

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
June 4, 2026
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for June 4, 2026 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:01PM. 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.

**Councilman Fasolo participated via teleconference*

**Councilman Saimson participated via teleconference*

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:

Lenore Madrachimov, Echo Place shared her concern about pigeons and rats being in her neighbor's yard. She stated she reached out to the Building Department and is looking for an update.

Richard Truwinski, Elmwood Park shared his concerns about Parkway Auto not maintaining their property and not following the guidelines in the planning board resolution.

1 – FOREVER MOMENTS, RUI PEREIRA – VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Representatives from Forever Moments discussed the product with the Mayor and Council. They went over the purpose and how it works. They also shared a visual example of what their product does. The Mayor and Council discussed the cost and how to sponsor this service. They also discuss a committee to assist with fundraising. The committee will consist of Councilwoman Sheridan and Council President Pellegrine to meet with Forever Moments as well as the Veteran liaison.

2 – ENGINEERS REPORT

- a. **Monthly Status Report** – Eric Bodnar from Alaimo Engineering went through the monthly report. He gave updates on upcoming projects. The Mayor and Council then asked a few questions.

3 – PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Vacation Buybacks (10)** – A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Gym Assistant Replacement – Recreation**– A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

- c. **2026 Summer Camp Staff – Recreation** – A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- d. **Resolution to Redeem Third Party Tax Lien** – A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- e. **Cut List Request** – A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. **Resolution to Release Road Opening** – A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- g. **Block Party Request** – Mayor and Council asked a few questions about the location. A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- h. **Firefighter Recommendation – Company #4** – A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- i. **Firefighter Recommendation – Company #3** – A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- j. **Police Dispatcher Replacement** – A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.

4 – DISCUSSION

- a. **Route 46 over Erie-Lackawanna Railroad Bridge Replacement Project** – The Mayor and Council briefly discuss. A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- b. **Mola Boulevard Lighting** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno went over the different bulb options and cost. The Mayor and Council discuss and decided to leave the bulbs the way they are.
- c. **Street Naming** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno went over the request made by a resident to name a street after his father-in-law. The Mayor and Council discuss considerations for these types of requests as well as the location.
- d. **Ambulance Resolution/Bond** – The Mayor and Council discuss and will move forward with obtaining a bond.
- e. **SLEO III** - Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explained the need for Special Officers at St. Leo's School and it now being required. The Mayor and Council discuss and agree to move forward. A resolution will be placed on the June 18, 2026 Mayor and Council Regular Meeting.
- f. **New Police Chaplains** – Borough Administrator Chief Foligno explained the need for new chaplains and went through each background. He stated they all went through the proper class and are ready to be appointed. This will take place at the July meeting.
- g. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies** - Borough Administrator Chief Foligno shared the concerns of some Council members with being notified when dignitaries are going to attend Borough events, including ribbon cuttings.

5 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2026** – Accepted without discussion.
- b. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2026** – Accepted without discussion.
- c. **Police Department Monthly Report – May, 2026** – Accepted without discussion.
- d. **Department of Public Works Monthly Report – May, 2026** – Accepted without discussion.
- e. **Millennium Strategies Activity/ Monthly Report – May, 2026** - Councilwoman Troisi and Councilman Oswald met with the green team and would like to meet with Millennium Strategies to apply for Clean Communities Grant.

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Fasolo stated the parade was a great success and reported progress.

Councilman Oswald stated the Borough has had a great couple of weeks and is looking forward to the concerts and new businesses in town. He added he would like to recognize our officers for community Policing and reported progress.

Councilman Saimson thanked everyone for their assistance and approval to move forward with ambulance.

Councilwoman Sheridan stated the parade was great and Council corner was successful and thanked those who attended.

Councilwoman Troisi gave her Recreation update and announced the opening day for the spray park, camp registration and the next meeting date. For her Board of Education update she announced the award ceremonies and graduation dates. She also discussed her meeting with the green team and shared fundraising opportunities. Lastly, she went over Council corner and the guest speakers.

Council President Pellegrine gave her Board of Health update and announced the upcoming Cancer event and meeting date. For her Chamber of Commerce update she announced upcoming ribbon cuttings. She then discussed Council corner and stated it went great, she thanked the Chief, Policed Department and Roy for their assistance.

Mayor Colletti commended the committee for the Memorial Day Parade, it was great.

7– 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Lenore Madrachimov, Echo Place suggested fundraisers to assist with paying for the new ambulance.

8 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council President Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Oswald 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 – Meridia
Negotiations
Personnel – Department of Public Works
Personnel – Police
Personnel – Building Department

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 Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilman Saimson to adjourn. Motion carried by the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at the July 16, 2026 Regular Meeting