

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

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 7:03pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr.

Councilmembers Mark Regan, Jr., Danielle M. Jones, David Gindi, Everett D. Lucas, Meir Araman

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia (arrived at 7:05pm), Borough Clerk Martin

ABSENT: Council President Virginia M. East

The Flag Salute was led by C/Lucas

Mayor Talerico explained the Workshop Meeting will be out of order.

2. PROPERTY TAX CARD/SHOP EATONTOWN

Mayor Talerico explained the history and background of this program, as well as the need for consideration. Mayor Talerico proposed to Introduce and Adopt an Ordinance to allow the program and explained the process. Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Lucas, and Councilmember Araman all agreed to move forward with the program. Councilmember Gindi explained his reasoning for the program to be tabled, stating the cost to the Taxpayers. Councilmember Regan agreed with Councilmember Gindi. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with the program.

3. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Councilmember Jones discussed the program and explained the funding and staffing. Councilmember Jones asked about the placement of the interns and proposed of having an intern for the website and social media. Mayor Talerico agreed the program is a good idea. Councilmember Lucas asked about the funding and payments to the interns. Councilmember Jones responded. Councilmember Araman asked Councilmember Jones about the target age group. Councilmember Jones responded. Councilmember Araman asked if the Borough has someone in mind to mentor the new interns. Councilmember Jones responded. Councilmember Gindi agreed with the internship program, however, they should not work from home. Councilmember Jones explained the reasoning for the possibility of the interns working from home. Councilmember Gindi asked about the extra cost to the Borough for getting the interns set up. Councilmember Jones explained the reimbursements from the State regarding this program. Councilmember Jones asked Interim Administrator Lucia about the timeline for the job descriptions once approved. Interim Administrator Lucia responded.

4. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING RYAN SNEATH FOR CREATING AWARENESS OF CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

Mayor Talerico explained the reasoning for this proclamation. Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record. Mayor Talerico thanked Ryan Sneath for his dedication and awareness. Ryan Sneath accepted the proclamation. Photos were taken.

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING RYAN SNEATH FOR CREATING AWARENESS OF CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE

WHEREAS, Ryan Sneath, a fifteen-year-old resident of the Borough of Eatontown and a student at Monmouth Regional High 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 \$12,000 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 2023 as Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Month in the Borough of Eatontown and encourage residents to join in this campaign to increase awareness.

5. NJ LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

Councilmember Jones explained the program and asked the Council what the Borough's options would be. Councilmember Jones gave some suggestions, and explained it would promote all the good things the Borough is doing. Councilmember Jones asked the Council if they are interested in this program. Mayor Talerico agreed this program would be a great idea. Mayor Talerico and Councilmember Jones asked for ideas of promoting the Borough. Councilmember Regan agreed that the Borough can benefit from a social media communications manager in the future and agreed for promoting the Borough. Councilmember Regan asked Interim Administrator Lucia to investigate organizations that handle municipal social media solutions. Interim Administrator Lucia responded. Councilmember Lucas asked if there is an age group restriction for this program. Councilmember Jones responded.

6. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councilmember Jones tabled this discussion.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

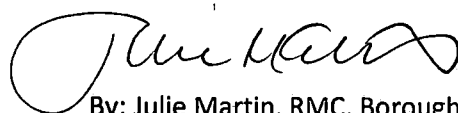
No comment was made.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

7. ADJOURNMENT – 7:32pm

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

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Regan, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Lucas, C/Araman
ABSENT - C/East



By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk

Exhibits are on file in the Borough Clerk's Office, according to the NJ State Records Retention Schedule established by NJSA 47:3-15 *et seq* and approved by the State Records Committee. Audio is available on the Borough website.

Approval 02/22/2023