

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**  
**WORK MEETING**  
**March 6, 2025**  
**7:00PM**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for March 6, 2025 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Fasolo, Golabek, Saimson, Sheridan, Troisi and Council President Pellegrine 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 3, 2025 and published on January 8, 2025.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**1 – ENGINEERS REPORT**

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Matthew Basile from Alaimo Engineering went through the monthly report. The Mayor and Council then discussed moving the summer concerts to August & September. They then requested to see a design at the April Work Session
- b. **Recreation Center Structural Improvements** – This item was placed on hold for the Engineer to obtain more information.
- c. **Engineer's Estimate – Van Riper Parking Lot** – This item is okay for the Engineer to move forward.

**2 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Resolution to Redeem Third Party Tax Lien** – A resolution will be added to the March 20, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Board of Education Service Agreement** – A resolution will be added to the March 20, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Vacation Buyback** – A resolution will be added to the March 20, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Holiday Buyback** – A resolution will be added to the March 20, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **DPW Replacement** – Councilwoman Sheridan asked about the number of replacements, starting salaries and the interview process. Councilman Golabek asked if the new Department Head can look into part-time and seasonal workers. A resolution will be added to the March 20, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

### **3 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

- a. **Shade Tree** – The Mayor and Council discussed a few items in the proposed ordinance. They then asked about the tree replacement fee and natural causes. Councilman Golabek then requested to sit with the attorney to go over these items.

### **4 – CORRESPONDANCE**

- a. **State Public Notice for Bergen County** – No discussion ensued.
- b. **Goose Management** – Borough Attorney Kyle Trent explained the previous contract the Borough held with the USDA and gave details. The Mayor then invited Dorin Frater to speak about non-lethal methods to get rid of the geese. She also requested a sight visit of where most geese are located. The Mayor and Council agree to contact the USDA and use non-lethal methods.

### **5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – February 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Building Department Monthly Report – February, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Millennium Strategies Report – February, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- f. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report – February, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.

### **6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Fasolo informed everyone about the fence cover by the basketball courts. He then asked about having a Cannabis quarterly report from the Finance Department. Lastly, he asked for the Council to consider rescinding the resolution regarding participation using electronic devises. They Mayor and Council discussed and agreed to making a few changes to avoid any issues moving forward. Borough Attorney Kyle Trent will present a draft at the April Work Session meeting.

Councilman Golabek stated the Ramadan event went great as well as Council Corner.

Councilman Saimson attended Council Corner and t=stated it went great. He then announced items that were discussed at the Planning Board meeting. Lastly, he stated the Fire Department had a busy weekend and did a great job.

Councilwoman Sheridan stated the Home Owners Association and Council Corner went great. Lastly, she stated the Ramadan event was very successful and went great as well.

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation update and announced upcoming events and the changes happening at the Recreation Building. She announced openings for coaches as well as the upcoming games. She then stated an application was submitted for a grant to assist with the Community Garden. For her Board of Education update she announced a delayed opening and the next meeting date.

Council President Pellegrine stated that Council Corner had a big crowd and thanked the Chief and team for their attendance. She then stated the Ramadan event went great. Lastly, she announced the next meeting date.

Mayor Colletti asked the Cannabis representatives how many licenses there are and then asked the Council to consider rescinding one micro license. Would like a discussion at the April Work Session.

**7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

No one from the public wished to speak.

**8 – EXECUTIVE:**

A motion was made by Council President Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Fasolo 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:

**Attorney Client – Recreation Fees**

**Attorney Client – Building Dept./Planning Board**

**Personnel – Police**

**Litigation/Legal Reports**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk