BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK
WORK MEETING
January 11, 2024
7:00PM

The Work Meeting of the Elmwood Park Mayor and Council for January 11, 2024 was called to order by Borough Clerk Shanee Morris at 7:00PM. The Statement of Compliance was read.

Councilmembers Dennis, Fasolo, Golabek, Pellegrine, Troisi and Council President Sheridan were present. Also present were Mayor Colletti, Acting Borough Clerk Shanee Morris, Borough Administrator Michael Foligno and Borough Attorney Kyle Trent.

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 6, 2024 and published on January 10, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into executive session.

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:

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 Councilwoman Pellegrine and seconded by Councilman Fasolo to open back to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Meeting Agenda Items:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Jefferey Freitag asked if monitors is the Council Chambers by the Planning and Zoning Board meetings.

1 – ENGINEERS REPORT

a. **Monthly Status Report** – Thomas Lemanowisz from Alaimo Engineering went through his monthly report. The Mayor and Council asked a few questions in reference to timelines and grants.
b. **Current Estimate #6, Change Orders 1 & 2** – 2021 NJDOT Mola Blvd. – A resolution will be placed on the January 18, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting.
c. **Proposal for Environmental services** – Mercury Environmental – Councilwoman Dennis asked for the quote. A resolution will be placed on the January 18, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting

2 – CORRESPONDANCE

a. **Township of Saddle Brook** – Ordinance Notification – No discussion ensued.
b. **Zoning Board Resignation** – Mayor will look for recommendations for replacement.
c. **Zoning Board Request** – Councilwoman Dennis asked about the cost and the board using the Borough's planner.

3 – RESOLUTIONS

a. **DPW new hire Recommendation** – Councilman Golabek asked if seasonal employees need to be replaced. No further discussion ensued, a resolution will be placed on the January 18, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting
b. **Recreation New Hire** – Councilwoman Sheridan asked if a list of Counselors and can be proved and to hold off on the new hire. Councilwoman Dennis and Bourgh Administrator Foligno explain the need for the new hire. Lastly, Councilwoman Troisi asked about relatives being hired. A resolution will be placed on the January 18, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting
c. **Retirement Compensation** – A resolution will be placed on the January 18, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting
d. **Firefighter transfer** – A resolution will be placed on the January 18, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting
e. **Volunteer Firefighter** – A resolution will be placed on the January 18, 2024 Mayor and Council Regular meeting

4 – DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. **Library Board Meeting Minutes** – November 20, 2023 – Councilwoman Dennis asked about the discarding of books. She asked what is done with the books and if they can be donated to the schools.
b. **Municipal Court Monthly Report** – December, 2023 **–** Accepted without discussion
c. **Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes & 2023 Attendance report** – November 13, 2023 **–** Accepted without discussion
d. **Zoning Board Meeting Minutes** – November 20, 2023 **–** Accepted without discussion
e. **Board of Health Meeting Minutes** – December 11, 2023 **–** Accepted without discussion
f. **Millennium Strategies Report** – End of the Year Report **–** Accepted without discussion

5 – APPLICATIONS

a. **Elks, Lodge #60** – Raffle License – March 8, 2024 **–** Accepted without discussion

6 – COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Dennis gave an update to the Cherry Hill Park in reference to the exercise equipment. Lastly, she made an announcement about the success of the girls High School basketball team

Councilman Fasolo asked the Mayor for an update on the Cannabis Denial from the Planning Board. Lastly, he thanked the Chief and all of the departments for their assistance with the storm,

Councilman Golabek reported progress.

Councilwoman Pellegrine gave her Board of Health update and announced the newly appointed officers. For her Police update she announced the upcoming wrestling program. For her Residents Assistance Program update she thanked Tom Mulligan for his assistance with the volunteers who shoveled. Lastly, she extended a job well done to the Police Department and the Department of Public Works.

Councilwoman Troisi announced the reorganization meeting for the Board of Education. She then announced upcoming programs for the Recreation Department.

Council President Sheridan thanked the Department of Public Works and the Police Department for their help with the storm. She then announced a breakfast being hosted by the Elks. Lastly for her Home Owners Association update she gave details for an upcoming event.

Mayor Colletti asked the Council for the public meetings if they are okay with the Clerk asking for a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda without going through reading every item. The Council would like to keep it the same.

7 – 2nd PUBLIC HEARING:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Pellegrine and second by Councilman Fasolo. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeffery Freitag, Hillman Drive asked about the Raffle License process.

A motion was made by Councilman Fasolo and seconded by Councilwoman Pellegrine to enter into executive session.

8 – EXECUTIVE:

a. **Litigation/Legal Reports**
b. **Personnel – Police Department**
c. **Personnel – Clerk's Office**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved at March 21,2024 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council