

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
September 12, 2019
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for September 12, 2019 was called to order by Acting Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:11PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Balistreri, Dombrowski, Fasolo, Ingui, Wechtler, and Council President Pellegrine were present. Also present were Mayor Golabek, Acting Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Salvatore A. Ingrassia.

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 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 7, 2019.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Joyce Szymd, Tuella Avenue, questioned the reasoning behind the new “No Left Turn” sign onto the Boulevard. Additionally, Ms. Szymd asked for details on the timeline for the Tuella Avenue water project.

Richard Trawinski, Walnut Street, informed the Mayor and Council that the light reflecting on the tank at Market Street and Mola Boulevard needs to be readjusted.

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, inquired about the 2018 CDBG Project bid rejection that took place at the Special Meeting, prior to the Work Session Meeting. He requested more information on next steps for re-advertising of bids for said project.

1 – CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **2018 Road Program Punch List Inspection** – The punch list inspection was reviewed by members of the Governing Body. Two issues of an unnecessary double-yellow line and flooding on Cadmus were discussed. It was determined that the 2018 Road Program contractor, 4-Clean-Up, is not responsible for either issue and will be resolved otherwise.
- b. **Altice Mayor and Council Meetings** – Acting Borough Clerk Delaney informed the Mayor and Council that the initial application for televising Mayor and Council meetings was submitted and approved for the same time slot on Mondays. Only one timeframe is approved at a time and additional slots can be applied for after October

1st. Councilman Dombrowski requested that the Borough look into the cost for their own PEG channel through Altice. Acting Borough Clerk Delaney stated that she would get the price for the Governing Body's discretion.

2 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Liquor License Renewal** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Handicap Parking Spots** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- c. **Basketball Court** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- d. **Tuella Avenue Improvements** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- e. **Crusader Clean-up** – Councilwoman Ingui gave a brief update on the clean-up and stated that she would be receiving suggested clean-up location from DPW Superintendent Scott Karcz. She advised that they are currently looking to get bags and gloves for the clean-up donated. Acting Borough Clerk Delaney suggested they look into utilizing funds from the Clean Communities program. Lastly, Councilman Dombrowski requested that supplying refreshments be explored. A resolution will be placed on the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- f. **Refund Overpayments** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- g. **Fireman Application** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- h. **Civil Service Notification of Eligibility** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

3 – ORDINANCES:

- a. **4-way Stops** – Ordinances will be read on introduction at the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- a. **2018 Planning Board Secretary's Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **2018 Zoning Board of Adjustment Secretary's Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Board of Health Minutes – January through June 2019** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Building Department – July 2019** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Police Department – July 2019** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Millennium Strategies – August 2019** – Accepted without discussion.
- g. **Finance Department – August 2019** – Accepted without discussion.
- h. **Fire Prevention – August 2019** – Accepted without discussion.
- i. **Building Department – August 2019** – Accepted without discussion.
- j. **Municipal Court – August 2019** – Accepted without discussion.

5 – APPLICATIONS:

- a. **Rare Is Beautiful – October 26, 2019** – The application will be placed on the September 19th, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda for approval.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistreri's Department of Public Works report included an announcement about the pending hydrant flushing schedule, a line painting update, and notice that sprinklers have now been installed throughout Borough Field. On behalf of the Recreation Department, she discussed the Food Truck Festival and Movies Under the Stars upcoming events in addition to basketball registration details. Finally, Councilwoman Balistreri specified the dates for the next Stigma Free meeting and Council Corner.

Councilman Dombrowski thanked the individuals responsible for the September 11th services. He then went on to recommend that the Mayor's "222 New Trees" be tied into the new trees that are to be planted at the Veterans Memorial Monument.

Councilman Fasolo shared dates for all school district back-to-school nights and upcoming fundraisers for this year's graduating class. There will be a school clothing drive on September 28th in addition to the Coach Abramo dedication game on October 12th.

Councilwoman Ingui reported that the Ambulance Corps. did not meet on September 11th as originally planned due to the September 11th services. The meeting is rescheduled for September 18th. She, again, announced and thanked all of those involved in coordinating the Crusader Clean-up. Lastly, she commended the Police Department and School Board for keeping us safe and for the moment of silence on September 11th.

Councilwoman Wechtler updated the public and Governing Body on the upcoming Library Board meeting and Homeowner's Association bus trip fundraiser and Candidate's Night. She applauded all of those involved in putting together the services on September 11th but suggested that perhaps lights be installed at the monument and that the weeds get cleaned-up more frequently.

Council President Pellegrine, on behalf of the Board of Health, announced that they now have a new Health Inspector and that they will be hosting a Health Fair sometime in October. Additionally, there was a board resignation so a replacement representative is in order. Lastly, she announced a future fundraiser sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce that will benefit Rare is Beautiful and the Residents Assistance Program and the October 26th Prescription Drug Takeback Day.

Mayor Golabek thanked Council President Pellegrine for running the Special Meeting prior to the Work Session Meeting in his absence. He went on to inform those in attendance that he sent correspondence to the Inserra ShopRite Company regarding the conditions at the K-Mart site which, in turn, led to a positive response and promise to clean-up the area. To conclude his

report, he added that phase 2 of PSE&G's energy project is complete and the Borough is working with them to get phase 3 underway.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Bill Szmyd, Tuella Avenue, questioned whether or not the new sprinklers installed at Borough Field included the area near the tank.

Joyce Szmyd, Tuella Avenue, requested an explanation as to why the generator at the Recreation Department was fixed at its current location.

Jeanne Freitag, Hillman Drive, wished to confirm that the Crusader Athlete Clean-up will be held in addition to the National Honor Society Clean-up. Additionally, she asked about the status of the additional Veteran street signs and the tank's wall sign.

8 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Payroll – Personnel**
- b. Police Department – Litigation**
- c. Department of Public Works – Personnel**

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:

Payroll – Personnel
Department of Public Works – Personnel
Police Department – Litigation

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 Council President Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

Payroll – Personnel
Department of Public Works – Personnel
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A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Wechtler to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA
Acting Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.