

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**  
**WORK MEETING**  
**May 2, 2024**  
**7:00PM**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for May 2, 2024 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:01PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Dennis\*, Fasolo, Golabek\*, 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.

*\*Councilman Golabek arrived at 7:03pm*

*\*Councilwoman Dennis arrived at 7:27pm*

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:**

No one wished to be heard.

**1 – ENGINEERS REPORT**

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Matthew Basile filled in for Michael Kobylarz from Alaimo Group to go over his monthly report. Mayor would like to request the County to fix sidewalks and curbs when they fix their roads.
- b. **Current Estimate #3, Change Order 2 – Borough Park Turf Field** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- c. **Current Estimate # 3 – 2023 Borough Road Program** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

**2 – RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **NJDOT Resolution of Support – Rt. 80, Riverview dr. to Polifly rd.** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- b. **NJDOT Resolution of Support – Rt. 46 Bridge over Erie-Lackawanna Railroad** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- c. **First Quarter Stipend** – Fire Department – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- d. **Escrow – Myhouse Developers** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- e. **Resolution to Redeem Tax Lien** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- f. **Resolution to Refund** – Recreation Department – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- g. **Firefighter Resignation** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- h. **Firefighter Applicant** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- i. **Junior Firefighter Applicants (2)** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- j. **Vacation Buybacks (2)** – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting
- k. **Shared Service** – Bergen County Tree Removal – A resolution will be placed on the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting

**3 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

- a. **Cannabis Ordinance Amendment** – Mayor Colletti briefly reviews the purpose behind introducing this Ordinance. An ordinance will be introduced at the May 16, 2024 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.

#### **4 – DISCUSSION/CORRESPONDANCE**

- a. **Planning Board Public Notice** – No discussion ensued.
- b. **NJDOT 2024 Application Notification** – No discussion ensued.
- c. **TAP Grant Agreement** – No discussion ensued.

#### **5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2024 & March 18, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – March 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Building Department Monthly Report – April 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through April, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.

#### **6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Dennis stated the Community Arts event was wonderful and the recent spring festival went great. She then asked if the turf field would be locked or available twenty-four hours. To her questions she then asked why the basketball courts are locked but no the turf.

Councilman Fasolo commended the work that is being done with the lighting project. Lastly, he congratulated the resident that is being drafted to the NFL and reported progress.

Councilman Golabek stated the turf looks great as well as the lights and reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine gave her Board of health update and announced the upcoming Rabies Clinic and next meeting date. For her Police update she announced upcoming events. She then announced the clean up event being hosted by the Residents Assistance Program. Lastly, she announced the Chamber of Commerce has been established and is moving along.

Councilwoman Troisi stated the spring festival was a great time. She then gave her Recreation update and announced upcoming deadlines and events. She announced the Home Owners Associations scholarship deadline as well as the Elks scholarship deadline. Lastly, she announced the next meeting date for the Board of Education.

Council President Sheridan stated the street fair was a great success. She then extended a job well done to the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance with a resent accident.

Mayor Colletti stated the spring festival was full of people and felt amazing.

#### **7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

Jeffrey Freitag, Hillman Drive, asked about the flee market dates. Lastly, he asked if the cannabis change will affect the micro businesses.

#### **8 – EXECUTIVE:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Council President Sheridan 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**

**Fire Department Update**

**Finance Department**

**Personnel – Borough Employees**

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 Pellegrine to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk