

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**  
**WORK MEETING**  
**April 6, 2017**  
**8:00 p.m.**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for April 6, 2017 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 8:00 p.m. The Statement of compliance was read.

Council Members Chirido, Dombrowski, Golabek, Work and Vuoncino were present. Councilwoman Giandomenico was absent due to the recent birth of her child. Also present were Mayor Robert Colletti, Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark, and Borough Attorney Brian Giblin.

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. Notice was posted on January 5, 2017.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

No one wished to be heard.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**1 – CAPITAL PURCHASE REQUESTS:**

- a. **Fire Department** – Presenting was Fire Chief William Shadwell.
- b. **EP Volunteer Ambulance Corps.** – Presenting was Captain Pete Pias.
- c. **Department of Public Works** – This discussion was held until the April 13, 2017 Work Session.
- d. **Police Department** – Presenting was Chief Michael Foligno.

**2 – CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. **Email from Officer Meyers regarding a request for handicap parking space** – Based upon the Police Department's recommendation to deny this request, the Clerk was directed to send a letter advising the resident of same.
- b. **Email from Building Official Rich Bolen regarding handicap ramps at Municipal Building** – This matter will be brought to the attention of the Borough Engineer by the Municipal Clerk.
- c. **Email from Recreation Director Donna Puglisi regarding stipend request from Bombers Association** – Mr. Kazmark will further discuss this request with Mrs. Puglisi our Recreation Director.
- d. **Email from Chris Grezlak regarding noise nuisance from East Side Park** – Discussion ensued amongst the Governing Body as to strategies to address this issue.
- e. **Letter from Wayne Robbins requesting reimbursement for video tapes** – This request was discussed and denied.
- f. **Email from Millennium Strategies regarding grant opportunities** – Accepted without discussion.

**3 – Discussion regarding Swift Reach Reverse 911- 2<sup>nd</sup> Account** – Chief Foligno discussed his concerns when residents become desensitized by multiple reverse 911 calls. Discussion ensued to expand on our other social media outlets including Nixle. Further discussion was held over for a future work meeting.

**4 – RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Request for Coin Toss Event by Fire Company #4**
- b. **Resolution supporting two Affordable Housing Bills A4666 & A4667**
- c. **Resolution to release Performance Surety Bond #0402292 & Cash Performance Bond – Altair (Elmbrook Meadows)**
- d. **Resolution Authorizing Emergency Standby stipend for March 14, 2017 snowstorm**

- e. **Authorize agreement for preparation of LOSAP Financial Statements for 2016 – Lerch, Vinci & Higgins**
- f. **Authorize agreement for Financial Services regarding bonding – Acacia Financial Group**
- g. **Appointment of Fire Fighter – Christopher Monaco – Company #2**
- h. **Resolution Supporting the Relocation of Valley Hospital to Paramus**
- i. **Request to appoint Special Event Employees – Recreation Department**
- j. **Request by the VFW Post #5084 to sell Poppies**
- k. **Resolution to make use of excess Department of Defense Equipment**
- l. **Resolution Authorizing Quarterly payment of Fire Department Stipend Program**

Mayor and Council requested that resolutions for items 4a through 4l be placed on the upcoming public meeting agenda.

**5 – ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Street Sweeping Ordinance** – Mayor and Council requested the introduction of the ordinance at the next public meeting.
- b. **Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours** – Mayor and Council requested the introduction of the ordinance at the next public meeting.
- c. **Snow Removal Scheduling** – Mayor Colletti discussed the listing of snow removal priorities by the Department of Public Works for review by the Mayor and Council.

**6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

- a. **Library Board Minutes – February 27, 2017** – Accepted with no discussion.
- b. **Municipal Court Report – March 2017** – Accepted with no discussion.
- c. **Finance Department – March 2017** – Accepted with no discussion.
- d. **Recreation Department Report – March 2017** – Accepted with no discussion.

**7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Chirido reported progress.

Councilman Vuoncino reported on the Library Construction Committee meeting.

Councilman Dombrowski reported on the Homeowners Association and the Library Construction Committee. Councilman Dombrowski discussed his thoughts regarding the paving of East 54<sup>th</sup> Street.

Councilman Work discussed upcoming coin toss event with the Fire Department. He further discussed the upcoming sport programs with the Recreation Department.

Councilman Golabek discussed Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release ordinance with the Board of Health. He further discussed the potential shared service agreement for the improvement of the tennis courts.

Mayor Colletti discussed bringing back summer concerts and the installation of a band shelter. He further discussed donations in the amount of \$90,000 from local businesses for the project. Discussion of the location ensued.

**8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC HEARING:**

Denis Ingui, Falmouth Avenue, thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the Rare is Beautiful 5K Run/Walk.

Sandy Balistrieri, Willow Street, stated the Recreation Advisory Board discussed the band shelter at their last meeting and approved of the idea.

Jeff Frietag, Hillman Drive, discussed the condition of River Drive between Locust Street and Hillman Drive. He further discussed the effects of COAH.

9 – **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. **Personnel – Department of Public Works (2 matters)**
- b. **Personnel – Finance Department (2 matters)**
- c. **Personnel – Police Department**
- d. **Litigation - COAH**
- e. **Negotiations – Department of Public Works**

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 – Finance Department**  
**Personnel – Police Department**  
**Litigation - COAH**  
**Negotiations – Department of Public Works**

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

**Personnel – Department of Public Works**  
**Personnel – Finance Department**  
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A motion was made by Councilman Dombrowski and seconded by Councilman Work to return to the work session. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Councilman Dombrowski and seconded by Councilman Work to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC  
Borough Clerk

*Minutes approved at the September 21, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.*