

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

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Mayor Talerico opened the Workshop at 7:02 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., Maria Escalante, Danielle M. Jones, David Gindi, Everett D. Lucas
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin
The Flag Salute was led by C/Escalante.

2. PROCLAMATION: RECOGNIZING RYAN SNEATH FOR CREATING AWARENESS OF CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION - RECOGNIZING RYAN SNEATH FOR CREATING AWARENESS OF CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

WHEREAS, Ryan Sneath, a fourteen-year-old resident of the Borough of Eatontown and a student at Memorial School was born with Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) and has undergone a total of four open heart surgeries since the day he was born; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2011, Ryan Sneath was released from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) after being in the hospital for two months from complications of this disease; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Sneath continues to create awareness for Congenital Heart Disease by encouraging residents to wear red with him on February 11th of each year and since February 2014, has raised over \$11,000 with fundraisers with all money going to the cardiac unit of the Children Hospital of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown recognizes the tremendous philanthropic efforts of Ryan Sneath and his positive attitude and contributions in raising awareness of this disease; and

WHEREAS, a million babies are born with CHD every year and that congenital heart disease is approximately sixty times more prevalent than childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, there is much to learn about the causes of and effective treatments for Congenital Heart Defects and it is important for parents, pediatricians and nurses to recognize the warning signs associated with CHD among newborns so they may provide proper treatment as early as possible; and

WHEREAS, events held throughout the month of February, including those led by Ryan Sneath, will provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media in order to raise public awareness about Congenital Heart Defects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of Eatontown do hereby proclaim February 2022 as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Month in the Borough of Eatontown and encourage residents to join in this campaign to increase awareness.

Ms. Sneath invited everyone to wear "Red for Ryan" on Friday, February 11.

3. EMERGING ZONING TOPICS (Mayor Talerico)

Mayor Talerico noted there are no ordinances regarding solar panels, generators, veterinary services and practices, short term rentals, impervious coverage, and EV charging stations. The issues are being reviewed as the Zoning Officer needs guidance from Council to inform the public. The Zoning Officer will send information to Council.

4. MUNICIPAL SPACE ISSUES (C/Gindi)

C/Gindi spoke of his tour of Borough Hall, noting it was antiquated and lacked space. C/Gindi requested consideration be given to reallocating space; not to spend money, but to still improve facilities. Discussion followed on having Public Buildings review the matter and other ways the issue had been addressed in the past. Council consensus was to move forward with reviewing and making a positive change.

5. FORT MONMOUTH LAKE (Mayor Talerico)

Mayor Talerico referenced the 20-acre lake across from the Nicodemus Parcel. If Council approves, he will write a letter of interest to FMERA. He noted there are grants available for testing, and Open Space grants. All final decisions would come before Council. Mayor Talerico asked for consensus to send the letter of interest to acquire the lake; Council concurred.

6. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION (DEI) COMMITTEE (C/Jones)

C/Jones explained the idea for a Youth Council which would be held during the school year. Students would form a mock Council and take part in Borough Committee meetings. C/Jones also explained the idea of paid and unpaid internships for the graduate and undergraduate students, using an example of having a social media intern. Discussion continued regarding paid internship funding, providing experience for local youth, and the Federal Work Study Program. Council consensus was to move forward with developing a framework.

The meeting was open to the public for comment.

Ms. Hope Corcoran, Windsor Drive, noted her question was addressed during the discussion.

Mr. Al Baginsky, Irving Place, noted funding had been set aside through bonding in 2017. Mayor Talerico noted the next year a new Council came in changed architects and cancelled the bond. Discussion continued. Mr. Baginsky asked questions about the lake and other property at Fort Monmouth. Discussion continued.

Mr. Frank Scatuorchio, Monmouth Road, asked if the intern program could be done as a pilot program.

7. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by C/Gonzalez; seconded by C/Gindi

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



By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk