

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
SPECIAL WORK MEETING
February 20, 2020
4:00PM

The Special Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for February 20, 2020 was called to order by Deputy Clerk Marlene DiStefano at 4:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Fasolo, Ingui, Pellegrine, Wechtler, and Council President Balistrieri were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Deputy Clerk Marlene DiStefano and Borough Administrator Michael Foligno.

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 a special meeting 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 published on February 18, 2020.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

1 – 2020 BUDGET:

Borough CFO Roy Riggitano and Borough Auditor Steven Wielkocz presented the proposed 2020 Municipal Budget which was \$72.00 to the average homeowner. Mr. Wielkocz detailed the reasons as to why the Borough is seeing an increase this year, including the Marcal fire and cyberattack. Mayor Colletti questioned what the projection for 2020 was at the time of the 2019 budget introduction of which Mr. Wielkocz advised that it was projected to be about \$35-\$36.00. Mayor Colletti raised concerns and expressed his dissatisfaction as to why the budget increase was \$0.00 in 2019 and is now jumping to \$72.00 for 2020. He felt that there should have been a slight increase in 2019 to alleviate some of the sticker shock for 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC

Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the April 2, 2020 Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council.