

**WORK SESSION  
OF THE  
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ACTION ITEMS  
October 6, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for October 6, 2022 was called to order by Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:01PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Balistreri, Dennis, Golabek, Pellegrine, Sheridan 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.

**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 January 8, 2022 and published on January 11, 2022.

**3. EXECUTIVE:**

Personnel – Police

**4. RESOLUTIONS:**

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| R-349-22 | A Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officers Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 |
| R-350-22 | Authorizing the Hiring of Entry Level Police Officer – Nicolas Squillaci                          |

**5. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS**

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

**EXECUTIVE**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Council President Fasolo to enter into executive session.

**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:

**Personnel – Police**

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 Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to open back to the Public.

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-349-22**

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF  
ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICERS PURSUANT TO  
N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.11A:4-1.3 (“the Law”) authorizes the appointment of certain entry level police officers who have successfully passed a Basic Course for Police Officers training course without participation in an entry-level Civil Service examination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough previously passed a resolution authorizing appointment pursuant to the Law; and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the Law became effective in or about July 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough meets the prerequisites for appointments pursuant to the Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that authorizing appointments pursuant to the Law as amended is in the best interest of the Borough; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Borough Resolution R-373-21 is hereby rescinded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that individuals who have successfully completed a Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission within nine months from the date of hire as a temporary entry-level officer may be appointed to entry level police officer positions within the Borough without the need to take an entry-level Civil Service examination consistent with the provisions of to the Law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough recognizes that it may not appoint a permanent officer or officer serving in a working test period who is employed by a municipal or county police department, county sheriff's department, or State or county correctional facility or circumvent the Civil Service intergovernmental transfer process under the Law.

APPROVED: October 6, 2022

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Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shanee Morris, CMR  
Acting Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri	X				Pellegrine	X			
Dennis	X				Sheridan	X			
Golabek	X				Fasolo	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022. Signed and sealed before me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shanee Morris, CMR  
Acting Borough Clerk

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Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-350-22**

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

**AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER –  
NICOLAS SQUILLACI**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 authorizes the appointment of entry level police officers who have successfully passed a Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission without the need to take an entry-level Civil Service examination so long as certain prerequisites are met; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough meets the prerequisites for appointments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that authorizing appointments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3 is in the best interest of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, that individuals who have successfully completed a Basic Course for Police Officers training course at a school approved and authorized by the New Jersey Police Training Commission may be appointed to entry level police officer positions within the Borough without the need to take an entry-level Civil Service examination pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:4-1.3;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the following named be and is hereby appointed as a Police Officer in the Police Department of the Borough of Elmwood Park, effective October 7, 2022:

**Nicolas Squillaci**

and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that remuneration is set at the rate as per the 2018-2025 PBA Contract effective March 15, 2018.

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

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Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

October 5, 2022  
Dated

APPROVED: October 6, 2022

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shanee Morris, CMR  
Acting Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Balistreri	X				Pellegrine	X			
Dennis	X				Sheridan	X			
Golabek	X				Fasolo	X			

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Shanee Morris, CMR  
Acting Borough Clerk

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Dated

## **Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Jeffery Freitag – 35 Hillman Drive asked about advertisement for the meeting. He then asked about correspondence item #2D. He made a statement about Cannabis meetings not being opened to the public. Borough Attorney Ingrassia responded.

### **1 – ENGINEERS REPORT**

- a. **Current Estimate #1 – 2020 & 2021 CDBG 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvements** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Group gave his monthly report.

### **2 – CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **FY23-24 Grant Application** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **435 Lien Request** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Letter from Board of County Commissioners/Hunger Action Month** – Borough Administrator Foligno and Councilwoman Pellegrine go into details.
- d. **Cannabis Zoning Change** – No discussion ensued

### **3 – RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Road Opening Performance Bond** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Handicap Parking Request** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- c. **Resolution to Refund Overpayment** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- d. **Resolution to Redeem Third Party Tax Lien** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- e. **Submission of Application for the NJDOT 2023 Set-Aside Program** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- f. **Holiday Lighting Agreement** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- g. **Vacation Buyback** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- h. **Crossing Guard New Hire** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- i. **Recreation New Hire** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- j. **Junior Firefighter Application** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council.
- k. **Volunteer Firefighter Applications** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
- l. **New Hire – Police Dispatcher** – A resolution will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

### **4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Municipal Court Report – August & September 2022** – Accepted without Discussion.
- b. **Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2022** – Accepted without Discussion.
- c. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2022** – Accepted without Discussion.
- d. **Millennium Strategies Report through September** – Accepted without Discussion.
- e. **Building Department Monthly Report – August 2022** – Accepted without Discussion.
- f. **Finance Department Monthly Budget Report** – Accepted without Discussion.

### **5 – APPLICATIONS**

- a. **St. Leo's Church Raffle Application – November 19, 2022** - Application will be placed on the October 20, 2022 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

### **6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Balistrieri gave dates for upcoming events for the Recreation Department.

Councilwoman Dennis mentioned how nice the Senior event went. She thanked the BOH, RAP and everyone involved. She also mentioned how great the corn hole event was. She then added the date of the fall cleanup being hosted by the DPW.

Councilman Golabek reported progress

Councilwoman Pellegrine gave her Board of Health update by reporting upcoming events and giving a special thank you to John DeMarzio and Board of Health members for such a great Senior Day. She then gave dates in reference to the Residents Assistance program and thanked all who donated to the Stomp Out Hunger event. For her Police update she announced pancake breakfast

Councilwoman Sheridan discussed the Candidates night that was hosted by the Home Owners Association.

Council President Fasolo reported progress

Mayor Colletti mentioned how civil the candidates event went. He then asked about bringing the senior stipend program back.

**7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Golabek to open to the public.

Jeanie Freitag, 35 Hillman Drive asked why two stop signs are being placed on Linden Avenue.

Andrew Tisellano, 49 Kipp Avenue – Mentioned how close the dog park is to the corner of Kipp Avenue.

**EXECUTIVE**

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**Personnel – Clerk’s Office**  
**Personnel – Fire Prevention**  
**Personnel – Court Department**  
**Litigation/Legal Reports**

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Shanee Morris, CMR  
Acting Borough Clerk

*Minutes approved at the February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting.*