

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
February 3, 2022
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for February 3, 2022 was called to order by the Acting Municipal Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Balistreri, Dennis, Golabek*, Pellegrine, Sheridan, and Council President Fasolo were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Acting Municipal Clerk Shanee Morris, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Salvatore A. Ingraffia.

**Councilman Golabek participated via conference call*

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, 2022 and published on January 11, 2022.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one from the public wished to be heard.

PRESENTATION BY WEB SAMURAI

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. Proposal for Design Services – 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid Road Program – Item will be discussed at the February 17th, 2022 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. Proposal for Design Services – 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Mola Blvd., Linden - Item will be discussed at the February 17th, 2022 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. Proposal for Design Services – 2021 Gutter/Curb Replacement Revised - Item will be discussed at the February 17th, 2022 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. NJDOT Award Approval – FY18 Municipal Aid Program

2 – CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Board of Recreation Resignation – Mayor recommends Brenda Hoffman to replace Nolan VanRye.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. GPI Engineering for 2020 Street Scape Project – Business Administrator Michael Foligno explained the benefits of this company. A resolution will be placed on the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- b. Vacation Buybacks – A resolution will be placed on the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- c. Redeem Third Party Tax Liens - A resolution will be placed on the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- d. ASP/Gym Supervisor Hire – Recreation Department - A resolution will be placed on the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- e. TaxServ Contract Extension - A resolution will be placed on the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- f. Fireworks Contract - A resolution will be placed on the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- g. Fire Department Volunteer Leave of Absence - A resolution will be placed on the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- h. Fire Department Volunteer Removals - A resolution will be placed on the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.
- i. Fire Department 4th Quarter Stipend - A resolution will be placed on the February 17th, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council agenda.

4 – ORDINANCES

- a. Cannabis Ordinance Amendment – Borough Attorney Ingraffia stated our ordinance needed to be updated with new state requirements. The ordinance amending the Cannabis ordinance will be introduced at the February 17th Regular meeting.
- b. Illegal Apartments Amendment – Borough Attorney Ingraffia discussed the penalties under state law for unlawful dwellings. Mayor and Council agreed there will be violation fees and height restrictions. The ordinance amending Illegal Apartments will be introduced at the February 17th Regular Meeting. (Subject to change)
- c. Tattoo Ordinance – Borough Attorney Ingraffia discussed services related to tattooing and piercing services. The ordinance amending the Tattoo ordinance will be introduced at the February 17th Regular Meeting.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2021 – Accepted without discussion
- b. Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Calendar Year 2022 - Accepted without discussion
- c. Finance Department Monthly Budget Report - Accepted without discussion
- d. Building Department Monthly Report -January 2022 - Accepted without discussion

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Balistrieri gave her Recreation report stating volleyball started February 1st and will go through April 1st for \$10 each week. She also made a request for the June 16th meeting date to change to June 23rd due to a conflict with the Middle school graduation.

Councilwoman Dennis reported at the Board of Education meeting it was discussed that there would be a refund of school funds with hopes of saving between \$30,000 to \$40,000. Lastly the Diversity committee will make an announcement for their 1st event.

Councilman Golabek asked for an opening date for the Library.

Councilwoman Pellegrine gave her Police update stating the EMS started on February 1st, paid service is waiting on approval from state, if you receive a bill, please contact the Business Administrator. For her Board of Health update their next meeting is February 14th at 7pm. In closing she gave kind remarks in reference to “Three Chief Steak House”

Councilwoman Sheridan started off by thanking the Mayor and Councilwoman Pellegrine for their attendance at the Home Owners Association meeting. The next HOA meeting will be February 23 at 7pm with guest speaker Chief Foligno and other Officers. On February 25th there will be a bus ride to Williams Creek with the cost being \$40, contact Linda for RSVP. For her update on the Senior Center, she spoke with Christine and the senior center is open but limited.

Council President Fasolo commended the DPW for the work that was done during the snow storm.

Mayor Colletti reported that starting February 7th the Library will have curbside pick - up for books and will possibly be opening soon.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffery Freitag 35 Hillman Drive, followed up to a question he had at the HOA meeting in regards to volunteer EMT’s being trained

8 – EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. Legal Reports/Litigation
- b. SNOGO
- c. Personnel – Building Department (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
SNOGO
Personnel – Building Department

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 Councilman Fasolo to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by the members present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Balistrieri and seconded by Council President Wechtler to return to the public portion. Motion carried by the members present.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the May 19, 2022 Regular Meeting.