

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
April 1, 2021  
6:30P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park was called to order on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 6:31PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

On Roll Call Councilmembers: Balistrieri, Fakhoury, Fasolo, Golabek, Pellegrine, and Council President Wechtler. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno, Borough Clerk Erin Delaney, Borough Auditor Wielkotz, and Borough CFO Riggitano.

**2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:**

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 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. Said notice was posted and transmitted on March 25 & March 29, 2021 and published on March 31, 2021.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to approve the March 11, 2021 Special Meeting; March 11, 2021 Work Session Meeting; March 11, 2021 Executive Session; March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting; and March 18, 2021 Executive Session minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- R-146-21            Accepting the 2021 Safe & Secure Grant from the Department of Law & Public Safety
- R-147-21            Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Animal Control Fees
- R-148-21            Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Coalition on Affordable Housing
- R-149-21            Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Municipal Public Defender Required By: PL 1997, Chapter 256; NJS2B:12-28
- R-150-21            Resolution to Enter into a Grant Agreement – FY 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant
- R-151-21            Approve Addendum to the Application for Use of School District Owned Bus
- R-152-21            Resolution to Approve the Consent Agenda

**5. BUDGET INTRODUCTION:**

- R-153-21            Ordinance #21-07 to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits to Establish a Cap Bank
- R-154-21            Introduction of the 2021 Municipal Budget

- R-155-21           Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”
- R-156-21           Resolution to Cancel Difference of COVID-19 Special Emergency
- R-157-21           Resolution to Anticipate Miscellaneous Revenues in the 2021 Budget Using the Three-Year Average of Realized Revenues from the Prior Three Years

**6. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-146-21**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**ACCEPTING THE 2021 SAFE & SECURE GRANT FROM  
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Elmwood Park has applied for and has been awarded (subaward number: 21-0211) a grant in the amount of \$32,400.00 from the NJ Department of Law & Public Safety for the 2021 Safe & Secure Grant for the subaward period of 8/27/2020 – 8/26/2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, this grant funding will be used for the salaries of two police officers within the Elmwood Park Police Department and the Borough of Elmwood Park shall pay all fringe benefit expenses and all costs in excess of the grant award as a match; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the above referenced grant is hereby accepted and Mayor Robert Colletti is hereby authorized to execute grant documents for the Borough as an authorized representative thereunder, as the representative for the Borough of Elmwood Park; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the NJ Department of Law & Public Safety.

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
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This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of April 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-147-21**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR  
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES**

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Division of the Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, provides for receipt of fees received from the general public for various animal control fees in which the Chief Financial Officer and Health Department and administer various fees associated with the Animal Control Fees; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:39A provides the dedicated revenues anticipated by the Borough of Elmwood Park, Animal Control Fees are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or another legal requirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to administer revenue associated with the Animal Control Fees as well as expenses associated with said Animal Control Fees dedicated Trust fund.
2. The Borough Clerk in the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

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Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-148-21**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR  
COALITION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Division of the Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, provides for receipt of fees received from the general public for various building permits in which the Tax Assessor, Chief Financial Officer, and Building Official will review and administer various fees associated with the Coalition on Affordable Housing Regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-3 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated by the Borough of Elmwood Park, Coalition on Affordable Housing Fees, are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or another legal requirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to administer revenue associated with the Coalition on Affordable Housing fees as well as expenses associated with said Coalition on Affordable Housing dedicated Trust fund.
2. The Borough Clerk in the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

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Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-149-21**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR  
MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER  
REQUIRED BY: PL 1997, CHAPTER 256; NJS2B:12-28**

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Division of the Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, PL.1997, Chapter 256; NJS 2B:12-28, provides for receipt of Municipal Public Defender fees by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Municipal Public Defender fees are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or another legal requirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, New Jersey as follows:

1. The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Municipal Public Defender Trust; PL. 1997, Chapter 256; NJS2B:12-28.
2. The Borough Clerk in the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
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This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of April 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-150-21**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT  
FY 2020-2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$122,205.00 in FY2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant for 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Improvements; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to be signatories to aforesaid Grant Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Elmwood Park is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement and that the liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
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This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of April 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-151-21**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**APPROVE ADDENDUM TO THE APPLICATION FOR USE OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OWNED BUS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Elmwood Park requests the use of a school bus owned by the Elmwood Park Board of Education for a Recreation Department-related activity occurring on April 7, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to its April 1, 2021 Work Session, the Borough Council of Elmwood Park had an opportunity to review and discuss the terms and conditions surrounding the Borough’s use of the Board of Education-owned school bus, including the opportunity to review the Addendum to the Application for Use of District Owned Bus;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Elmwood Park agrees to the terms set forth in the Addendum to the Application for Use of District Owned Bus with the Elmwood Park Board of Education for an activity scheduled for April 7, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council authorizes the Borough Administrator to execute the Addendum on the Borough’s behalf.

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

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Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
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This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of April 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated



**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-152-21**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, Resolutions R-146-21 through R-152-21 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

Prior to proceeding with the Budget Introduction items, the Borough CFO and Borough Auditor gave a brief review of the introduced budget for the members of the public. The Borough CFO advised that initially the increase was much higher but administration worked hard to chip away at that number. He stated that due to the pandemic revenues are down and that he feels, considering the circumstances, the Borough is at a good starting point. Both Mr. Riggitano and Mr. Wielkocz shared that the adopted budget will likely end up having less of an increase per household due to COVID-19 funding.

Mayor Colletti stated that he is disappointed in the projections, though it is not carved in stone, because our residents have also suffered financially as a result of the pandemic. He said that the Borough should not be spending more money than it is bringing in. Mayor Colletti requested that moving forward he received a detailed monthly report on finances.

Councilwoman Wechtler said that the council will work together to lower the number introduced this evening so that the residents are affected as little as possible.

Councilman Golabek advised that while the Mayor makes valid points, in 2007-2009 the economy and Borough were facing tough financial times and the average tax increase to the residents ranged from \$100-\$150. He said that he feels, in comparison, the Borough is at a good starting point especially since new positions were added to the Borough to serve its residents.

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-153-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #21-07  
FIRST READING**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that an ordinance entitled:

**CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard in the Municipal Building on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:30PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized to advertise in a legal newspaper a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law;

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
|            |     |     |         |        |            |     |     |         |        |

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of April 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE # 21-07**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2021 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL  
BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 1.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2021 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 2.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$541,830 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Elmwood Park shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$758,562 and that the CY 2021 municipal budget for the Borough of Elmwood Park be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

Introduced: April 1, 2021

Adopted:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-154-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said Budget be published in The Record and Herald News in the issue of April 12, 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Elmwood Park does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2021:

**2021 Municipal Budget**  
of the           Borough           of           Elmwood Park          ,  
County of           Bergen           for the fiscal year 2021

**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries**

| Summary of Revenues                            | Anticipated   |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2021          | 2020          |
| 1. Surplus                                     | 3,825,000.00  | 3,975,000.00  |
| 2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues                | 4,663,509.75  | 4,190,972.73  |
| 3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes              | 575,000.00    | 585,000.00    |
| 4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes         | 19,182,400.00 | 18,790,315.50 |
| b) Addition to Local District School Tax       |               |               |
| c) Minimum Library Tax                         | 800,960.00    | 773,888.00    |
| Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Mun. Bud | 19,983,360.00 | 19,564,203.50 |
| Total General Revenues                         | 29,046,869.75 | 28,315,176.23 |

| Summary of Appropriations                     | 2021 Budget   | Final 2020 Budget |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages       | 10,281,556.00 | 10,636,300.00     |
| Other Expenses                                | 11,990,764.75 | 11,274,547.73     |
| 2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations    | 2,799,549.00  | 2,524,328.50      |
| 3. Capital Improvements                       | 100,000.00    | 100,000.00        |
| 4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes) | 1,675,000.00  | 1,580,000.00      |
| 5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes              | 2,200,000.00  | 2,200,000.00      |
| Total General Appropriations                  | 29,046,869.75 | 28,315,176.23     |
| Total Number of Employees                     |               |                   |

| 2021 Dedicated Water Utility Budget        |              |                   |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| Summary of Revenues                        | Anticipated  |                   |
|  | 2021         | 2020              |
| 1. Surplus                                 |              |                   |
| 2. Miscellaneous Revenues                  | 3,554,600.00 | 3,195,000.00      |
| 3. Deficit (General Budget)                |              |                   |
| Total Revenues                             | 3,554,600.00 | 3,195,000.00      |
| Summary of Appropriations                  | 2021 Budget  | Final 2020 Budget |
| 1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages    | 497,000.00   | 450,000.00        |
| Other Expenses                             | 2,400,000.00 | 2,100,000.00      |
| 2. Capital Improvements                    | 300,000.00   | 300,000.00        |
| 3. Debt Service                            | 307,600.00   | 295,000.00        |
| 4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations | 50,000.00    | 50,000.00         |
| 5. Surplus (General Budget)                |              |                   |
| Total Appropriations                       | 3,554,600.00 | 3,195,000.00      |
| Total Number of Employees                  |              |                   |

| Balance of Outstanding Debt |               |                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                             | General       | Utility - Other |
| Interest                    | 250,000.00    |                 |
| Principal                   | 1,095,000.00  |                 |
| Outstanding Balance         | 10,145,000.00 |                 |

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen on April 1, 2021.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Municipal Building, on May 6th, 2021 at 6:30 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the Budget are available in the office of Erin Delaney, Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, Phone #201-796-1457 during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M..

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

March 31, 2021

Dated

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
|            |     |     |         |        |            |     |     |         |        |

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of April 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-155-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE  
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S  
“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment  
Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Elmwood Park, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
|            |     |     |         |        |            |     |     |         |        |

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of April 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated



**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-156-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**RESOLUTION TO CANCEL DIFFERENCE OF COVID-19 SPECIAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Elmwood Park adopted a Special Emergency Resolution and Ordinance related to COVID-19 revenue losses for \$610,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual amount required was \$551,323.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the difference of \$58,677.00 must be cancelled.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the over appropriation of \$58,677.00 included in the COVID-19 Special Emergency is hereby cancelled as follows:

|                           | <b><u>Realized<br/>2019</u></b> | <b><u>Realized<br/>2020</u></b> | <b><u>Shortfall</u></b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Municipal Court           | 734,470.00                      | 414,407.00                      | 320,063.00              |
| Interest on Deposits      | 173,886.00                      | 94,235.00                       | 79,651.00               |
| Uniform Construction Code | 383,282.00                      | 248,414.00                      | 134,868.00              |
| Uniform Fire Safety       | 74,957.00                       | 58,216.00                       | 16,741.00               |
|                           |                                 |                                 | 551,323.00              |
|                           |                                 | Original Special Emergency      | <u>610,000.00</u>       |
|                           |                                 | Cancellation                    | <u>\$58,677.00</u>      |

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

March 31, 2021  
Dated

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
|            |     |     |         |        |            |     |     |         |        |

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of April 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-157-21**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT WECHTLER  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO**

**RESOLUTION TO ANTICIPATE MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IN THE 2021 BUDGET  
USING THE THREE-YEAR AVERAGE OF REALIZED REVENUES FROM THE PRIOR  
THREE YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, the COVID 19 pandemic had an adverse effect on the anticipated municipal revenues in the 2020 municipal current and utility fund budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of P.L. 2020, c.74 amended N.J.S.A 40A:4-26 authorized the Director of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) to promulgate new standards for the anticipation of COVID-19 affected revenues in the FY2021 budget, and, if necessary, in future years; and

**WHEREAS**, for FY 2021, the Director authorizes the use of a three-year average for the calculation of affected revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Elmwood Park, certifies that the following revenues were affected in 2020 by the COVID 19 pandemic and that the 3-year average of the amounts realized in 2018-2020 be anticipated in the introduced budget for 2021;

| <u>Revenue Category</u>   | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>Average</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Municipal Court           | 584,120.00  | 734,470.00  | 414,407.00  | 577,666.00     |
| Uniform Construction Code | 351,595.00  | 383,282.00  | 248,414.00  | 327,764.00     |
|                           |             |             |             |                |

APPROVED: April 1, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

|            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |            | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|
| Balistreri | X   |     |         |        | Golabek    | X   |     |         |        |
| Fakhoury   | X   |     |         |        | Pellegrine | X   |     |         |        |
| Fasolo     | X   |     |         |        | Wechtler   | X   |     |         |        |
|            |     |     |         |        |            |     |     |         |        |

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 1st day of April 2021. Signed and sealed before me.

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

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Dated

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to be heard.

A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to adjourn.  
Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

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Erin Delaney, MPA, RMC  
Borough Clerk

*Minutes approved at the April 22, 2021 Regular Meeting.*