

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
September 4, 2025
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for September 4, 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:

Jerry Labozo expressed the concerns about the traffic on his street. He went through the safety concerns he has and asked if it's possible to have residential parking on his street.

1 – AUDIT REVIEW (Corrective Action Plan) – C.F.O ROY RIGGITANO

Mr. Riggitano went over the Corrective Action Plan for the Borough . He stated there were no issues with payroll or taxes and informed the Mayor and Council of the new software being update in the Finance Office.

2 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Matthew Basile from Alaimo Engineering went through the monthly report. Mayor and Council asked a few questions in reference to project updates.
- b. **Payment Estimate #1 – 2024 Road Program** – A resolutions will be added to the September 18, 2025 Mayor & Council Regular Meeting.

3 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Vacation Buyback** – A resolution will be added to the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Recreation After School / Morning Care Staff List** – A resolution will be added to the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
- c. **Refund for Tax Exempt Veteran** – A resolution will be added to the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
- d. **Refund for Tax Overpayment** – A resolution will be added to the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
- e. **Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day** – A resolution will be added to the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting
- f. **Block Party Request** – A resolution will be added to the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

- g. **T&M Associates Resolution** – Councilman Fasolo asked Borough Administrator Chief Foligno the purpose of this resolution. Chief Foligno explained. A resolution will be added to the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting

4– PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Stop Signs on Palsa Ave/Bank Street and Martha Ave/Ray Street** – An ordinance will be introduced at the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Amend ordinance for noise and vehicle activity in the Borough lot.** – An ordinance will be introduced at the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

5 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Notice for Bergen County Open Space Funding Public Hearing** – No discussion ensued.
- b. **Traffic and Parking** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explained the survey that was conducted in a specific area in the Borough. He stated a new survey needs to be conducted in reference to possibly making a portion of Florence place a one-way street. The Mayor and Council discuss the proposed fee associated with the trial parking permit. They decided to remove the fee. Councilman Fasolo then brought to the table a sign needing to be added on Martha avenue stating “Children at Play”. A redrafted ordinance will be reintroduced at the September 18, 2025 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Street Signs for Resident for Contributions to the Borough Hall** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno expressed to the Mayor and Council a request that was made by the Laport family in reference to getting a street sign in memory of their family member. The Chief then asked the family to say a few things. The Mayor and Council discuss and agree to move forward. Chief Foligno added Dominick Bronchio would also like a street sign and gave details. The Mayor and Council discuss and agree to move forward.
- d. **Proposed Beautification Committee** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno, Lieutenant Woods, DPW Department head David Hayes and Superintendent Michael McIlwrath met with an individual that would like to go around town and make improvements to areas that need it. Chief Foligno suggested having a committee assist with the process. The Mayor and Council discuss and agree for the current DPW Council Committee to meet on this topic.

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – July, 2025** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – August, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- c. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- d. **Building Department Monthly Report – August, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- e. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report – August, 2025** – Accepted without discussion

7– COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo reported progress. He then added a suggestion of changing the direction of the parking lanes in the parking lot next to Borough Field.

Councilman Saimson mentioned the crossing guards doing a great job. He then mentions the upcoming remembrance of 9/11.

Councilwoman Sheridan stated the event she attended at the VFW went well. She then discussed the parking for the concerts and thanked the Chief for resolving the issue.

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation update and announced the change in hours as well as upcoming registration deadlines and the next meeting date. She then announced a resignation on the Recreation Board notifying the Mayor and Council of the vacancy. For her board of Education update she informed everyone of most recent events and the next meeting date. Lastly, she thanked JC Promotions for their Community Garden Donation.

Council President Pellegrine gave her Police update and stated the Police Academy graduation was very heartwarming. She also mentioned the back pack give away event went great. For her Board of Health update, she announced the next meeting date. For her Chamber of Commerce update she announced the next meeting date. Lastly, for her Residents Assistance Program update she announced the upcoming Bag For Hunger event.

Mayor Colletti reported progress.

8 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Doug DeMatteo, Elmwood Park Resident informed everyone the new turf field at the High School was damaged by dirt bikes.

9 – ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council President Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Saimson to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk