

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

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

Councilmembers Fasolo, 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 discuss the Elmwood Drive Park project and ways to cut back the cost. The Marina project was then discussed and the Mayor and Council decided not to continue with the project at this time.
- b. **Borough Field Phase II** – *Councilwoman Troisi and Councilwoman Sheridan recused themselves for this portion of the meeting due to a conflict of interest.*  
Mr. Basile reviewed each proposed estimate for Phase II of Borough Field. He discussed the different materials and cost. Mayor and Council discussed, made some suggestions and would like to see more options for this project.

**2 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Municipal Representatives for the 2025-2026 Bergen County Committee** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Zoning Board Resignations (2)** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Zoning Board Replacement Recommendation** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Block Party Request** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Road Opening Refund** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. **Park-N-Ride Refund Request** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- g. **Escrow Release – PSEG** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

- h. **Escrow Release – Block 703, Lot 16** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- i. **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Stipend Fire Department** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- j. **Borough Assets to be Auctioned** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- k. **Fire Fighter Resignation** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- l. **Vacation Buyback (4)** – A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

### **3 – DISCUSSION**

- a. **Purchase Request – Fire Prevention Portable Radios** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno went over the need for the equipment and the cost. Mayor and Council agree to move forward. A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **JIF Renewal** - A resolution will be added to the August 21, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **41 Slater Drive Redevelopment** – The Mayor and Council asked for a draft of the redevelopment plan from the planner.
- d. **Our Way to Hope 5K** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno reviewed a request he received from a foundation wanting to host an event on Borough property. No further discussion ensued.
- e. **Water Quality** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno went over recent complaint of brown water and low water pressure. He briefed the Mayor and Council on a meeting he had with a representative from Passaic Valley Water Commission and the Department Head of the DPW. Borough Administrator Chief Foligno suggest having a public forum with the Department of Public Works Council Committee, himself and the Public Works Department Head. The Mayor and Council discuss and agree to move forward and have the committee meet.

### **4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – June, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Building Department Monthly – July, 2025** – Councilwoman Troisi asked about a report she made with the Department.
- e. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – July, 2025** – Councilwoman Troisi asked about the grant she requested for the Community Garden.
- f. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report – July, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.

### **5 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Fasolo expressed he is glad they are staking steps to address the water issues. He stated he does not agree with the decision to reject the grants for the Marina project. He also clarified he is not against the softball field and is always looking to improve the Borough .

Councilman Saimson stated the Planning Board meeting was quiet. He then shared he saw the new Fire apparatus and it looks great! He also made a comment on the increase in taxes and how everyone is feeling it. Lastly, he stated Cherry Hill park looks great.

Councilwoman Sheridan stated the new Fire truck is beautiful. She then thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Public Works for National Night Out. Lastly, she stated the town concerts are going great!

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation update and announced upcoming registrations and the next meeting date. She then thanked the Recreation staff, Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Public Works for National Night Out. For her Board of Education report, she announced the opening day for school and the next meeting date. Lastly, she informed everyone of her meeting with the Engineer in reference to the arrogation system for the Community Garden. She then shared a draft donation letter for the Community Garden.

Council President Pellegrine stated National Night Out was great and thanked everyone that made it possible. For her Police update she announced upcoming events. For her Board of Health update she announced the next meeting date. Lastly, for her Residents Assistance update she informed everyone of a donation that was received. She also thanked the Police Department for their assistance whenever needed.

Mayor Colletti mentioned the upcoming JIF meeting for the Council. He then asked Council President Pellegrine about Council corner.

**6 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

Tyra from Miller Avenue asked about the water issue and flooding on her street. She then mentioned the basin being cleaned every season. She also asked about cars moving for the street sweeper. Lastly, she volunteered to help with the Community Garden.

A resident from Miller Avenue asked about the revaluation letter she received. She asked how it will affect her senior freeze.

A resident from Jane Court stated they think the softball field should be a turf field.

**7 – 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**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk

*Minutes Approves at the September 18, 2025 Regular Meeting*