

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL
APRIL 23, 2026
4:00P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park was called to order on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey.

On Roll Call Councilmembers: Fasolo, Oswald, Saimson, Sheridan, Troisi and Council President Pellegrine. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Borough Administrator Foligno, Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, and Borough Attorney Kyle Trent.

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 on the Borough website as well as in the office of the Borough Clerk and in a public place within the Municipal Building, also by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was transmitted and posted on April 20, 2026.

3. BUDGET INTRODUCTION:

R-162-26	Ordinance #26-14 to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits to Establish a Cap Bank
R-163-26	Introduction of the 2026 Municipal Budget
R-164-26	Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

5. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-162-26**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT PELLEGRINE
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN SAIMSON
INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #26-14
FIRST READING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that an ordinance entitled:

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

be passed and adopted on first reading; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that a final hearing on said ordinance will be heard in the Municipal Building on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:00PM or as soon thereafter as same can be heard, at which time any persons interested in said ordinance can be heard;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be, and she is hereby authorized to advertise a notice of introduction and final hearing as required by law;

APPROVED: April 23, 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 23rd day of April 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO.: 26-14**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5%, or the cost-of-living adjustment, whichever is less, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, the cost-of-living adjustment for calendar year 2026 is calculated at 2.0%, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$420,982 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Elmwood Park shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by up to 3.5 %, amounting to \$982,292, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Elmwood Park be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be fled with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ATTEST: _____

APPROVED: _____

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR

Borough Clerk

Introduced: April 23, 2026

Adopted:

Councilman Fasolo asked Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano about the tax increase percentage. He then shared his concerns about the process of introducing the budget and would like to have a meeting prior to the introduction to review the budget. Councilman Saimson informed everyone he is not for the percentage increase but it is out of the Council control. The Council also discussed different opinions on the process to introduce the budget.

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-163-26**

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Elmwood Park, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published on the Borough’s website, at www.elmwoodparknj.us, on April 24, 2026, and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on May 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Elmwood Park does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2026:

2026 Municipal Budget										
of the		BOROUGH			of		ELMWOOD PARK		County of	
		BERGEN			for the fiscal year 2026.					
Revenue and Appropriations Summaries										
Summary of Revenues					Anticipated					
					2026		2025			
1. Surplus					4,650,000.00		5,285,000.00			
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues					7,429,853.00		9,159,919.00			
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes					550,000.00		550,000.00			
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes					27,573,712.00		23,621,407.00			
b) Addition to Local School District Tax					0.00		0.00			
c) Minimum Library Tax					1,199,899.00		1,077,173.00			
Tot Amt to be Rsd by Taxes for Sup of Muni Bnd					28,773,611.00		24,698,580.00			
Total General Revenues					41,403,464.00		39,693,499.00			
Summary of Appropriations					2026 Budget		Final 2025 Budget			
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages					13,731,410.00		13,285,384.00			
Other Expenses					18,242,059.00		17,027,564.00			
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations					4,233,425.00		4,146,439.00			
3. Capital Improvements					400,000.00		360,000.00			
4. Debt Service (Include for School Purposes)					2,346,570.00		2,484,112.00			
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes #					2,450,000.00		2,390,000.00			
Total General Appropriations					41,403,464.00		39,693,499.00			
2026 Dedicated		Water			Utility Budget					
Summary of Revenues					Anticipated					
					2026		2025			
1. Surplus										
2. Miscellaneous Revenues					4,124,195.00		4,120,908.00			
3. Deficit (General Budget)										
Total Revenues					4,124,195.00		4,120,908.00			
Summary of Appropriations					2026 Budget		Final 2025 Budget			
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages					640,000.00		560,000.00			
Other Expenses					3,100,000.00		3,100,000.00			
2. Capital Improvements										
3. Debt Service					304,195.00		380,908.00			
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations					80,000.00		80,000.00			
5. Surplus (General Budget)										
Total Appropriations					4,124,195.00		4,120,908.00			
Total Number of Employees										
Balance of Outstanding Debt										
		General			Water					
Interest		677,268.00			53,948.00					
Principal		1,669,302.00			250,247.00					
Outstanding Balance		21,119,320.00			1,395,247.00		0.00			

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the council members of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen on April 23, 2026.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building, on May 21st, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2026 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the Budget are available in the office of Shanee Morris, Borough Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, New Jersey, Phone # 201-796-1457 during the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M

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

April 22, 2026

Dated

APPROVED: April 23, 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
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Oswald		X			Troisi	X			
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-164-26**

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

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION’S
“Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment
Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964”**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Elmwood Park, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

APPROVED: April 23, 2026

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

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Borough Clerk

Dated

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Doris Wecthler, Philip avenue, asked about the agenda being posted and the advertised time of the special meeting. She then states the tax increase is a lot for seniors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Minutes approved at the June 18, 2026 Regular Meeting.