

**WORK SESSION
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ACTION ITEMS
March 2, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for March 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.

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 6, 2023 and published on January 10, 2023.

3. RESOLUTIONS:

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| R-122-23 | Resolution to Enter into a Grant Agreement FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant |
| R-123-23 | Resolution to Enter into a Grant Agreement FY 2022 Community Development Block Grant |

4. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-122-23**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO**

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT
FY 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$130,000.00 in FY2021 Community Development Block Grant for Road Resurfacing at 13th and 14th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to be signatories to aforesaid Grant Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Elmwood Park is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement and that the liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

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

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

March 1, 2023
Dated

APPROVED: March 2, 2023

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 2nd day of March 2023. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-123-23**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO
SECONDED BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE**

**RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT
FY2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$191,508.00 in FY2022 Community Development Block Grant for Road Resurfacing at 15th Avenue between 53rd – 55th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park hereby authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to be signatories to aforesaid Grant Agreement; and

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Dated

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

*The Council announced that March is Woman's History Month.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. Current Estimate #2 Change Order #2 – FY 2023 CDBG – 15th Avenue Improvements – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- a. Current Estimate #3 Change Order Nos. 3 & 4 – FY 2020&2021 – 13th, 14th, & 17th Ave. Improvements – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. Monthly Status Report – Thomas Lemanowicz from Alaimo Engineering gave his monthly report. Councilman Golabek asked about the length of time for the Mola Boulevard lighting project. He also asked if there's a way to avoid ripping up the trees.
- c. Current Estimate #2 – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Statue – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

2 – CORRESPONDANCE

- a. Fire Fighter Resignations – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. Fire Prevention Resignation – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. Ladies Auxiliary Member removed – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. New Ladies Auxiliary Member – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. Building Department Purchase – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. Gilbert Avenue Infield – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. Holiday Buy Back – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. Vacation Buy Back – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. EMT New Hire – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. Volunteer Firefighter Applications – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- g. Fire Prevention New Hire – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- h. Building Department New Hire – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- i. 4th Quarter Fire Stipend – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- j. Fire Stipend Amendment – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- k. EMS Director – Borough Administrator, Chief Michael Foligno explains the need to switch the director in order to save on the expense. – A resolution will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. Police Chaplains – An ordinance will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. Employee Parking Lot – Borough Attorney Ingraffia will discuss with the insurance company and an ordinance will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. Cannabis Ordinance Amendment – An ordinance will be placed on the March 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Municipal Court Monthly Report – January, 2023 – Accepted without discussion
- b. Millennium Strategies Report – Through February 2023 – Accepted without discussion
- c. Library Board Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2023 – Accepted without discussion
- d. Building Department Monthly Report – February, 2023 – Accepted without discussion

6 – APPLICATIONS

- a. Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church – Raffle & Bingo – April 28, 2023 & October 20, 2023 – Accepted without discussion.
- b. Saddle Brook Unico – Bingo – April 21, 2023 – Accepted without discussion

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilman Fasolo reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine shared the Bowling with the Blue event went great as well as Council Corner. She then gave her Board of Health update with the next meeting date. Lastly for her Residents Assistance Program update she reported the freezer that was purchased with the grant arrived and the Peoples Pantry will now be able to help more people.

Councilwoman Sheridan announced upcoming events with the Elks. She then thanked the Police Department for helping a resident that was stranded. Lastly, she thanked the Department of Public Works for preparing ahead of time for the incoming storm.

Council President Balistrieri shares Bowling with the Blue was a great time. She thanked Chief Foligno and the Police Department for this event.

Mayor Colletti asked Borough attorney Ingraffia about the signage ordinance. He then asked about the road opening ordinance.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Jeffery Freitag asked about the Chaplain Ordinance and the Cannabis ordinance amendment. Lastly, he asked about the shade tree commission.

9 – EXECUTIVE:

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

Litigation/Legal Reports

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 Councilwoman Sheridan to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk