

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

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

Councilmembers 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. 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:

Carl K. Roberts, Washington Avenue, discussed the area of Washington and Boulevard and the PSE&G work that was done. He stated that the sidewalk is too low, causing flooding, and appears to be sinking.

Carl F. Roberts, Washington Avenue, raised the same concerns regarding the work that was done and the flooding that it's causing. He informed the Governing Body that individuals need to walk around the sidewalk on resident property which is a liability and hazardous. Mr. Roberts affirmed that he spoke about this issue a year ago and that the contractor should have been brought back to reassess the area.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Current Estimate #3 – Memorial High School Tennis Courts** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Monthly Status Report** – John Clemente of Alaimo Group reviewed the monthly status report.

2 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Bergen County Prosecutor's Office – MARS Maintenance Fee** – No discussion ensued.
- b. **Bergen County Division of Community Transportation Public Hearing** – No discussion ensued.
- c. **North Bergen Mayor Sacco Letter/Resolution** – No discussion ensued.
- d. **Elmwood Park Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing** – No discussion ensued.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Blue Light Permits – Fire Department** – The Governing Body stated that they have never seen this item on a Mayor and Council agenda. Borough Clerk Delaney explained that the permits require the Mayor's signature which is why she prefers there be an authorization resolution. Some members discussed their concerns about volunteers responding to calls with this permit going above the speed limit. Borough Clerk Delaney informed them of discrepancies in some of the applications. The Governing Body asked that this be held until further clarification as to what requirements must be met to receive this permit in addition to receiving a memo from the Fire Chief.
- b. **Ordinance 20-27 Purchase Requests** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

- c. **Raleigh's Outdoor Décor** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Stale Checks – Finance Department** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **NJDOT Grant Application – Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program 2020** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **Retirement Compensation/Vacation Payout Request** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Building Department Refund Request** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- h. **Recreation Department Refund Request** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- i. **Road Opening Performance Bonds** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- j. **Remote Meeting Guidelines** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.
- k. **Fire Department Volunteer Change of Status** – A resolution will be placed on the November 12th, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Mayor and Council.

4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **EMS Call Report – October 2020** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Finance Report through October 31, 2020** – Accepted without discussion.

5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Golabek reported Progress.

Councilwoman Ingui thanked the Police Department for spearheading the Breast Cancer Awareness fundraised and reported Progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine shared upcoming dates for the next Board of Health meeting and rabies clinic. She thanked the Police Department for their successful Trunk or Treat event. In regards to the RAP Program, Ms. Pellegrine announced that there will be a leaf clean-up on November 8th. She thanked all of those involved in its organization.

Councilwoman Wechtler requested a library update from the Mayor and thanked the Police Department for all that they do for the community.

Council President Balistreri stated that the Recreation Advisory Board held their first meeting since the beginning of COVID-19. She welcomed the newly sworn in members and new Recreation Director who provided a park and program update at the meeting.

Mayor Colletti advised that the library is moving forward. He shared that final paving will be done in the Spring and the library will be open using half of the parking lot and then the final coat will be done. He asked that the Borough Administrator get an update from the contractor himself. Mayor Colletti then concluded by stating Election results are not yet finalized.

6 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, inquired if the Blue Light permits for discussion are the Motor Vehicle permits.

Carl K. Roberts, Washington Avenue, confirmed that drivers holding the blue light permits must obey all traffic laws. He suggested having someone come in to explain this to the Fire Department.

7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Personnel – DPW**

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
Personnel – DPW**

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 Council President Balistreri to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

**Legal Reports/Litigation
Personnel – DPW**

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 Golabek and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the December 17, 2020 Public Meeting