

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

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

Councilmembers Balistrieri, Dennis, Golabek, Pellegrine and Council President Fasolo were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Salvatore 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, 2022 and published on January 11, 2022.

Mayor Colletti asked Pastor Ron start the meeting with a prayer.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Doris Wechtler presented two checks to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The first check was from the Elks organization and the second from the People's Pantry.

Dominic Scalcione of 120 East 54<sup>th</sup> street gave a status report in reference to the COVID Vaccines. He then went on to speak on the Zoning Boards position in reference to the property on Wenzel Street. The Borough Attorney told Mr. Scalcione that his discussion on this matter could possibly cause prejudice within the Council if the matter were to be brought before them.

**1 – ENGINEERS REPORT**

Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Engineering gave his monthly report.

a. **Proposal for Design Services** – 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program Mola Blvd., Linden – No discussion was had. Item will be added to another work session.

**2 – CORRESPONDENCE**

a. **CDBG Grant opportunity** – Borough Administrator Foligno informed the Mayor and Council that our Grant Writer and Recreation Director would be working on an application.

b. **NV5 Engineering Firm** – Borough Administrator Foligno discussed the meeting that was had with the different firms so that the Mayor and Council can consider this particular engineering firm. Councilman Golabek had a few questions for the firm.

**3 – RESOLUTIONS**

a. **Refund Overpayment** – Resolution will be added to the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting agenda.

b. **ASP, gym assistant and special event hire - Recreation Department** – Resolution will be added to the March 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting agenda.

c. **Surveillance trailer purchase** – Chief Foligno explained the benefits and purpose of this purchase. After discussion the resolution will be added to the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting agenda.

d. **Electricity Resolution** – Resolution will be added to the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting agenda.

e. **Dedication by Rider** – Resolution will be added to the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting agenda.

f. **Public Defender Account** – Resolution will be added to the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting agenda.

g. **Appropriation Reserve Transfers** – Resolution will be added to the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting agenda.

h. **Redevelopment Study** – Councilman Golabek suggested holding this item until they meet to decide if this is a project the Mayor and Council would like to go forward with at this time.

#### **4 – ORDINANCES**

a. **Bond Ordinance – Traffic Signal** – Ordinance will be introduced at the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting agenda.

#### **5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

a. **Municipal Court Report** – January, 2022 – Councilman Golabek asked a few questions in reference to the penalties and revenue.

b. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes** – December 13, 2021 & January 17, 2022 - Accepted without discussion.

c. **Millennium Strategies Report** - February 2022 – Mayor asked which grants are being applied for,

d. **Building Department Monthly Report** – February 2022 - Accepted without discussion.

e. **Finance Department Monthly Budget Report** – Accepted without discussion.

#### **6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Balistreri thanked the Elks Club for their donation. She then thanked fellow Councilmembers for putting together a prayer for Ukraine.

Councilwoman Dennis thanked Doris for presenting the donation from the Elks Club. She also thanked the Chief for putting together the prayer for Ukraine and mentioned how nice the Home Owners Association meeting was. She then mentioned how great the basketball game went at the Recreation Center and stated when the Memorial Day Parade will take place.

Councilman Golabek thanked the Elks Club for their donation.

Councilwoman Pellegrine thanked the Elks Club for their donation. She gave her Police update and started off thanking the Police for the prayer and announced donations will be collected for the Ukraine.

Councilwoman Sheridan stated to keep praying for the Ukraine and thanked the Chief for organizing donations. She then reported an update for the Home Owners Association and stated when the next meeting will be. She also gave dates for the Casino bus trip, Memorial Day parade and the next parade committee meeting.

Council President Fasolo thanked the Council and Police for Ukraine prayer and the Elks Club for their donation. He then reported the Youth Committee will be collecting donations for the troops (“Treats for the Troops”) and would like to start an internship at Borough Hall for the students. Borough Attorney Ingraffia stated he will look into it.

Mayor Colletti thanked the Elks Club for their donation.

#### **7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

A motion was made by Council President Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to open to the Public.

Carl Roberts – Asked about the street lights and stated where they need to be changed.

Pamela Troisi – Asked about the Marina in regards to the trees and suggested the Borough using a denser evergreen to help with noise.

Dominic Scalcione 120 East 54<sup>th</sup> Street – Discussed his position as the newest member on the Zoning Board.

**8- EXECUTIVE**

- a. **Legal Reports/Litigation**
- b. **Clerk's Office**

A motion was made by Council President Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried by those 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 Clerk's 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 Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Council President Fasolo to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shanee Morris, CMR  
Acting Borough Clerk

*Minutes approved at the July 21, 2022 Regular Meeting.*