

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**  
**WORK MEETING**  
**January 8, 2026**  
**7:00PM**

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for January 8, 2026 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:04PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Fasolo, Oswald, 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 Arthur Thibault.

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 2, 2026 and published on January 8, 2026.

**Work Meeting Agenda Items:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

No one wished to speak.

**1 – ENGINEERS REPORT**

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Eric Bodnar from Alaimo Engineering went through the monthly report. Councilman Oswald asked a few questions in reference to the salt shed. Councilwoman Sheridan went over the timeline for the Vietnam Memorial plaque. Councilman Fasolo went over the proposed one-way on Veterans Place.

**2 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Recreation Staff Replacements** – A resolution will be added to the January 22, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Service Agreement with BCUA** – A resolution will be added to the January 22, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Fire Fighter Recommendations (2)** – A resolution will be added to the January 22, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

**3 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

- a. **Amendment to allow leashed dogs in Borough Parks** – Councilman Oswald asked about ensuring dogs are registered. An ordinance will be introduced at the January 22, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Water Department Rates** – Councilman Fasolo discussed reaching out to Passaic Valley Water Commission because of the large increases over the past two years. An ordinance will be introduced at the January 22, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

#### **4 – DISCUSSION**

- a. **Planning Board letter – 41 Slater Drive** – Borough Administrator Foligno discussed this letter will have to be reviewed once we appoint a new redevelopment attorney. He informed the Mayor and Council that other firms were being considered.
- b. **Cannabis Delivery** – Councilman Oswald went over a few issues with the current ordinance. Councilman Fasolo explained the process once deliveries are allowed.
- c. **Stipends for Borough Sport Programs** – *Councilwoman Troisi & Councilwoman Sheridan recused themselves from this discussion due to a conflict of interest.*  
Councilman Fasolo shared the cost of equipment increasing and the need to increase the stipend per athlete to assist parents with the cost. Mayor and Council discuss different amounts. The majority of the Council agreed to a \$25 increase per athlete making the total stipend \$50. A resolution will be added to the January 22, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

#### **5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- b. **Recreation Board Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2025** – Council President Pellegrine asked about the Board's attendance. No further discussion ensued.
- c. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report – December, 2025** – Councilman Oswald asked the average cost per ton for salt. No further discussion ensued.
- d. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – 2025 Year End Report** – The Mayor and Council discuss applying for additional grants. No further discussion ensued.
- e. **Building Department Monthly Report – December, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- f. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – November, 2025** – Accepted without discussion

#### **6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Fasolo reported progress.

Councilman Oswald mentions the idea of having a group walk through the town and report back to the Borough with concerns they see. Mayor and Council discuss and share their concerns.

Councilman Saimson reported what was discussed at the Planning Board meeting and the time change. He then suggested an EMS committee with him as the chair and Councilman Fasolo and Council President Pellegrine as members. Lastly, he gave his AARP update and went over the meeting he attended.

Councilwoman Sheridan reported progress.

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation update and announced upcoming registrations. For her Board of Education update she announced upcoming fundraisers for the schools. Lastly, she gave her Police update and went over the report. She then added a new restaurant is looking to have a grand opening with the Mayor and Council in attendance.

Council President Pellegrine the next meeting dates for the Board of Health and Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Colletti briefly discussed the lighting on the bandshell.

**7- 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:**

A motion was made by Council President Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Saimson to open to the public. Motion carried unanimously. No one wished to speak. The Mayor closed the public portion.

**8 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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**

**Negotiations**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk