

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
August 15, 2024
7:30PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for August 15, 2024 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 8:47PM. 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.

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 July 26, 2024 and published on July 31, 2024.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Borough's Licensed Water Operator Mr. DeBlock came before the Mayor and Council to give an update on the water quality and address some issues within the Borough. He reported where the water comes from and the process behind us obtaining water. He then explains what his department does, what's in the water and how the Borough can handle certain issues. The Mayor and Council discuss.

No one from the public wished to speak.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Matthew Baisle from Alaimo Engineering went through his monthly report. The Mayor and Council asked a few questions in reference to timelines and grants.
- b. **Cherry Hill Park** - Borough Administrator Foligno explained the estimate for this project. Mayor and Council discuss and agree to move forward.
- c. **23-24 CDBG Engineer's Estimate** – No discussion ensued.

2 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Vacation Buyback (2)** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting
- b. **Junior Firefighter Application** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting
- c. **Firefighter Resignations** – A resolution will be placed on the September 19, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting
- d. **Recreation Staff 2024/2025 School Year Morning/Aftercare** – A resolution will be placed on the September 5, 2024 Mayor and Council Work Session meeting

3 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Pool Operation and Maintenance** – Mayor and Council briefly discuss. An ordinance will be placed on the September 5, 2024 Mayor and Council Work Session meeting
- b. **Farm Animal Enforcement** – An ordinance will be placed on the September 5, 2024 Mayor and Council Work Session meeting

4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2024** – Accepted without discussion
- b. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2024** – Accepted without discussion
- c. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – July, 2024** – Accepted without discussion
- d. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through July, 2024** – Accepted without discussion

5 – DISCUSSION

- a. **EMS Billing** – Borough Administrator Foligno discussed the request to increase the billing amount for EMS services. Mayor and Council discuss and agree.
- b. **Veteran Liaison** – Council President Sheridan explains the purpose to bring in a liaison for Veteran services. The Mayor and Council discuss and agree to appoint someone at fee not to exceed \$2,000.00. Council President Sheridan then recommended two candidates for the position. The Mayor and Council discuss and agree to appoint Mr. Frank Schupp.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor and Council discussed and agreed to skip Committee reports being that they were given during the August 15, 2024 Regular Meeting.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and second by Council President Sheridan to open to the public. Motions carried unanimously.

No one wished to speak.

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

8 – EXECUTIVE:

- a. **Personnel – Finance**
- b. **Personnel – Recreation**
- c. **Litigation/Legal Report**
- d. **Attorney-Client**

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

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,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk