

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
December 2, 2021
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for December 2, 2021 was called to order by Municipal Clerk Erin Delaney at 7:19PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

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

**Councilwoman Balistrieri participated via 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, 2021 and published on January 13, 2021.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one wished to be heard.

1 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Vietnam Memorial Monument** – This item was pulled from the agenda.

2 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Third Quarter Stipends – Fire Department** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Fire Department Resignations** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- c. **Shared Service Agreement Renewal for Borough Vehicles – Paramus** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- d. **Ford Explorers – Police Department** – Councilman Golabek requested more information on the purchases. Mr. Foligno advised that this included replacements needed from Hurricane Ida and those vehicles requested in the beginning of the year under the capital bond ordinance. A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- e. **Emergency Water Main Break** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- f. **Resolutions to Refund Overpayments** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

3 – ORDINANCES

- a. **Four-way Stop Sign Intersections** – This item was a repeat from a previous agenda and was pulled.
- b. **Statewide Model Municipal Ordinance – Electric Vehicles** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia advised that he is still reviewing this item and has some concerns. He noted that he will report back at a later time.

4 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistrieri reported Progress.

Councilman Fakhoury wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah and reported Progress.

Councilman Golabek reported Progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine spoke on the success of the rabies clinic held in November and announced the next Board of Health meeting date. She went on to share that in November the Police Department gave out numerous free turkeys and provided information regarding the upcoming tree lighting ceremony for the Borough. Lastly, Councilwoman Pellegrine spoke on the RAP Program’s annual toy drive and thanked everyone for their anticipated generosity.

Council President Wechtler announced that the ELKS Lodge will hold a breakfast on the first Sunday of every month. Additionally, she noted that they are holding a memorial service on December 5th.

Mayor Colletti stated that the Borough’s tree lighting ceremony will be held on December 3rd and reported Progress.

5 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Carl Roberts, Washington Avenue, questioned when PSE&G will begin Phase II of their work.

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, advised that Boulevard is currently marked out as if there is anticipated gas work when it was just recently paved. Additionally, he noted that the road in the area of the recent water main break is in rough shape.

6 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Personnel – Police Department/OEM**

A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

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 – Police Department/OEM

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 Councilman Fakhoury and seconded by Councilman Golabek to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Councilman 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 January 24th 2022 Special Meeting