

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
December 9, 2021
7:00PM**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for December 9, 2021 was called to order by Deputy Municipal Clerk Marlene DiStefano at 7:02PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Balistreri, Fakhoury, Fasolo, Pellegrine and Council President Wechtler were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Deputy Municipal Clerk Marlene DiStefano, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Salvatore A. Ingraffia. Councilman Golabek was absent.

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: A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to open the meeting to the public. No one wished to be heard. A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to close the public portion.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Proposal for Design Services – 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program** – This item was pulled from the agenda
- b. **Proposal for Design Services – FY 20 & FY21 CDBG** – This item was pulled from the agenda
- c. **Award Approval Phase 2 Mola Boulevard** – Tom Lemanowicz from Alaimo Engineering provided updated information regarding the project.
- d. **General Engineering Budget** - Tom Lemanowicz from Alaimo Engineering provided updated information regarding the budget.
- e. **Change of Scope – Basketball Court Improvements** The engineer discussed with the Mayor and Council about changes that were made.
- f. **Monthly Status Report** Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Group reviewed the Monthly Status Report.

2 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Bond Anticipation Notes – Steven Rogut** - Accepted without discussion
- b. **Recreation Advisory Board 2022 Meeting Dates** - Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Planning Board 2022 Meeting Dates** - Accepted without discussion
- d. **Winery Outlet/Salesroom – NJ ABC** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia will look into it
- e. **2022 Holiday Schedule** - Accepted without discussion
- f. **2022 Meeting Schedule** – Council members discussed and agreed to two meetings a month, one Work session and one Public, except for the month of January which includes the reorganization meeting.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Borough of Paramus Agreement** – Repairing of Vehicles – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. **Shared Services – County of Bergen Health Department** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- c. **Defender Company 2 Coin Toss Event** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- d. **Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation** - Accepted without discussion A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- e. **Third Party Tax Liens** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

- f. **Emergency Repairs – Recreation HVAC System** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- g. **Emergency Resolution – Down Payment on Improvements** - This item was pulled from the agenda
- h. **Temporary Construction Access** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda
- i. **Police Towers** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda
- j. **Approval for additional funding for Special Legal Counsel for Redevelopment** – A resolution will be placed on the December 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda

4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Building Department Monthly Report – November 2021** - Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through November 2021** - Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Municipal Court Report – October 2021** - Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2021** - Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2021** - Accepted without discussion.

5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistrieri reported progress.

Councilman Fakhoury reported progress.

Councilman Fasolo reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine thanked ASEZ for helping the RAP program with leaf collection for the residents and she also inquired about the advertising company that was going to provide bus shelters that were to be put up on Mola Blvd.

Council President Wechtler reported on the progress of the library. She thanked the inspectors for their hard work on finally getting the Certificate of Occupancy.

Mayor Colletti had nothing to report.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to open the meeting to the public.

6 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Carl Roberts, 260 Washington Ave. advised the Mayor and Council that there is water pooling on the road at Philip Ave. and Elm Street.

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive questioned if the “special meetings” will be published.

A motion was made by Council President Wechtler and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to close the public portion.

7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Personnel – Clerks Office (NO BACK-UP)**

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 – Clerks Office

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Fakhoury and seconded by Councilman Golabek to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene DiStefano, CMR
Deputy Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting.