

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park was called to order on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

On Roll Call Councilmembers: Dennis, Fasolo, Golabek*, Pellegrine, Sheridan and Council President Balistrieri. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Borough Administrator Foligno, Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, and Borough Attorney Salvatore Ingrassia
**Councilman Golabek arrived at 7:04pm*

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:

R-343-23 Renew Liquor Licenses for the 2023/2024 License Term

4. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-343-23**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO
SECONDED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT BALISTRIERI**

RENEW LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE 2023/2024 LICENSE TERM

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the following Liquor Licenses, having met all requirements for renewal for the 2023/2024 license year, be and are hereby renewed:

CLUB LICENSE - \$150

0211-31-035-001 ELMWOOD PARK VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS 5084
6 VETERANS PLACE
ELMWOOD PARK, NJ 07407

APPROVED: September 7, 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	Balistrieri	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 7th day of September 2023. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Dated

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Pastor Ron requested a street sign be added in recognition of Steve's Burgers for all of their help with community events.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowisz from Alaimo Engineering Group gave his monthly report. Councilwoman Dennis asked for an anticipated start date for the Turf project.
- b. **Current Estimate #3 – FY2021 NJDOT: Mola Boulevard Improvements** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Change Order #1, Estimate #1 – Improvements to Rosemont Park** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

2 – CORRESPONDANCE

- a. **Township of Saddle Brook – Cannabis Ordinance Geographical Boundaries** – No discussion ensued.
- b. **Donation of Ladder Fire Truck – Township of Frelinghuysen** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **DPW Resignation** – No discussion ensued.
- d. **Request for Encroachment Agreement** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia explain the need for the agreement. A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution to Refund Overpayment** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Vacation Buyback** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **New Hire - Recreation Staff** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **New Hire – DPW Recommendation** – The Mayor and Council decide to hold off on the new hire. They discussed advertising the position.
- e. **Volunteer Firefighter Application** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. **Hiring of EMT Staff** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- g. **Firefight Resignations** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- h. **Firefighter Leave of Absence Request** – A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- i. **Abandoned Vehicles** – Borough Attorney Ingraffia explained the need for a resolution for the Chief to sign off on a title. A resolution will be added to the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Proposed Supplemental bond ordinance – Fire Pumper** – An ordinance will be introduced at the September 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2023** – Accepted without discussion
- b. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – July, 2023 & August, 2023** – Mayor Colletti asked about revenue. No further discussion ensued and the reports were accepted.
- c. **Building Department Monthly report – July, 2023 & August, 2023** – Accepted without discussion
- d. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through August, 2023** – Accepted without discussion

6 – APPLICATIONS

- a. **Mission Kids Success – Raffle License – October 14, 2023** – Accepted without discussion

b. VFW Post 281 – Raffle License – September 30, 2023 – Accepted without discussion

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dennis reported progress.
Councilman Golabek reported progress.
Councilman Fasolo reported progress.
Councilwoman Pellegrine reported progress.
Councilwoman Sheridan reported progress.
Council President Balistrieri reported progress.
Mayor Colletti reported progress.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to open to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Pamela Troisi asked about the status of Birchwood Park reopening.

Jeffery Freitag about the ordinance for the fire pumper. He then asked about board minutes.

Jeanie Freitag made the Mayor and Council aware of a bumpy side street next to the Dunkin Donuts on route 46.

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

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 – Evaluations

Personnel – Tax Department

Personnel – Police Department

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 Council President Balistrieri and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, CMR
Acting Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at the February 15, 2024 Regular Meeting