

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, May 11, 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., David Gindi, Everett D. Lucas
ABSNET: Councilmembers Maria Escalante, Danielle Jones,
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin
The flag salute was led by C/Gonzalez

Mayor Talerico briefly summarized the following proclamation, providing details of the Police Office Memorial.

2. PROCLAMATION – PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY, NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

PROCLAMATION - *Peace Officers' Memorial Day National Police Week*

WHEREAS, in recognition of National Police Week 2022 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of Borough of Eatontown play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Borough of Eatontown; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of Borough of Eatontown unceasingly provide a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, with federal law (P.L. 103-322) directing that all flags be flown at half-staff on that date in honor of fallen officers and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of Borough of Eatontown, along with Council President Kevin Gonzalez, Police Commissioner, call upon all citizens of Borough and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 11 - 17, 2022, as Police Week and further call upon all citizens of Borough of Eatontown to observe May 15, 2022, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty. Let us also recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Mayor Talerico read the following proclamation into the record.

3. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING ANNUAL NATIONAL EMS WEEK

PROCLAMATION - Recognizing Annual National EMS Week, May 15 – May 21, 2022

WHEREAS, in 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line"; and

WHEREAS, Eatontown EMS serves the public as a team of dedicated volunteer professionals by providing quality emergency medical care, education, and community service to the residents and surrounding communities of the Borough of Eatontown; and

WHEREAS, founded on March 3, 1929 as the Eatontown Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Eatontown EMS is the third oldest in the state and was one of the original seven squads that united to form the New Jersey State First Aid Council; and
WHEREAS, Eatontown EMS is ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and
WHEREAS, Eatontown EMS engages in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of all emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week and even more so due to the increase in demand for services and strain on volunteer resources as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

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, along with Councilman Mark Regan, Jr., Council Liaison to the Emergency Services Committee, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2022, as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

Mayor Talerico read the following proclamation into the record.

4. PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC WORKS APPRECIATION WEEK

PROCLAMATION - Public Works Appreciation Week, May 15 – 21, 2022

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of The Borough of Eatontown; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals who are responsible for improving and protecting Eatontown's parks, streets, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens and civic leaders in Eatontown to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in our community; and,

WHEREAS, in Eatontown, we proudly recognize our Department of Public Works for their involvement in maintaining the facilities we all depend upon and use for our enjoyment, recreation and safety and in particular are mindful of the danger of their work in keeping roads open and clear when the rest of us are safely at home during storms and inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, the year 2022 marks the 62nd Annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., along with Councilman David Gindi, Council Liaison to the Department of Public Works, do hereby designate the week of May 15-21, 2022 as National Public Works Week in the Borough of Eatontown. I urge all citizens of the Borough of Eatontown to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protect our national health, safety, and quality of life.

5. HEALTHY TOWN TO WATCH, Resolution Presentation (Assemblywomen Eulner and Piperno)

Assemblywomen Eulner and Piperno took the floor. They were in attendance to thank the Borough, Mayor and Council for being named a healthy town by the Mayor's Council. The resolution recognizing the Borough was read into the record. Discussion followed on the Borough's wellness campaign and the efforts, creativity and dedication of Kim Lofgren and Janice Grasso in the Recreation Department.

C/Jones arrived at 7:20 pm

The meeting was open to the public on Workshop Items.

Mr. Isaac Zetooney, Old Deal Road, a resident since 2005 spoke about the increase in property taxes. Mr. Zetooney asked what the Council intends to do about the taxes. Mayor Talerico spoke about the program funded from the State, the budget being a function of the ratable base, and the reality of the housing market being unrealistic and participation in the Assessment Demonstration program through the County. Discussion continued regarding the assessment process and increase in property taxes. Suggestions and contact information were offered to Mr. Zetooney. Further discussion continued.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 7:30 pm

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

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

ABSENT - C/Escalante



By Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk