

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**  
**SPECIAL WORK MEETING**  
**November 8, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park was called to order on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 8:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

On Roll Call Council Members: Balistreri, Burke, Dombrowski, Giandomenico, Pellegrine, were present Council President Golabek arrived at 7:15p.m. Also present were: Mayor Caramagna, Deputy Borough Clerk Barbara Dispoto 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. Revised notice was posted on November 6, 2018.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

No one wished to be heard.

**1 – Governor’s Best Practices Checklist – 2018/2019** – Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano reviewed the Governor’s Best Practices Checklist with the Governing Body.

**2 – Lot Size Building Restrictions** – The Mayor and Council expressed their concerns to the Building Official Richard Bolan regarding the demolition of single-family homes and the building of multi-family home on the same lot. Discussion ensued as to changing the lot size requirement to reduce the number of multi-family dwellings replacing single dwellings. Building Official Bolan expressed his concerns as to some dwellings becoming non-compliant when changing the lot size requirement. It was decided that further discussion would be taken up at a later time.

**3 – Emergency Sanitary Sewer Force Main Repair** - Discussion ensued as to an emergency sanitary sewer force main repair near the Market Street bridge. The estimated cost for the repair is approximated at \$35,000. A resolution will be placed on the next Regular Meeting authorizing payment for the repair with a not to exceed amount of \$35,000.

**4 – Fire Department 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Stipend Program** – A resolution will be placed on the next Regular Meeting agenda authorizing payment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Stipend Program.

**5 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. **Negotiations – Department Head/Hourly Employee Salary Ordinance**
- b. **Personnel – Police Department**
- c. **Personnel – Borough Clerk’s Office**

**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 – Department Head/Hourly Employee Salary Ordinance**
- Personnel – Police Department**
- Personnel – Borough Clerk’s Office**

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 Dombrowski and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**Negotiations – Department Head/Hourly Employee Salary Ordinance**  
**Personnel – Police Department**  
**Personnel – Borough Clerk’s Office**

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara L. Dispoto, RMC  
Deputy Borough Clerk

*Minutes approved at the March 19, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.*