

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Thursday, June 9, 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 7:07 pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Councilmember Kevin L. Gonzalez
Councilmembers Mark Regan, Jr., Maria Escalante, Danielle Jones, David Gindi

ABSENT: Councilmember Everett Lucas

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

The Flag Salute was led by C/Jones

2. HISTORICAL MUSEUM – MINGO JACK SOIL DISPLAY (C/Escalante)

C/Escalante explained the Museum has been asked if they would like to have a sample of soil for the Mingo Jack display; further detailing the process the Committee would have to follow. Council consensus was to move forward to accept the soil sample.

3. AMENDMENT TO CANNABIS ORDINANCE (C/Jones)

C/Jones shared her desire to give micro business an opportunity, expressing that the current ordinance prices out smaller businesses. C/Jones requested potential amendments to the ordinance to permit micro businesses. C/Jones described the differences in requirements for multi-state businesses vs micro businesses; discussion followed regarding fees, and locations and cautions on zoning.

A member of the public, West Long Branch, shared concerns with the current ordinance for micro businesses. Discussion continued.

C/Lucas arrived at 7:36 pm

Discussion continued regarding State guidance and issues with Eatontown's ordinance from a micro business perspective.

4. ESTABLISHING A DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMISSION FOR THE BOROUGH (C/Jones)

C/Jones referenced her power point that was distributed to Council, requesting they review the information. C/Jones shared she was able to find financing for the internship program through the County. C/Gonzalez questioned the name of the internship program. C/Regan suggested folding the program and ideas into the Human Services Committee. Discussion continued. Discussion followed regarding the possibilities for interns and the potential assistance for Department Heads. Interim Administrator Lucia will speak to Department Heads and report back to C/Jones and C/Regan.

5. ROAD CLOSURES AND PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFYING RESIDENTS (C/Regan)

C/Regan asked about the policy and procedure for notifications of Road Closures, noting there seems to be a lack of communication. Discussion followed regarding current issues with road work and the ability for the new website to post and email/text information. Council discussed drafting an ordinance with fines or stopping work. Discussion further continued the website notification system vs. Swift911 notification system, and the planned use of the notification system.

The meeting was open for public comment. There were no members of the public in attendance.

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