

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

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Mayor Talerico opened the Workshop at 7:03pm, 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/Jones

Mayor Talerico asked for a moment of silence for former Borough Employee, Kathi Bauer Cipriano.

Items 2-4 were taken as a group.

PROCLAMATION – 2022 MS AWARENESS WEEK (March 13-19, 2022)

Mayor Talerico spoke about advocating for MS Awareness. The proclamation is as follows:

PROCLAMATION - 2022 MS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – New Jersey Chapters reports that in our state more than 14,000 people are living with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 74 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

WHEREAS, Since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$34 million funding 320 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and

WHEREAS, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and New Jerseyans should support; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Eatontown recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – New Jersey Chapters has shown toward creating a world free of MS.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Anthony Talerico, Jr. by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the great state of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim **March 13-19, 2022**, as **MS Awareness Week**, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens. I encourage all New Jerseyans to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH (March, 2022)

Mayor Talerico spoke about the importance of advocating for nutrition for all.

PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (March 8, 2022)

Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION - RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, MARCH 8, 2022

WHEREAS, the history of **International Women's Day (IWD)**, though comparatively short is as bold and brilliant as its founders themselves. Long before the Feminist Movement of the 1960s, International Women's Day's genesis goes back to February 28, 1909 in New York with a prophetic focus on women's rights; and

WHEREAS, known originally as "**National Woman's Day**," it was first proposed by Theresa Malkiel and loosely based on the urban legend commemorating a protest by women garment workers in New York City, on March 8, 1857. One hundred women delegates from 17 countries agreed with the suggestion as a means to continue promoting the rights of women, including suffrage - the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 1911, **International Women's Day** was officially marked for the first time. More than one million people celebrated in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Women demanded the right to vote, to fight against sex discrimination in the workplace, and to hold public office; and

WHEREAS, in 1913, **International Women's Day** was recognized in Russia for the first time, where it catapulted to become part of what led to the Russian Revolution in 1917. In 1922, it reached China where March 8 was declared an official "half-day of work" for women in 1949; and

WHEREAS, the demand for women's rights continued to grow, gain support, and shine a much-needed light on the poor conditions under which too many women continued to live. In 1967, the notion of women's rights was taken up by the next generation of feminists who called for equal pay, equal economic opportunity, equal legal rights, reproductive rights, subsidized child care and the prevention of violence against women; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations began celebrating **International Women's Day** in 1975, which was declared "International Women's Year." In 1977, the United Nations invited members to proclaim March 8th as the UN Day for Women's Rights and World Peace and International Women's Day continues to be celebrated worldwide each year on March 8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown recognizes the historical significance and importance of **International Women's Day**; and recognizes and applauds the contributions of so many courageous women – from many nations - throughout the past 100+ years. We celebrate the advancement of women's rights in all areas of life, with the acknowledgment there is still much progress to be made and work to be done because in many parts of the world women still live in fear and have fewer rights than imaginable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown recognizes the strength of every woman and believes that together we can – WE WILL – fulfill the century-old vision of the **International Women's Day** Founders stand firmly together as we do all we can to create a better, more peaceful world.

5. REPEAL – TECHNICAL ADVISORY & ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES (C/Gindi)

C/Gindi summarized that the committees are outdated and unused; asking what would be the best way to housekeep the Committees that no longer exist. Discussion followed. C/Jones suggested restructuring the Technical Advisory Committee. Further discussions continued on Committees before Council. Attorney Bayer noted the committees would need to be repealed by Ordinance. Council consensus was to review the Ordinances on the books.

6. SHORT TERM RENTALS (Mayor Talerico)

Mayor Talerico gave an overview of the issues with short-term rentals. Mayor Talerico proposed three ideas: 1) disallow short-term rentals, 2) allow for only a certain number of CO's per year, or 3) mandate that CO's be required for all rentals – even to family members. Discussion followed on current statute. C/Gonzalez requested more guidance from Attorney Bayer regarding State Statute. Mayor Talerico requested Council consider what they would be comfortable with regarding timelines. Attorney Bayer will report with information on the State Statute.

7. ZONING FOR MEDICINAL-USE CANNABIS/ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT CENTERS (C/Jones)

C/Jones asked for clarification on zoning for alternative treatment centers and medicinal use cannabis businesses. Attorney Bayer noted that municipalities could zone to allow or disallow. Currently the Borough Code is silent on the matter. Discussion continued on possible impact on the police department. Attorney Bayer will research and provide advice to Council.

8. DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION COMMISSION (C/Jones)

C/Jones asked for public input regarding the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission, which is intended to assist underserved communities. C/Jones reported a proposal was shared with Councilmembers and a budget is being finalized. She further explained a major component of the Commission would be a work study/intern program, especially an IT intern.

C/Gonzalez expressed the program should be self-funded and expressed the idea that the intern program should be separate from the other components and under the purview of the Administrator. C/Lucas agreed. C/Escalante asked if any other towns have the program; C/Jones noted there is nothing similar. Further discussion continued.

The meeting was open to the public.

Ms. Hope Corcoran, Windsor Drive, shared the Environmental Defense Fund had sent an intern for free who provided great information and resources. Interim Administrator Lucia concurred. C/Jones will look into the information.

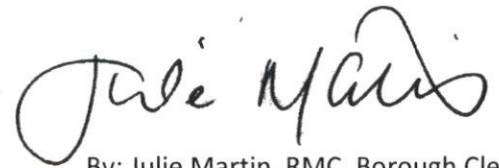
Mr. Andy Rudoff of Resource Reality, representing Mr. Cohen in the Industrial Park asked to speak on Agenda Item 7, Zoning for Medicinal-Use Cannabis/Alternative Treatment Centers. Discussion followed regarding the appropriate place for the discussion. Mr. Ed Cohen, owner of property on Industrial Way West, expressed they are looking for clarity regarding the denial of a zoning application. Discussion continued on the application and the confusion of the property owner for the denial. The tenant requested to hold a public presentation, allowing for questions and answers from Council.

Mr. Jeff King, Elizabeth Parkway, commended Council on the compassion for patients, and thanked them for working to end the stigma.

9. ADJOURNMENT – 8:11 pm

Motion to adjourn by C/Jones; 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