from Fire Department Members ensued as did discussion of replacement of a fire apparatus at Fire Co. # 3. The Mayor and Council authorized the Chief to pick up the new rescue boat out of state this weekend with the Chief's vehicle.

6 – **Proposed Elmwood Park Newsletter** – The Mayor and Council agreed to have Mr. Kazmark move forward with the newsletter.

7 – **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. **Request for handicap parking space at 182 Phillip Avenue** – The Mayor and Council requested a letter of denial be sent as per the Police Department's recommendation.
- b. **Interoffice Memo from Donna Puglisi regarding security camera located at the parks** – This request was approved by the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Email from Laura Porcaro regarding street dedication to those who served in the military** – The Mayor and Council asked that the Clerk pass this onto the Veteran's Alliance in town for further discussion.
- d. **Email from Steve Zaccone regarding the Bombers utilizing the Recreation bus** – This request was approved by the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Letter from Virginia Handzo regarding the Street Sweeping Pilot Program** – Mr. Kazmark explained that there was nothing the Governing Body can do to make a ticket null and void. He will contact the resident and advise them of same.
- f. **Letter from Aneta Podolak regarding bus stop located in front of her property** – This item was discussed at the Special Public Meeting this evening at the public hearing. Mr. Kazmark will have the Police Department and the Borough Engineer evaluate the issue and determine if there is a suitable location to move the bus stop.

8 – **RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **2nd Quarter – Fire Department Stipend Program payment** – See item 5. The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.
- b. **Non-Binding resolution for a Municipal Ballot Question related to Affordable Housing** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.
- c. **Request for Permit Refunds – Building Department – 79 Route 46 West & 47 Lee Street** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.
- d. **Request to Release Road Opening Performance Bond – 119 17th Avenue** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.

- e. **Resolution Urging the State Legislature to Extend the 2% Cap on Police & Fire Arbitration Contracts Awards** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.
- f. **Request for Reimbursement for Postage – Building Department** – The amount of reimbursement needs to be confirmed by Mr. Kazmark's office with the requestor. Once accomplished, the Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.
- g. **Request for Property Maintenance of 99 Cadmus Avenue – Building Department** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.
- h. **Request for Property Maintenance of 26 Orange Avenue – Building Department** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.
- i. **Request for Coin Toss Event – Fire Company #4** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution for approval on the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.

9 – ORDINANCES:

- a. **Draft Ordinance – Speed Limit – East 54th Street** – The Mayor and Council requested ordinance be introduced at the August 17, 2017 regular meeting agenda.
- b. **Maintenance of Backyards** – After some discussion, the Mayor and Council asked that the International Property Maintenance Code be adopted as part of our Borough Code, which would address the rear yards of properties.

10 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Recreation Department Report – July 2017**
- b. **Recreation Advisory Board Minutes – June 19, 2017**
- c. **Finance Department Report – July 2017**
- d. **Library Board Minutes – June 19, 2017**
- e. **Police Department Report – June 2017**
- f. **Municipal Court Report – June 2017**
- g. **Department of Public Works – June 20, 2017 – July 18, 2017**
- h. **Fire Department Report – 2nd Quarter**

All accepted with no discussion, other than Councilman Dombrowski asking for some additional detail in the Recreation Department report in the future.

11 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Work reported on the Recreation programs and activities along with the discussions the War Memorial Committee has been having with Mr. Murphy, our engineer.

Council President Giandomenico discussed the Borough audit which was excellent and the upcoming Board of Education meeting.

Councilman Dombrowski discussed continued issues with parking at the Library and recommended maybe a four hour limit. He also reported on the upcoming Little League awards and the National Night Out. He suggested recognizing Mr. Conboy.

Councilman Vuoncino discussed recognizing Mr. Conboy for his efforts with National Night Out. He also stated that the joint Library Committee needs to reconnect and get an update as to what is going on with project.

Councilman Chirido discussed property maintenance.

Mayor Colletti discussed creating a park on the small vacant land at Van Riper Avenue and Mola Blvd.

12 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Dominic Scalcione, E. 54th Street, asked about the paving of East 54th Street and mentioned only some sections of the roadway are in need of re-surfacing.

Lorraine Pellegrine, Elm Street asked that the Mayor and Council consider the residents who are concerned about the parking issues as a result of the street sweeping program, especially those on 2nd Street.

13 – Executive Session II:

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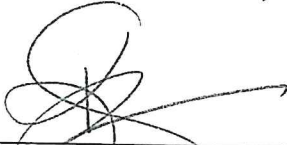
Personnel – Finance Department

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

13 – Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Dombrowski and seconded by Councilman Work to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the August 17, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.