

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, April 13, 2022**

This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act: A notice of the meeting has been published in the Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger and the Link News, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Borough Hall, and posted to the Borough website. Public Comment is welcome at any time.

Mayor Talerico opened the Workshop at 7:04 pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Council President Kevin L. Gonzalez,
Councilmembers Mark Regan, Jr., Danielle M. Jones, Everett D. Lucas

ABSENT: Councilmembers Maria Escalante, David Gindi

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin

The Flag Salute was led by C/Jones

Items were taken out of order from the posted agenda.

Mayor Talerico read the following proclamation into the record noting the importance of Emergency Dispatchers.

PROCLAMATION - RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

PROCLAMATION - Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 10-16, 2022

Whereas, the week of April 10 – 16, 2022 has been designated National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in the United States; and

Whereas, this national recognition of the vitally important role that Public Safety Telecommunicators have in our communities; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are often the first and most critical contact citizens have with emergency services; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators serve as the single vital link for our Police Officers, Firefighters and EMS staff as they provide the essential information they need to respond to emergencies; and

Whereas, the citizens of Eatontown are fortunate to have a staff of 3 full time dispatchers, 3 Class II Special Officers and 1 Class I Special Officer working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, standing ever ready to assist them in an emergency; and

Whereas, our dispatchers exhibit compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job.

Now Therefore, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., on behalf of the Borough of Eatontown, offer praise to the men and women who serve the Borough of Eatontown and all communities as Public Safety Telecommunicators, and urge all residents to give thanks for the individuals who are the very first line among First Responders.

Mayor Talerico acknowledged the following proclamations and their importance.

PROCLAMATION - ARBOR DAY

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WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our Borough increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of Eatontown, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2022, as

ARBOR DAY in the Borough of Eatontown, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

PROCLAMATION - EARTH DAY**PROCLAMATION - EARTH DAY**

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first proclaimed in 1970 to foster public awareness of the need to protect the environment and conserve resources; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Earth Day 2022 is Invest in Our Planet; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to prevent climate change and environmental destruction; and

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, from all walks of life, have a right to a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Eatontown encourages all of its residents, businesses, and institutions to celebrate Earth Day and promote Borough residents' well-being and protect their environment.

WHEREAS, it is essential to involve the community in the design and implementation of solutions for pressing environmental issues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of Eatontown, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2022, as Earth Day in the Borough of Eatontown and do hereby commend this observance to all our citizens.

PROCLAMATION - SUPPORTING THE 2022 U DRIVE. U TEXT. U PAY. DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN**PROCLAMATION - Supporting the 2022 UDrive. UText. UPay. Distracted Driving Crackdown April 1 - 30, 2022**

Whereas, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

Whereas, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

Whereas, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

Whereas, in 2019 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,142 deaths and 400,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

Whereas, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in 49-percent of all motor vehicle crashes in 2019; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown from April 1 - 30, 2022, in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

Whereas, the national slogan for the campaign is UDrive. UText. UPay; and

Whereas, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Borough of Eatontown declares its support for the Distracted Driving 2022 Crackdown both locally and nationally from April 1 - 30, 2022 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

FMERA PLAN AMENDMENT #18 (Mayor Talerico)

Mayor Talerico explained the amendment has to do with an Oceanport parcel. Mayor Talerico further explained the plan amendment process.

MEDIAN BEAUTIFICATION (M. Woloshin)

Mayor Talerico introduced Mr. Woloshin who wants to beautify the medians. Mr. Woloshin described the area on Route 36, which is the responsibility of the State, that he thinks needs to be landscaped. Discussion followed on where the Borough is in the process, the impression it gives for Eatontown, reaching out to the Borough's Assembly members, Senator and DOT.

CLOSED SESSION**A. Resolution 88-2022**

- 1) Contractual - Fort Monmouth
- 2) Personnel - Committee Appointments
- 3) Pending Litigation - Fresh Dispensary v. Borough of Eatontown
- 4) Attorney/Client Privilege - Eatontown Sewer

Attorney Bayer read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 88-2022

AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., a municipality may exclude the public from a meeting of the Municipal Council where the Council intends to discuss certain matters for which privacy is needed in order to protect the public interest or certain enumerated private interests; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown to discuss in session not open to the public certain matters that are required by law to be confidential, more specifically: 1) Contractual - Fort Monmouth; 2) Personnel - Committee Appointments; 3) Pending Litigation - Fresh Dispensary v. Borough of Eatontown; 4) Attorney/Client Privilege - Eatontown Sewer

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the minutes from the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown do hereby authorize the above-referenced executive session to be held closed to the public, on April 13, 2022.

Motion to enter into closed session by C/Gonzalez; seconded C/Jones

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Gonzalez, C/Regan, C/Jones, C/Lucas
ABSENT - C/Escalante, C/Gindi

Council entered Closed Session at 7:15 pm

Council returned from Closed Session at 8:07 pm

Motion to return from closed session by C/Lucas; seconded C/Jones

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Gonzalez, C/Regan, C/Jones, C/Lucas
ABSENT - C/Escalante, C/Gindi

Roll Call: PRESENT - Mayor Talerico, C/Gonzalez, C/Regan, C/Jones, C/Lucas

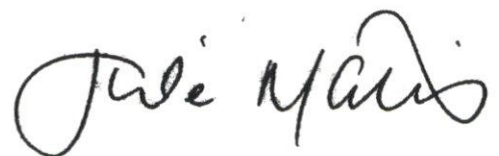
The meeting was open for public comment.

Mr. Frank Scatuorchio, Monmouth Road, asked about the Oceanport Amendment; Mayor Talerico explained it has to do with the nurses quarters.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:08 pm

Motion to adjourn by C/Regan; seconded by C/Joel

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Gonzalez, C/Regan, C/Jones, C/Lucas
ABSENT - C/Escalante, C/Gindi



By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk