

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, August 10, 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 7:05pm, 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 Danielle M. Jones, David Gindi, Everett D. Lucas
ABSENT: Councilmembers Mark Regan, Jr., Maria Escalante
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin
The Flag Salute was led by Council President Gonzalez

2. Shop Local Property Tax Card

Mayor Talerico asked the Borough Council if they are comfortable with moving forward with this program or if they had any further questions. Councilmember Gonzalez advised that he spoke with the previous Councilmember Olsavsky regarding the program. Councilmember Gonzalez shared his concerns about the layout, the cost, and how they will get the big corporations involved. Mayor Talerico responded sharing an idea to use the Federal Stimulus Funds. Mayor Talerico continued to suggest involving a borough employee to help the program get started. Councilmember Gonzalez suggested possibly hiring an intern to help start the process but wants to move forward cautiously. Mayor Talerico responds suggesting having a borough employee start the process because an intern might not know the town well. Mayor Talerico asks the Interim Borough Administrator to look into having an employee contact a few businesses. Councilmember Jones responded to the internship idea and shared her concern with having a borough employee starting the process. Councilmember Jones also shared a concern wondering if the borough has the staff of the support system to make it feasible. Mayor Talerico responded.

3. Update on State Funding for Wampus Park Flooding

Mayor Talerico provided an update on the Wampus Park Flooding as well as explaining the process of what has been done so far. Mayor Talerico questions if the Borough will qualify for state debt forgiveness, and if the Borough will fix the flooding in phases to save costs.

Mayor Talerico opened to the public for the workshop agenda items only.

Frank Scaturchio, Monmouth Road, questioned if the Wampus Park Flooding exceeds to Highway 35. Mayor Talerico responded.

Mayor Talerico closed to the public.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. Resolution 179-2022

1) Contract Negotiations - Monmouth Mall

Mayor Talerico noted the Council would not act on the items in workshop.

Attorney Bayer read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 179-2022

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) Contract Negotiations - Monmouth Mall

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 August 10, 2022.

Mayor Talerico asked for an additional item to be added to the closed session Resolution 179, titled "Contract Negotiations - Howard Commons"

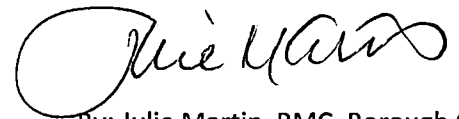
Motion to enter into closed session by C/Jones; seconded C/Gindi

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

ABSENT- C/Regan, C/Escalante

Council entered Closed Session at 7:16pm

Council returned from Closed Session at 8:08pm



By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk