

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, February 22, 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 7:04pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Mayor Talerico explained to the public that Ordinance 05-2023, Mall Redevelopment Plan, will not be adopted this meeting. Mayor Talerico further explained the Council will decide to carry the Ordinance to a future date.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr.
Councilmembers Mark Regan, Jr., David Gindi, Everett D. Lucas, Meir Araman
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin
LATE ARRIVAL: Danielle M. Jones
ABSENT: Council President Virginia M. East
The Flag Salute was led by C/Regan

Mayor Talerico explained the workshop items will be taken out of order.

2. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH (MARCH 2023)

Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record.

PROCLAMATION - National Nutrition Month

WHEREAS, food is the substance by which life is sustained; and

WHEREAS, the type, quality, and amount of food that an individual consumes daily impacts their overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, continuing nutrition education and wide-scale, public health-based efforts help enhance healthy eating practices of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 observance of National Nutrition Month provides an opportunity for people in Eatontown to celebrate the importance of good nutrition with Monmouth Medical Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of Eatontown, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as **NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH** in Eatontown, New Jersey and encourage all residents to join the campaign and become invested in their nutrition and the nutrition of others. Together, we can achieve optimum health for both today and tomorrow.

4. EATONTOWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER (C/REGAN)

Councilmember Regan read a statement into the record concerning the publication status of the Eatontown Community Newsletter. Councilmember Regan explained in his statement that the newsletter is nothing more than a partisan campaign literature disguised as a municipal publication circulated by Senator Vin Gopal, and that the Borough of Eatontown has never endorsed this newsletter.

Councilmember Jones arrived at the meeting at 7:09pm.

5. A3470 BILL (C/REGAN)

Councilmember Regan clarified that the title of the senate bill is S3470, not A3470. Councilmember Regan explained the Bill, which attempts to regulate Delta 8, to the public and Council. Councilmember Regan explained the Bill is not to ban the product, but to require a registry for such products and to impose health and safety requirements. Councilmember Regan asked the Council to be proactive regarding this Bill, to consider banning the product from the Borough or adopt an Ordinance that would regulate Delta 8 to prevent detrimental outcomes to the health and safety of Borough residents. Councilmember Araman asked how Delta 8 is currently being marketed. Councilmember Regan responded. Councilmember Gindi asked why the FDA hasn't stepped in. Councilmember Regan responded. Interim Administrator Lucia further commented on the product. Councilmember Gindi asked Interim Administrator Lucia if he has seen anything in town with any of the Borough residents. Interim Administrator Lucia responded. Mayor Talerico asked Attorney Bayer what the ability

of the Municipality would be to regulate or restrict the sale of Delta 8. Attorney Bayer responded. Councilmember Lucas commented on the State's funding collected from cannabis sales, and asked how much the Borough receives from those sales. Councilmember Lucas then asked what the Borough will spend that money on. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Jones explained further. Attorney Bayer suggested approving a resolution of support regarding the legislation. Councilmember Jones explained the Cannabis Commission are familiar with Delta 8 as well. Attorney Bayer explained that the Commission will need the legislature statutory authority to regulate it. Councilmember Jones responded. Councilmember Regan agreed with Attorney Bayer's suggestion of approving a resolution of support to the legislature. Consensus was to send a resolution of support. Attorney Bayer will prepare resolution for next meeting.

3. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones explained she connected with Councilmember Regan regarding this topic, and that they are looking into launching the committee this summer. Councilmember Jones and Councilmember Regan are looking to find volunteers in the community, set the meeting schedules, and the events and programs. Mayor Talerico shared his support for this committee. Councilmember Regan explained that the Council set aside positions explicitly for volunteers.

6. EATONTOWN STUDENT GOVERNMENT EVENT, MAY 2023 (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones explained she is looking to host this event in May and explained that this event is a great way to expose students on how the local government works in Eatontown. Councilmember Jones asked the Council for support.

7. PROGRAM IDEAS, NJ LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK, APRIL 16-22, 2023 (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones explained her desire for this program and asked the Council for ideas and suggestions. Councilmember Lucas suggested allowing veterans to come into the Borough to talk. Councilmember Jones agreed with Councilmember Lucas about possibly having a veteran's service event.

8. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones explained she met with Interim Administrator Lucia about the program. Councilmember Jones explained she is still working with the County Workforce Development and other organizations about funding. Councilmember Jones explained her plan regarding this program.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

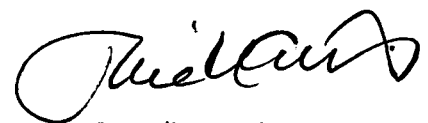
Roy Eisen, Byrnes Lane, spoke about an event called Service Dog Initiative, and gave some student day suggestions. Councilmember Jones explained to Mr. Eisen that at the Board of Ed Meetings, the event will be promoted to them and will be encouraged to attend and participate.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

9. ADJOURNMENT – 7:44pm

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

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Approval 03/8/2023