

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
May 10, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for May 10, 2018 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark at 7:01 p.m. The Statement of compliance was read.

Council Members Balistrieri, Chirido, Giandomenico (7:09 arrival), Pellegrine and Golabek were present. Councilman Dombrowski was absent. Also present were Mayor Francesco A. Caramagna, Municipal Clerk Keith Kazmark and Borough Attorney Giuseppe Randazzo.

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 4, 2018.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Doris Wechtler, Philip Avenue, inquired as to when the 4-way stop signs will be installed along Spiedel Avenue.

Jeff Frietag, Hillman Drive, inquired about the 4-way stop signs near the schools and as to whether they are legal. He further stated posting 4-way stops throughout town if the purpose of the installation of signs are a matter of safety.

1 – Discussion with EP Takes Action – Representatives from EP Takes Action discussed the Stigma Free initiative. It was stated that attempts to create a task force were unsuccessful due to the lack of volunteers. It was further stated that funding that EP Takes Action will be soon be coming to an end. Mr. Kazmark discussed a councilmember becoming a liaison to the Stigma Free Task Force and reach out to various organizations for a liaison to represent them on the task force. He further discussed other municipalities that helped Woodland Park to create their task force and he could forward those contacts so they can also help Elmwood Park.

2 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Mr. Kazmark introduced Michael Cristaldi to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Christaldi reviewed the monthly status report.
- b. **Change Order #2 – Elmwood Park Water Tank Replacement** – A resolution will be placed on the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.
- c. **Current Estimate #2 – Elmwood Park Water Tank Replacement** – A resolution will be placed on the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.
- d. **Proposal for installation of Borough Clock – Michael Vricella Construction** – A resolution will be placed on the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.

3 – CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Email from Laura Porcaro regarding the recognition of former residents who served in the military** – Discussion ensued as to setting a criteria for the dedication of roadways. The request will be reviewed by the Veterans Memorial Committee.
- b. **Letter from Thomas Trier regarding the legalization of marijuana** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Discussion of Elmwood Park Newsletter** – Mr. Kazmark asked the Mayor and Council to submit to him what they would like to see in the newsletter. He asked that he have the suggestions by the end of the month.
- d. **Discussion of Mosquito Jungle upgrades** – There was discussion of the men's softball field paying for the installment of fencing that is being requested by the State. After some discussion is was decided that Mr. Dale Fava will be directed to contact the State regarding their requirements.

- e. **Request by Amr Alzubl for variance allowing the retaining wall that encroaches the public right-of-way** – The Mayor and Council discussed the encroachment into the right-of-way by Mr. Alzubl. It was decided by the Mayor and Council not to allow the encroachment and give the resident 30 days to restore the right-of-way.
- f. **Installation of fiber optics in the right-of-way by AT&T** – A resolution will be placed on the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.
- g. **Email regarding Application & Escrow Fees for the Board of Education** - A resolution will be placed on the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.

4 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Proposal for new carpeting in the Police Department – The Gillespie Group** – There were no objections to the installation of new carpeting.
- b. **Request to release Road Opening Performance Bonds** – A resolution will be placed on the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.
- c. **Request to release Cash Performance Bond – 9 Grant Street** – A resolution will be placed on the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.
- d. **1st Quarter Stipend Program – Elmwood Park Fire Department** – A resolution will be placed on the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.
- e. **Spray park patch & repair quote – Playsites & Surfaces** – Discussion held over to the work session.
- f. **Proposal letter from Topology for Planning & Redevelopment Projects** – After some discussion a roll call was taken as to whether a resolution will be placed on the upcoming meeting. Councilwoman Giandomenico abstained and Councilman Chirido voted no, all other councilmembers were in favor of the resolution. A resolution will be placed on the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting agenda.

5 – ORDINANCES:

- a. **Ordinance – Crowd Control** – Upon review and approval from Chief Foligno the ordinance will be introduced at the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Ordinance – COAH** – The ordinance will be introduced at the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **Municipal Court Report – April 2018** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Finance Department – April 2018** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Recreation Advisory Board minutes – March 26, 2018** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Police Department Report – April 2018** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Library Board minutes – March 19, 2018** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Department Public Works Report – March 15, 2018 – April 15, 2018** – Accepted without discussion.
- g. **2018 Tax Appeal Totals Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- h. **Board of Health minutes – February 12, 2018 & March 12, 2018** – Accepted without discussion.

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistrieri reported on the new name signs on Mola Boulevard on Market Street and Linden Avenue. The State will be replacing the signs on Route 4 & Route 46. She discussed the need for a new truck for the Department of Public Works.

Councilman Chirido discussed a recent ordinance committee meeting in which rent control was discussed.

Councilwoman Giandomenico discussed a meeting with Chief Pais and a possible incentive program.

Councilwoman Pellegrine discussed the Police Department Meet & Greet that was held. She spoke on the painting of yellow curbs and 4-way stop signs. She further discussed the upcoming interviews of potential police officers. She discussed a prior Chamber of Commerce meeting that she attended. Councilwoman Pellegrine discussed a recent forum that was held by

the Board of Health which had Representatives from Bergen County Animal Shelter/Animal Control to inform residents on the local wildlife and answer questions. She stated the spring rabies clinic will be on May 17, 2018. She discussed a Resident Assistance Program that she is spearheading.

Council President Golabek reported progress.

Mayor Caramagna discussed a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting that he attended. He stated he reviews

Mr. Kazmark advised the Mayor and Council that it is still questionable as to whether or not there will be a Youth Week Council Meeting. He further stated that he is awaiting information from municipalities that currently are using a pothole reporting application.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jean Frietag, Hillman Drive, discussed the upcoming public meeting for the Bergen County Open Space grant of \$197,925 which will be going towards the improvements to the tennis courts is approaching and inquired if someone from the municipality attends the hearings. She inquired about as to whether the crowd control ordinance pertains to indoor or outdoor events. Mrs. Frietag discussed resident assistance that is available through St. Leo's Church.

Jeff Frietag, Hillman Drive, inquired as to the COAH ordinance that will be introduced at the next public meeting. He also inquired as to the costs for the improvement of the spray park.

George Nestory, Sabo Court, discussed the honoring of veterans, marijuana ordinance and a municipal planner. He also discussed the parking issues and his desire for the borough to have permit parking. He further discussed the burden on the infrastructure from replacing single family homes with two family homes.

Denise Inqui, Falmouth Avenue, discussed the stop signs along Spiedel Avenue, the Ambulance Corps having more coverage due to summer break for college students.

Doris Wechtler, Philip Avenue, inquired as to the completion date for the repairs to the spray park.

Keith Work, Gilbert Avenue, inquired about the Veterans Memorial committee and the hiring of a new employee for the Recreation Department.

9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Personnel – Recreation Department
- b. Personnel – Police Department
- c. Personnel – Fire Prevention Bureau
- d. Personnel – Municipal Clerk's Office
- e. Personnel – Department of Public Works
- f. White Collar/Blue Collar Contract

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 – Recreation Department
- Personnel – Police Department
- Personnel – Fire Prevention Bureau
- Personnel – Municipal Clerk's Office
- Personnel – Department of Public Works
- White Collar/Blue Collar Contract

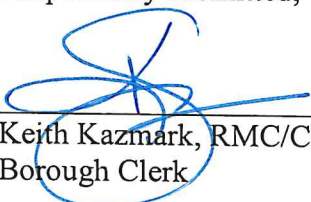
Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the public be excluded from this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Chirido 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 Councilwoman Pellegrine to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Councilman Chirido and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.
Respectfully submitted,



Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC
Borough Clerk

Approved at the July 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.