

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
November 2, 2023
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for November 2, 2023 was called to order by Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Fasolo, Golabek, Pellegrine, Sheridan and Council President Balistrieri 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 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 6, 2023 and published on January 10, 2023.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one wished to speak.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **CDBG Road Review** - Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Engineering went over this item and will submit a proposal for the November 9th meeting. He then gave a prospective bid time for Spring.
- b. **Monthly Status Report** - Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Engineering gave his monthly report.
- c. **Current Estimate #5 – FY2021 NJDOT MA Program** – A resolution will be placed on the November 9, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

2 – CORRESPONDANCE

- a. **Proposed Fencing on Right of Way Request** – This item was removed from the agenda at the request of the Mayor and Council.
- b. **Planning Board Public Notice – OHM Theory, LLC** – No discussion ensued.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Volunteer Firefighter Application** – This item was pulled to be discussed in Executive.
- b. **Firefighter Resignation** – A resolution will be placed on the November 9, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Firefighter Leave of Absence**– A resolution will be placed on the November 9, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

- e. **Recreation Staff – Afterschool Program** – A resolution will be placed on the November 9, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. **Cannabis Approval Recommendation – DAS Strategies LLC.** – A resolution will be placed on the November 9, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- g. **Vacation Buyback** – A resolution will be placed on the November 9, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4– PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Business and Renters Insurance Ordinance** – An ordinance will be introduced at the November 9, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Lead-Based Paint Ordinance** – An ordinance will be introduced at the November 9, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2023** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2023** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Monthly Court Report – September, 2023** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Millenium Strategies Monthly report – Through October, 2023** – Accepted without discussion.

6 – APPLICATIONS

- a. **ST. Leo’s Church – Raffle – December 13, 2023** – Accepted without discussion.

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo Thanked everyone involved with the Halloween festivities. He then thanked the Police Department for patrolling on Halloween.

Councilman Golabek stated Community Day went great.

Councilwoman Pellegrine reported the upcoming rabies clinic for the Board of Health. She then stated how great Community Day went. Lastly, she shared how great it was to see the Police interacting with the kids on Halloween.

Councilwoman Sheridan gave an updated for the Elks and announced the veterans walk. Lastly, she shared details for the upcoming Home Owners Association Holiday party.

Council President Balistrieri Thanked those who welcomed her back as she is happy to be back. She then stated Community Day went well.

Mayor Colletti stated Community Day was great all around. He then discussed spacing between Cannabis Businesses.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Jean Freitag, Hillman Drive asked about Elmwood Drive Park.

Jeffery Freitag, Hillman Drive asked about the Marina Project being moved and wants to know if grants can be added. Lastly, he asked about the fire engine purchases.

9 – EXECUTIVE:

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine 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:

Litigation/Legal Reports
Personnel – Police
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 Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at the February 15, 2024 Regular Meeting