

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
May 14, 2020
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for May 14, 2020 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:04PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

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

**Please note that Councilmembers Pellegrine and Wechtler participated by way of teleconference.*

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.

Due to the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, precautionary measures were taken in an attempt to prevent further spread of the virus and to protect the health and public safety of the Governing Body, Borough Professionals, and members of the public. As a result, the public was unable to physically attend the meeting. In order to participate in the meeting, the public was required to use the free access number which was provided and advertised in advance.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one from the public wished to be heard.

1 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Bergen County Department of Public Works Public Notice** – No discussion ensued.

2 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Corrective Action Plan for 2019 Audit – Roy Riggitano** – CFO Roy Riggitano reviewed the 2019 Audit findings. He then discussed the Corrective Action Plan for said audit with the Mayor and Council. A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Authorize Estimated Tax Bills** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Rosemont Park Playground Equipment Estimates** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Fire Department Equipment Requests** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council contingent on there being sufficient funding on the bond and the Fire Department complies with a request for a detailed explanation of said purchases.
- e. **NEW Fire Department Equipment Request** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council contingent on there being sufficient funding on the bond and the Fire Department complies with a request for a detailed explanation of said purchases.
- f. **Fire Prevention Probationary Period** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Tax Department – Refund Overpayment** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- h. **Recreation Department – Summer Camp Counselors** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council contingent on whether or not Summer Camp takes place.
- i. **Safe and Secure Grant Resolution** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- j. **Vacation Buybacks** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

3 – APPLICATION:

- a. **Elmwood Park Football Bombers – Calendar Raffle** – Accepted without discussion and will be placed on the May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **March 2020 Fire Prevention Bureau Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **April 2020 Building Department Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **April 2020 Municipal Court Report** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Finance Report through April 30, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.

5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Given the circumstances of the meeting, no committee reports were shared by the Governing Body. Councilmembers Fasolo and Ingui expressed wanting to do some form of a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020. Additionally, Mayor Colletti shared an idea to bring a drive-in theater to Elmwood Park, originally shared by the Recreation Director.

6 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, inquired as to whether or not the meetings are being video recorded.

Dominick Scalcione, E. 54th Street, requested more information on the estimated tax bills.

7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Legal Reports/Litigation

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

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 Golabek to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

Legal Reports/Litigation

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo 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 May 21, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.