

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

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

Councilmembers Dennis, 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:

John DeMarzio came forward as the Board of Health President to inform the Mayor and Council that the board is short one member. He then proceeds to request communication from the Mayor and Council when board members are changed. Lastly, he states he is disappointed that the member appointed did not show up to the meetings.

Jaqueline from Clairview Strategies presented the Mayor and Council with an information packet on “Cannavibes” to share the need for zoning revisions. She then asked about resolutions of support being given to locations that have not yet opened.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. Current Estimate #2 – Borough Park Bandshell Extension – A resolution will be placed on the February 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. Proposal for Design Services - 2022 Borough Road Program – Mayor and Council discuss and decide to hold this item for further discussion.
- c. Monthly Status Report – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Engineering gave his monthly report.

2 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution to Refund – Building Department – A resolution will be placed on the February 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. New Hire – Special 3 Law Enforcement – A resolution will be placed on the February 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. Authorization Resolution – Bergen County Open Space – A resolution will be placed on the February 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. EMS Purchases – A resolution will be placed on the February 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. Resolution for encroachment – A resolution will be placed on the February 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. Volunteer Firefighter Applications – A resolution will be placed on the February 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- g. Interim Costs Agreement – A resolution will be placed on the February 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

3 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. Parking on Certain Streets – An ordinance will be introduced at the February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council

4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Library Board Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2022 – Councilwoman Dennis asked about the signage that was mention in the minutes.
- b. Municipal Court Monthly Report – December, 2022 – Accepted without discussion
- c. Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022 – Accepted without discussion
- d. Zoning Board Meeting Notice – Accepted without discussion
- e. Building Department Monthly Report – January 2023 – Accepted without discussion
- f. Millennium Strategies Report – Through January 2023 – Accepted without discussion

5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dennis announced the next Board of Education meeting. Lastly, she announced the Recreation Spring Break Mini Camp.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilman Fasolo reported the Police Academy graduation and Bowling with the blue event went great. He then announced upcoming events for the Police Department. Lastly, he mentions Elmwood Park continues to get good reports on our Police.

Councilwoman Pellegrine reported upcoming events for the Residents Assistance Program. Lastly, she gave the date for the next Board of Health meeting.

Councilwoman Sheridan reported progress

Council President Balistreri announced Council corner will have Chief Foligno as guest speaker. She mentioned how great the blowing with the blue event went.

Mayor Colletti made a recommendation for the Board of Health vacancy. He recommended either Jeanie Freitag or Angela Craft.

6 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Jeffery Freitag asked about the new hire for the Special 3 Law Enforcement Officer. He then asked about the interim cost agreement.

7 – EXECUTIVE:

A motion was made by Council President Balistreri 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 – 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 Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk