

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for May 7, 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 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 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:

R-165-26 Resolution to Enter Into an Agreement with Elite Finance Group LLC.

4. WORK SESSION: NON-ACTION ITEMS

5. ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION R-165-26**

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

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ELITE FINANCE GROUP LLC.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmwood Park, New Jersey (the “Lessee”) is a political subdivision duly organized under the constitution and laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee desires to refinance an existing lease obligation with Enterprise FM Trust, the proceeds of which were used to finance the acquisition of police vehicles for use by the Lessee (the “Equipment”); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable and in the best interest of the Lessee, as lessee, to enter into an Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") with Elite Finance Group LLC, as lessor (the “Lessor”), for the purposes described therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the governing body of the Borough of Elmwood Park, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Agreement, in substantially the same form as presented to this meeting, and the terms and performance thereof are hereby approved, and Mayor, Robert Colletti or Borough Administrator, Michael Foligno of the Lessee (each, an “Authorized Representative”) is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement on behalf of the Lessee, with such changes therein as shall be approved by such officer, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by such officer’s execution thereof.

Section 2. The Lessee shall, and the officers, agents and employees of the Lessee are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments (including federal tax agreement) as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution, and to carry out, comply with and perform the duties of the Lessee with respect to the Agreement.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the governing body of the Lessee.

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

May 6, 2026
Dated

APPROVED: May 7, 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 7th day of May 2026. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Dated

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Daniel Schafer, Jan Court, asked about the next phase of Borough Field. He asked the location of the fountain and other proposed items.

Gladys Gryskiewicz, Fencsak Avenue, asked about the housing requirement.

Martha Hayes, Fencsak Avenue, asked about the infrastructure of the roads and sewer and where parking will be during construction.

1 – DAN HAUBEN – ELMWOOD PARK PLANNING

Borough Planner Daniel Hauben from T&M Associates came before the Mayor and Council to go over the Borough's goals for zoning maps, parking, etc. The Mayor and Council discuss different ways to relieve parking issues in town. They also discuss living facilities counting towards the Borough's affordable housing plan. He then offered to revisit the master plan for sidewalk barriers for outdoor dining.

2 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Mayor and Council asked for the construction schedule for phase II of Borough field.
- b. **Payment Estimate #1 2024 CDBG – Doremus PI** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Payment Estimate #2 2024 CDBG – Doremus PI** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Payment Estimate #3 (Final) & Change Order #2 – 2024 Road Program** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

3 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Tax Exemption for Disabled Veteran** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Resolution to Redeem Tax Lien** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- c. **Firefighter Recommendation – Company #4** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Firefighter Recommendation – Company #2** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Firefighter Resignation – Company #4** – A resolution will be placed on the May 21, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Ribbon Cuttings** – The Mayor and Council go over previous procedures when it came to attending ribbon cutting ceremonies. Councilman Oswald responded on behalf of the Chamber stating the process of an invitation on behalf of the business owner. Mayor is use to being able to pick between two dates and suggest that would be a better process. Councilman Oswald will discuss with the Chamber.
- b. **New Ambulance Fund Raising** – The Borough received a letter in reference to being able to fund raise for the Ambulance. The Mayor and Council discuss and will move forward with accepting the donations from the fundraiser when available.
- c. **Memorial Day** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno discussed the Fire Department having the first responder's ceremony on Memorial Day. Chief Foligno reminded everyone of the meaning for Memorial Day and suggest the ceremony be held in October on First Responders Day. The Mayor and Council discuss and suggest the Fire Department can have a separate ceremony on their own, without other departments being involved.
- d. **Police Personnel** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explained there is a vacancy within the Police Department starting in July and would like to start interviewing candidates to fill the upcoming vacancy.
- e. **DPW Personnel** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno informed the Mayor and Council that the Department of Public Works is down three employees and would like to replace them. He then suggested other options. Borough Attorney Kyle Trent advised for this item to be moved to executive.
- f. **2026 Internship** – Councilman Fasolo reviewed the process for the proposed internship program that he would like to continue. He would like to add a welcome breakfast with the students as well as a celebration luncheon once the program concludes.

- g. **Notice for the 2027 NJDOT Grant Application** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno informed the Mayor and Council he has started working on this grant with Councilman Saimson and Millenium Strategies for a location.

5 – PROPOSED ORDINANCES

- a. **2026 Salary Ordinance** – Borough Administrator Foligno reviewed the numbers, informing the Mayor and Council of the yearly process.

6 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2026** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Municipal Court Monthly Report – March & April, 2026** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Building Department Monthly Report – April, 2026** – Councilwoman Sheridan asked about two items on the report. Report accepted without further discussion.
- d. **Recreation Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2025** – Councilwoman Troisi asked about members attendance. The Mayor and Council discussed sending a letter. Report accepted without further discussion.
- e. **Police Department Monthly Report – April, 2026** – Councilman Oswald asked if the new unit could assist with patrol to help with thefts. Report accepted without further discussion.
- f. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report – April 2026** – Accepted without discussion.
- g. **Millennium Strategies Activity/ Monthly Report – April, 2026** – Accepted without discussion.

7 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo reported progress.

Councilman Oswald stated he was happy with the progression of the Borough.

Councilman Saimson reported the response time for EMS and then informed everyone of the upcoming EMS appreciation day. Lastly, he announced the book box is doing well.

Councilwoman Sheridan attended the opening for the community garden and thanked everyone who participated. She also thanked Police, Fire and EMS for their response to the fire that took place on May 1st. She then congratulated a few residents, Liv Morgan on her wrestling success and Councilman Fasolo for teacher of the year. Lastly, she thanked the heroes in town and wished everyone a Happy Mother’s Day.

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation update and announced the opening day for the spray park, upcoming softball clinic, the all star game and the next meeting date. For her Board of Education update she announced the days schools will be closed, the award ceremonies and graduation dates.

Council President Pellegrine gave her Board of Health update and announced the upcoming Rabies Clinic. For her Chamber of Commerce update she announced upcoming events and ribbon cuttings. Lastly, for her Residents Assistant Program she announced Azeus came to the Borough and cleaned up around town.

Mayor Colletti reviewed the agenda processed and goes over the roles as liaisons.

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. No one wished to speak. The Mayor closed the public portion.

9 – 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/Negotiation
Attorney Client – Group Funding

Attorney Client – Benefits
Attorney Client – Recreation Gym Use
Personnel – Finance
Personnel – Clerk’s 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 Councilwoman Sheridan and seconded by Councilman Oswald 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