

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
April 4, 2024
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for April 4, 2024 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:06PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Dennis, Fasolo, Pellegrine, Troisi and Council President Sheridan were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Kyle Trent.

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, 2024 and published on January 10, 2024.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Jeffery Freitag, Hillman Drive – asked about Cannabis consumption businesses. He then asked about Local Government week.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** -
- b. **Current Estimate #2 – Borough Park Turf Field** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Current Estimate #2 Final – 2021 Borough Gutter/Curb Replacement** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Current Estimate #6, Change Order #1 – Vietnam Veterans Memorial** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Proposal for Professional Services – FY2023 NJDOT AM – Streetscape Lighting (Philip Ave to Washington Ave)** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.
- f. **Proposal for Professional Services – FY2024 NJDOT MA – Mola Blvd. (Linden Ave and Lee St.)** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.

2 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Firefighter Resignations (2)** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Firefighter Leave of Absence** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Auxiliary Member – Company 2** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Crossing Guards** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Recreation Staff** – A resolution will be added to the April 18, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.

3 – DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDANCE

- a. **Elmwood Park Decorations** – Council members Fasolo and Dennis would like to look into adding an arch to the decorations. Mayor and Council agree. Borough Administrator Foligno will look into a cost estimate to include those items.
- b. **Ordinance Request for Senior Groups** – Borough Attorney Trent suggested resolutions being put in place. Mayor and Council discuss and decide to table this topic for a later meeting.
- c. **Saddle Brook Ordinance Notification** – No discussion ensued.
- d. **Recreation Camp Cost** – The Recreation Director requested the cost for camp be raised at a \$75 increase. Mayor and Council discuss and suggest a \$50 increase instead. Some members suggested not to raise the cost at all or \$25. They continue to discuss and agree to suggest \$25 to the Recreation Director.

4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2024** – Accepted without discussion
- c. **Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2024** – Accepted without discussion
- d. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through March, 2024** – Accepted without discussion
- e. **Building Department Monthly Report – March, 2024** – Accepted without discussion

5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dennis announced the date for the upcoming Spring Festival and reported progress.

Councilman Fasolo reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine announced the upcoming meeting date for the board of Health.

Councilwoman Troisi announced the opening day for softball.

Council President Sheridan reported progress.

Mayor Colletti reported progress.

6 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Council President Sheridan to open to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeannie Freitag, Hillman Drive asked if the softball opening day going to be the same day as the town cleanup.

7 – EXECUTIVE:

A motion was made by Council President Sheridan and seconded by Councilwoman Dennis to enter into executive. 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 – Police Officer Candidate

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 Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Council President Sheridan to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk