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Borough of Eatontown
Community Benefits Agreement Committee
February 17, 2026, 6pm
MINUTES

The following members of the committee met: Mayor Talerico, Ralph Anderson, David Byer, Bill Diedrichsen, Carrie Krueger, Linda Rogers, Justin Myles, Lisa Vasquez & Amanda Zuroick.

The following members were absent: Don Corcione, Sean McIntyre & Administrator Lucia

1. Balance Summary as of February 17, 2026

Amount of Community Benefit Agreement	\$ 5,000,000.00
Amount Previously Awarded	-
Amount Awarded February 17, 2026	(351,800.00)
Amount Held for Future Projects	-
Available Balance	<u>\$ 4,648,200.00</u>

It was noted that no awards were made prior to this meeting.

2. Letter of No Conflict

All members in attendance signed their letters of no conflict which will be sent to the attorney to be filed as appropriate.

3. Requests Received To be Considered

The following requests were considered. Each request had been received in writing, which was read to the group prior to voting except for the appropriations to the Recreation Trust Fund which had been discussed previously by the group as a way to fund various unplanned and unbudgeted initiatives. We also considered an item number 17-2026 which was received a few moments prior to the meeting started. This item was a \$600 request from the ARC of Monmouth to fund a BBQ for intellectually disabled individuals. All items were approved unanimously except for 02-2026 for the Senior Housing at 55 Wyckoff. The Mayor advised the group that the Borough Attorney said that

these funds could come from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Knowing this, the committee elected to not spend CBA funds for this item. The Mayor will follow up to ensure this request is addressed via the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Lastly, Mr. Diedrichsen abstained from item 06-2026. The total approved was \$351,800 and \$58,590 was denied.

Request ID	Requestor	Amount Requested
01-2026	Eatontown Elks	\$ 25,000.00
02-2026	Eatontown Senior Housing Corporation	58,590.00
03-2026	Pinwheel Place	5,000.00
04-2026	Integrated Care Concepts	12,500.00
05-2026	Eatontown Historical Committee	-
06-2026	The ELD Butterfly Memorial Foundation	15,000.00
07-2026	Boy Scout Troop 49	2,200.00
08-2026	Eatontown PTA	20,000.00
09-2026	Knights of Columbus	3,500.00
10-2026	Eatontown Baseball/Softball	20,000.00
11-2026	Eatontown Public Schools	51,000.00
12-2026	Monmouth Regional High School	25,000.00
13-2026	Arboretum Management Plan	65,900.00
14-2026	Cub Scout Pack 52 & G Troop 49	5,500.00
15-2026	Eatontown Community Garden	600.00
16-2026	Borough of Eatontown Recreation Trust Fund	100,000.00
		\$ 409,790.00

4. Future Items to Consider

The Mayor read the names of the groups and projects expected to be requested in the future. They included paving the parking lot next to Memorial School, Funding for a 250th celebration event, the Girl Scouts, Fire Company, Ambulance Corps, the PBA

5. General Discussion on Larger Projects

The group discussed creating a pipeline from the elementary school through Monmouth Regional for arts performances and education. We also discussed paying for certain programs and certificates at Brookdale in the arts and trades.

The group brought up numerous items from Dave Byer's 2.16.26 email. It was agreed that he should pursue the creation of an Eatontown Arts Council as well as ways to generally advertise Eatontown. The group asked him to bring back ideas and funding ideas. This includes his Writer's Room and Write Now ideas.

The group discussed ways to generally improve the Downtown.

A general discussion took place on coordination between the PTA and Board of Education items to ensure that programs are synergistic. The group also discussed that it was important for the BOE and MRHS to understand that CBA funds were to augment the budget already established.

6. Questions/Comments/Next Meeting

A meeting date of Tuesday, March 24th at 6pm was set for the next meeting.