

**WORK SESSION
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ACTION ITEMS
February 5, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for February 5, 2026 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:00PM. 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.

2. 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 2, 2026 and published on January 8, 2026.

3. RESOLUTIONS:

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| R-68-26 | Resolution Establishing Kearney Bank as Escrow Banking for the Borough of Elmwood Park |
| R-69-26 | Resolution Appointing Hearing Officer |
| R-70-26 | Appoint Part-Time Fire Protection Subcode Official, James Dimaria, Building Department, and Rescind Resolution R-64-26 |
| R-71-26 | Resolution to Approve Consent Agenda |

4. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-68-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING KEARNY BANK AS ESCROW BANKING FOR
THE BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK**

WHEREAS, from time to time the Finance Department analyses its banking needs and;

WHEREAS, the existing banking at TD Bank has changed its existing operating procedures, which is no longer advantageous to effectively and efficiently establish, maintaining, the Borough of Elmwood Park Client escrow accounts and;

WHEREAS, Kearny Bank has the software to efficiently establish, maintain the Borough of Elmwood Park Escrow Clients and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Elmwood Park, will establish a working relationship with Kearny Bank in operations of its escrow accounting.

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

February 4, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: February 5, 2026

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Fasolo	X				Sheridan	X			
Oswald	X				Troisi	X			
Saimson	X				Pellegrine	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 5th day of February 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-69-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING HEARING OFFICER

WHEREAS, disciplinary charges have been brought against a member of the police department 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 2026 calendar year as assigned; 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 2026 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

February 4, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: February 5, 2026

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Saimson	X				Pellegrine	X			

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-70-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO**

**APPOINT PART-TIME FIRE PROTECTION SUBCODE OFFICIAL, JAMES DIMARIA,
BUILDING DEPARTMENT, AND RESCIND RESOLUTION R-64-26**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council passed Resolution R-64-26 appointing James DiMaria as a Part-Time Fire Protection Inspector, in the Building Department, effective January 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, R-64-26 did not identify the correct Civil Service title for this appointment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that Resolution R-64-26 is rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that James DiMaria be, and is hereby appointed as a Part-Time Fire Protection Subcode Official, in the Building Department, *nunc pro tunc*, effective January 26, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$48.00 per hour, up to 15 hours per week on a provisional basis subject to Civil Service examination and promulgation of an eligible list.

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

February 4, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: February 5, 2026

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-71-26**

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT PELLEGRINE

SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN FASOLO

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the actions noted in the Consent Agenda, Resolutions R-68-26 through R-71-26 be and are hereby approved and the proper officers are directed to take necessary action on same.

APPROVED: February 5, 2026

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one wished to speak.

1 – TOM LEMANOWICZ GPI – 2020 TAP GRANT

Thomas Lemanowicz from GPI came before the Mayor and Council to give a status update for the lighting project. He went over the next steps to ensure the project is in compliance with the TAP Grant. He then discussed changes in the scope of work and the final design phase which went over the budget by \$44,000 as well as the projected timeline. The Mayor and Council asked a few questions.

2 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Eric Bodnar from Alaimo Engineering went over the highlights on the monthly report. The Mayor and Council asked a few questions in reference to phase II of Borough field. They all agreed to have the turf end right up to the bandshell stage.
- b. **Award Recommendation – Doremus Place** – A resolution will be added to the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

3 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Recreation Grant Application** – A resolution will be added to the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Handicap Parking – Stone Avenue** – A resolution will be added to the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Fire Fighter Recommendation**– A resolution will be added to the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Fourth Quarter Fire Department Stipend** – A resolution will be added to the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Tax Exempt Veteran** – A resolution will be added to the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **Parking Restriction, Broadway** – The Mayor and Council asked for the location. Borough Attorney Kyle Trent explained the need for the ordinance to match the NJDOT regulations. An ordinance will be introduced at the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Further address Dogs in Parks** – Borough Attorney Kyle Trent explained the off leash rule. An ordinance will be introduced at the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Garden Drive Bond Ordinance** – The Mayor and Council asked a few questions and Borough Administrator Foligno explained the purpose of the bond. An ordinance will be introduced at the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

5 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Cannabis Delivery** – Councilman Fasolo updated the Mayor and Council for the need and benefit of deliveries.
- b. **New Jersey Transit Memorandum** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explained the need for bike racks.
- c. **Bergen County Open Space Grant Opportunity** – The Mayor and Council discuss the timeline and usage for the grant and decided not to move forward.
- d. **Proposal – Redevelopment Counsel** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explained the need to appoint redevelopment counsel to assist the Borough with current projects. A resolution will be placed on the February 19, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- b. **Library Board Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2025** – Councilman Fasolo asked about ESL classes being offered at the Library. Accepted without further discussion
- c. **Millennium Strategies Monthly Report – January, 2026** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno informed the Mayor and Council of an upcoming grant. Accepted without further discussion
- d. **Building Department Monthly Report – January, 2026** – Accepted without discussion
- e. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – December, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- f. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2025** – Accepted without discussion
- g. **Police Department Monthly Report – January, 2026** – Accepted without discussion
- h. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report** – Councilman Oswald asked if the Department can be recognized at a public meeting for what they do for the community. The Mayor and

Council discuss and decided to have an employee recognition night to recognize all Department heads. Accepted without discussion

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo shared his concerns about the water rate increases and would like to write a letter to express the Borough’s discourse. Borough Administrator Foligno advised to send the letter to State representatives. Councilman Fasolo also added that the sober living committee briefly met and will meet again in March.

Councilman Oswald reported progress.

Councilman Saimson announced an upcoming bus trip with the Homeowners Association. He then informed the Mayor and Council of the meetings he attended, AARP and Elks. Lastly, he reported the calls that were responded to by the Elmwood Park Ambulance.

Councilwoman Sheridan commended all of those who assisted the Borough with the snow storm.

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation update and announced upcoming events. For her Police update she announced upcoming events as well. Lastly, for her Community Garden update, she informed everyone of grant opportunities that can be use for the garden as well as her plans to include the senior residents and scouts with the garden.

Council President Pellegrine announced the next Board of Health meeting. For her Chamber of Commerce update she announced a collaboration with the Hispanic organization for a fundraiser. Lastly, she adds recognizing the employees is a great idea.

Mayor Colletti made a comment about the latest snowfall and the difference from ones in the past.

8– 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

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

9 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Personnel – Clerks Office

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,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk