

**WORK SESSION
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ACTION ITEMS
NOVEMBER 7, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for November 7, 2024 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Dennis, 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.

2. PRAYER & FLAG SALUTE:

3. 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, 2024 and published on January 10, 2024.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

R-355-24 Resolution Appointing Hearing Officer

R-356-24 Appoint Police Officer – Randy Sabato

5. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-355-24**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHERIDAN**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING HEARING OFFICER

WHEREAS, disciplinary charges have been brought against a member of the department of public works and said member has requested a hearing on the charges; and

WHEREAS, the Borough may have need for a hearing officer to hear and decide other disciplinary charges during the 2024 calendar year which seek removal as a potential penalty; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined it appropriate to delegate to a third-party its authority to hear and decide whether the charges have been sustained and what penalty, if any, should be imposed in such cases; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that hiring Raymond Hayducka, who has served as a hearing officer in numerous disciplinary matters in New Jersey, to serve as hearing officer in the pending matter and any other such appeals which may be filed during the 2024 calendar year is in the best interests of the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that Raymond Hayducka is appointed as hearing officer to preside over such disciplinary hearings, and he shall hear the testimony, review the evidence and make a recommendation in writing at the conclusion of the hearing as to whether the charges are sustained and what penalty, if any, should be imposed by the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chief Hayducka shall be compensated at the rate of \$175.00 per hour to preside over the hearing and time expended related thereto, inclusive of his review of the testimony and evidence, and writing his recommendation.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

November 6, 2024
Dated

APPROVED: November 7, 2024

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Dennis	X				Pellegrine	X			
Fasolo				X	Troisi	X			
Golabek	X				Sheridan	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 November 2024. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-356-24**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILWOMAN PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHERIDAN**

APPOINT POLICE OFFICER – RANDY SABATO

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the following named be and is hereby appointed as a Police Officer in the Police Department of the Borough of Elmwood Park effective November 7, 2024:

Randy Sabato

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment is in accordance with the Intergovernmental Transfer Process as promulgated by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that remuneration is set at the rate as per the 2018-2025 PBA Contract.

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

November 6, 2024
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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Rosemary, Hillman Drive stated there is an issue with her plumbing system and was advised it was a towns issue. Her neighbor added more information.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report**
- b. **Current Estimate #7 & Change Order #2 – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Statue** – Mayor and Council asked if this was the final total amount. A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

2 – RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution to redeem third party tax lien** – A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Resolution to award Cherry Hill Park Paving** – Councilwoman Dennis asked about the cost and if a bid was done. A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Change in Custodian of Petty Cash** – A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Vacation Buybacks (7)** – A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Fire Department 3rd quarter stipend** – Councilwoman Dennis asked who reviews the list. A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. **Fire Fighter Resignation (2)** – A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- g. **Fire fighter recommendation** – A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- h. **Firefighter Junior Member recommendation** – A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- i. **Bergen County Shard Services – Department of Health** – A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- j. **Bergen County Shared Services – Employee Assistance Program** – A resolution will be added to the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

3– PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Amendment to Towing License** – Councilwoman Dennis asked about the purpose of amendment. An ordinance will be introduced at the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Salt Storage** – An ordinance will be introduced at the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Shade Tree** – Councilman Golabek asked about current ordinance as well as the tree replacement portion of new ordinance. An ordinance will be introduced at the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4 – DISSCUSSION

- a. **Planning Board Vacancy recommendation** – Councilwoman Dennis asked why this person was chosen. An appointment will be done at the November 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Bergen County Tree Decorating** – Councilwoman Dennis stated the Girl Scouts will be assisting in decoration the tree this year.
- c. **South Bergen Municipal JIF Public Notice** – No discussion ensued.
- d. **NJDOT 2025 Application Notice** – No discussion ensued.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Library Broad Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Building Department Monthly Report – September & October 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – September & October, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – Through October, 2024** – Accepted without discussion.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dennis stated Halloween in Elmwood Park was phenomenal. She thanked Chief Foligno and the Recreation for the events. She then thanked the Chief for assisting with the puppy parade.

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine gave her Board of Health update and announced the next meeting date and the date for the rabies clinic. For her Police update she announced the turkey giveaway. She then announced the next Chamber of Commerce meeting date. Lastly, for her Residents Assistance Program, she announced the Fall clean up.

Councilwoman Troisi stated the scare house was great. For her Recreation report she announced its closing for the upcoming holiday well as basketball being extended and the next meeting. For her Elks update she announced upcoming events. Lastly, for her Board of Education update she announced upcoming events.

Council President Sheridan stated the senior event went great.

Mayor Colletti announced the studios that will be entering the newly built building on Market Street.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Lenore, Echo Place asked about the proposed tree ordinance. She then asked for the location of the salt shed. Lastly, she asked about the vicious dog ordinance.

Eric Saimson stated the improvements made to Cherry Hill Park look great.

8 – EXECUTIVE:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Council President Sheridan to enter into executive. Motion carried unanimously.

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:

Personnel – Police Interview

Litigation/Legal Report

Attorney-Client – Shared Service

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