

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
October 1, 2020
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for October 1, 2020 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:03PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Fasolo, Golabek, Ingui, Pellegrine, Wechtler, and Council President Balistrieri were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, 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 8, 2020.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one from the public wished to be heard.

1 – Best Practices Survey Review

Borough CFO, Roy Riggitano, reviewed the Best Practices Inventory with the Mayor and Council. The Governing Body was pleased with the results. It was agreed upon that the Borough will come up with a social media policy for the running of their social media account on Facebook.

2 – Fire Department 5 Year Plan

Fire Chief Chvasta and Assistant Chief Robert Bruce discussed a Fire Department 5-year plan with the Governing Body. They asked for the Governing Body's approval to establish committees that will be able to solidify the plan and their requests. Some items of discussion included restructuring the stipend program for high ranking officers and keeping an apparatus as a back-up. No decisions were made; however, the Governing Body gave their blessing for the Department to create internal committees.

3 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Proposal for Design Services – Roth Street Gutter Repair** – After discussing the issue at hand, which was brought to light by a residential petition, the Governing Body asked that this be put on hold for the time being. Their reasoning included the fact that it is already October and that they feel it would be best to incorporate it as a part of a larger curb replacement project that can be bid out.
- b. **Current Estimate #1 – Tuella Avenue Water Main Improvements** – A resolution will be placed on the October 15th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Change Order No. 2 & Final – 2019 Road Program – D&L** – Discussion ensued regarding a ramp that needed to be redone. A resolution will be placed on the October 15th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Rosemont Park – IDA Site Work** – A resolution will be placed on the October 15th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Monthly Status Report** – Ali Mohamed of Alaimo Group reviewed the monthly status report. Councilman Golabek requested that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony be scheduled for the opening of the Memorial High School Tennis Courts.

4 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission – Public Hearing** – No discussion ensued.

5 – RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **DPW Equipment Purchases – Capital Bond** – A resolution will be placed on the October 15th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Rosemont Park – Authorize Payment Request** – Councilman Golabek requested that the Engineer or Borough Administrator ensure the lights first incorporated in the design are included. A resolution will be placed on the October 15th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System** – A resolution will be placed on the October 15th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Used Car Dealer Applications** – A resolution will be placed on the October 15th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Dedication by Rider Request** – A resolution will be placed on the October 15th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **High Speed Internet Accessibility** – A resolution will be placed on the October 15th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo thanked everyone for their support with the loss of his grandfather. He then reported progress.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilwoman Ingui reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine talked about the Board of Health Flu Clinic and announced the upcoming Board of Health Meeting. She also shared details on the Police Department Trunk or Treat. Councilwoman Pellegrine then informed everyone of a recent donation of 120 food gift cards, totaling \$6,000, to the RAP Program from the Inserra Family that is opening the Shop Rite in Elmwood Park.

Councilwoman Wechtler thanked the Fire Department for attending the meeting and the Inserra family for their generous donation to the RAP Program. She then discussed her displeasure with the length of time it has taken for the library reconstruction.

Council President Balistreri shared how gratifying it is to see how beautifully the Tennis Courts and Rosemont Park came together.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, stated that there must be some culpability with the Library project considering the length of time it has taken to be completed. He stated that it appears there is no work being done and inquired as to who hired the architect. He informed the Governing Body that there is fencing near Route 80 on the western side of Linden Avenue that is in the middle of the sidewalk that should be picked up.

Dominick Scalcione, E. 54th Street, thanked the Governing Body and Administration for all that they do.

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

Legal Reports/Litigation

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Wechtler 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 November 12, 2020 regular meeting