

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
March 5, 2020
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for March 5, 2020 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:01PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

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

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 8, 2020.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, requested an update on the status of the tennis court project and inquired about project bidding being done through PSE&G.

Jeanne Freitag, Hillman Drive, questioned when the new seasonal Market Street banners would be going up.

Doug DeMatteo, Lincoln Avenue, advised the Mayor and Council that a flag is missing at the tank

Barbara Von Dem Hagen, Orchard Street, discussed the upcoming 2020 Census and suggested that the Borough form a Complete Count Committee of which she would be happy to volunteer for. It was agreed upon that a meeting would be scheduled to discuss next steps related to this committee.

1 – ENGINEERING REPORT:

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Ali Mohamed from Alaimo Group reviewed the monthly status report. During the status report, it was agreed upon that Borough Attorney Ingraffia would work on a draft curb ordinance to send to Alaimo Group for their review.
- b. **Bergen County Open Space Grant** – The Mayor and Council were asked to determine whether or not they have an area in mind for the Borough to apply for the upcoming Bergen County Open Space Grant. Any ideas should be forwarded to Millennium Strategies' attention.

2 – CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Produce Market** – Borough Clerk Erin Delaney discussed a free produce market program that she can assist in bringing to the Borough. The Mayor and Council was in support of exploring the program and requested that Ms. Delaney connect the organization with the Recreation Director so that it can be scheduled.
- b. **Borough of Fair Lawn Zoning Ordinance** – No discussion ensued.
- a. **Little League Field Renaming** – Borough Administrator Foligno detailed a request from the Little League organization to rename the field as Veterans Ball Park. The entire Governing Body agreed to doing so. Borough Attorney Ingraffia stated that he would draft a supporting resolution to be placed on the March 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

3 – RESOLUTIONS:

- b. **Taser Purchase** – A resolution will be placed on the March 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Substitute Crossing Guards** – A resolution will be placed on the March 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Department of Defense 1033 Program** – A resolution will be placed on the March 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

- e. **Summer Concert Proposal** – The Mayor and Council requested more information as to dates, available bands, etc. Therefore, this agenda item will be carried over to the next Work Session meeting.
- f. **Borough Administrator Authorities** – A resolution will be placed on the March 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Fire Department Volunteer** – A resolution will be placed on the March 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

4 – ORDINANCES:

- h. **Paterson Avenue Turn Prohibition & Timed Parking** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia will draft an ordinance. The ordinance will be introduced at the March 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo reported progress.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilwoman Ingui reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine stated that the Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting was a success where new ideas were brought to the table. She also shared information on the upcoming RAP Appreciation Breakfast and next Board of Health meeting.

Councilwoman Wechtler publicized the date for the next Library Board meeting and shared that the new classes being held through the Library have been a huge success.

Council President Balistrieri announced the dates for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Community Day. She also stated that the DPW has been working closely with PSE&G on their gas line repairs.

Mayor Colletti informed the public that there has been a setback with the construction at the library due to PSE&G reporting there is an issue with the existing service. As a result, the project will be delayed an additional month.

6 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, advised the Mayor and Council that the new stop sign for Iozia & 16th and missing Veterans sign at Hillman Drive are still not up. He asked for further clarification on the Department of Defense 1033 Program resolution that will be on the March 19th meeting agenda. Lastly, he noted that multiple municipalities put money aside in their budgets to address curbing.

Carl Roberts, Washington Avenue, requested an update on the clean-up of Artesian Fields. Additionally, he questioned the Mayor and Council on their plans to address dips and curbing in the upcoming ordinance.

Doug DeMatteo, Lincoln Avenue, asked whether or not the anticipated work on the Gilbert parking lot will be coordinated with the schools.

7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Tax Department – Personnel**
- c. **Recreation Department – Personnel**
- d. **Police Department – 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:

Legal Reports/Litigation
Tax Department – Personnel
Recreation Department – Personnel
Police Department – Personnel

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wechtler and seconded by Councilwoman Ingui to return to public portion as an item of concern was not discussed.

George Siller from Riverfront Boulevard discussed a sewer connection application that must be signed by the Mayor in order for their application to be forwarded to Passaic Valley and then the Department of Environmental Protection. Borough Attorney Ingraffia stated that a dedication of the roadway was not done and should be done prior to the signing of the application. Therefore, a resolution to accept the dedication is necessary.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to re-enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Wechtler and seconded by Council President Balistrieri to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Councilman Golabek and seconded by Councilman Fasolo 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.