

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
October 5, 2017
8:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for October 5, 2017 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 8:00 p.m. The Statement of compliance was read.

Council Members Chirido, Work and Vuoncino were present. Councilmembers Dombrowski and Giandomenico were absent and Councilman Golabek arrived at 9:15pm. 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.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Frank Obara, Elmwood Drive, discussed his concern regarding the removal of the fence at the Elmwood Drive Park.

Wesley Nieradka, Doremus Place, requested a new fence be installed at the Elmwood Drive Park.

Charlie Chalhoub, Doremus Place, discussed the safety factor concerning the removal of the fence.

Christopher Ferreira, Doremus Place, discussed the removal of the fencing and the aluminum fencing around the playground.

Lorraine Pellegrine, Elm Street, stated that she feels the Mayor and Council will do the right thing to address the safety issue and re-install the fence.

Saidahmed Dalal, Elmwood Drive, discussed the lack of fencing causing garbage to be blown onto area lawns.

Syed Ahmed, Elmwood Drive, discussed the danger of a car driving off the road and into the park.

Kenny Caldwell, Doremus Place, discussed the fencing and the Police Department.

Thomas (minor), Doremus Place, discussed cars speeding around the park.

Anna Nieradka, Doremus Place, discussed her concerns regarding soccer.

Linda Meola, Elmwood Drive, discussed the dangers for the children and them coming onto her yard.

Mr. Kazmark and Recreation Director Donna Puglisi discussed the prior discussions which led up to the removal of the fence. Mayor Colletti discussed the absent Councilmembers and requested a special meeting prior to the upcoming public meeting to discuss the fencing.

1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

- a. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** – Mr. Murphy discussed his recommendations which take into account roadways that were included in the PES&G

Energy Strong program. The Mayor and Council requested a resolution to be placed on the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.

2 – Discussion with Rosana Da Silva regarding PVSC/Rutgers Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance Program – Representatives for PVSC/Rutgers Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance Program discussed the program with the Mayor and Council. Further discussion regarding the program will be placed on the October 26, 2017 Work Session.

3 – Security Cameras for Fire Houses – Goosetown Communications – Mr. Kazmark clarified some of the questions that were brought up at a prior work session. Further discussion ensued as to the necessity of upgrading the recording equipment. Discussion ensued as to when Councilmembers should recuse themselves from a topic. It was requested that a second quote be obtained for the Council's review.

4 – CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Postcard from Doreen Voight regarding streetsweeping** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Email from Chief Foligno regarding a speed survey on Martha Avenue** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Letter of Resignation from Brian Mutch – Building Department** – An advertisement for the position will be posted on the Borough's Facebook page and website.
- d. **Letter from NJDEP regarding Green Acres Grant Program** – Discussion ensued as to the grant program. The letter from the NJDEP will be forwarded to Mr. Murphy and Recreation Director Donna Puglisi for their review.
- e. **Email from Millennium Strategies regarding 2018 Grant Opportunities** – Discussion ensued as to the both the Library and EP Takes Action being able to take advantage of these opportunities. Millennium Strategies will be put in contact with both the Library Director and EP Takes Action to pursue grant funding.
- f. **Email from Chief Foligno regarding the intersection of Meyer Street and Stefanic Avenue** – Accepted without discussion.

5 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Appointment of Full-time Laborer – Department of Public Works** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.
- b. **Appointment of After School Substitute – Recreation Department** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.
- c. **Request for Coin Toss Events – Elmwood Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps.** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.
- d. **Request to purchase All-Inclusive playground equipment – Recreation Department.** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.
- e. **Request for Additional funding for Special Labor Counsel – Police Department.** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.
- f. **NJDOT Request for Bus Stop relocation resolution** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.
- g. **Authorize execution of agreement for service regarding arbitrage rebates in association with the Borough's Debt Obligations** – The Mayor and Council requested a resolution be placed on the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting agenda.

6 – ORDINANCES:

- a. **Street Sweeping Ordinance** – The Mayor and Council approved the draft for a direct mailing notifying residents that their street sweeping program will be suspended. Mr. Kazmark will prepare the direct mailing.

7 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Finance Department – September 2017** – Accepted without discussion.

- b. Department of Public Works Report – September 2017 – Accepted without discussion.
- c. Recreation Department Report – September 2017 – Accepted without discussion.
- d. Library Board Minutes – July 17, 2017 – Accepted without discussion.
- e. Millennium Strategies – September 2017 – Accepted without discussion.
- f. Police Department – September 2017 – Accepted without discussion.
- g. Recreation Advisory Board Minutes – July 24, 2017 – Accepted without discussion.

8 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Chirido discussed the clean-up that was performed by the Department of Public Works at the Marina.

Councilman Vuoncino reported on the NJ SEMS and the Safety Day program that was held in the KMart parking lot. He further reported on the Library Building Committee. Mr. Kazmark discussed a possible additional funding source that can be utilized for the capital project depending on the outcome of the ballot question at the General Election.

Councilman Dombrowski was absent.

Council President Giandomenico was absent.

Councilman Work discussed the recent Fire Department meeting that he attended. He further discussed the registration and ongoing Recreation programs.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Mayor Colletti reported progress.

9 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Sandra Balistrieri, Willow Street, discussed the fencing at the Elmwood Drive Park. She further stated as a member of the Recreation Advisory Board, she would like to see the Recreation Advisory Board have a special meeting to discuss the fencing instead of polling the Board via email.

Lorraine Pellegrine, Elm Street, stated that based on the cost of the fence replacement the Mayor and Council should install a new fence.

10 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Personnel – Finance Department

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 – Finance Department

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.

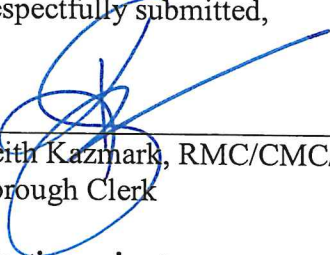
A motion was made by Councilman Chirido and seconded by Councilman Vuoncino to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

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A motion was made by Councilman Chirido and seconded by Council President Giandomenico to return to the public portion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kazimark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Meeting minutes were approved at the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.