

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, March 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 7:05pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Council President Virginia M. East,
Councilmembers Danielle M. Jones, David Gindi, Everett D. Lucas, Meir Araman

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

LATE ARRIVAL: Councilmember Mark Regan, Jr. arrived at 7:12pm.

The Flag Salute was led by C/East

2. PROCLAMATION – 2023 MS AWARENESS WEEK (MARCH 12-19, 2023)

Mayor Talerico gave a synopsis of the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION - 2023 MS AWARENESS WEEK

***WHEREAS**, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide; and*

***WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – New Jersey Chapters reports that in our state more than 14,000 people are living with MS, and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and the cause and course of the often debilitating symptoms of MS remain unknown and no cure currently exists; and*

***WHEREAS**, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed for 74 years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and*

***WHEREAS**, since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research; and*

***WHEREAS**, Funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel \$34 million funding 320 research projects at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the U.S. and abroad, leading to many breakthroughs in the treatment of MS; and*

***WHEREAS**, stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost, and ending MS forever is the mission of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and one that all Americans and New Jerseyans should support; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Borough of Eatontown recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and expresses its appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – New Jersey Chapters has shown toward creating a world free of MS.*

***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, do hereby proclaim **March 12-19, 2023**, as **MS Awareness Week**, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens. I encourage all New Jerseyans to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.*

3. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (MARCH 8, 2023)

Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record.

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***WHEREAS**, the history of **International Women's Day (IWD)**, though comparatively short is as bold and brilliant as its founders themselves. Long before the Feminist Movement of the 1960s, International Women's Day's genesis goes back to February 28, 1909, in New York with a prophetic focus on women's rights; and*

***WHEREAS**, known originally as "**National Woman's Day**," it was first proposed by Theresa Malkiel and loosely based on the urban legend commemorating a protest by women garment workers in New York City, on March 8, 1857. One hundred women delegates from 17 countries agreed with the suggestion as a means to continue promoting the rights of women, including suffrage - the right to vote; and*

WHEREAS, on March 19, 1911, **International Women's Day** was officially marked for the first time. More than one million people celebrated in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland. Women demanded the right to vote, to fight against sex discrimination in the workplace, and to hold public office; and

WHEREAS, in 1913, **International Women's Day** was recognized in Russia for the first time, where it catapulted to become part of what led to the Russian Revolution in 1917. In 1922, it reached China where March 8th was declared an office "half-day of work" for women in 1949; and

WHEREAS, the demand for women's rights continued to grow, gain support, and shine a much-needed light on the poor conditions under which too many women continued to live. In 1967, the notion of women's rights was taken up by the next generation of feminists who called for equal pay, equal economic opportunity, equal legal rights, reproductive rights, subsidized child care, and the prevention of violence against women; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations began celebrating **International Women's Day** in 1975, which was declared "International Women's Year." In 1977, the United Nations invited members to proclaim March 8th as the UN Day for Women's Rights and World Peace, and International Women's Day continues to be celebrated worldwide each year on March 8th; and

WHEREAS, the theme for International Women's Day 2023 is "Embrace Equity", in which the campaign seeks to help initiate worldwide conversations about the differences between equity and equality, and why simply providing equal opportunities "are no longer enough", highlighting that equity-based solutions take into consideration the diverse lived experiences of individuals and their communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown recognizes the historical significance and importance of **International Women's Day**; and recognizes and applauds the contributions of so many courageous women – from many nations – throughout the past 100+ years. We celebrate the advancement of women's rights in all areas of life, with the acknowledgment there is still much progress to be made and work to be done, because in many parts of the world, women still live in fear and have fewer rights than imaginable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown recognizes the strength of every woman and believes that together we can – WE WILL – fulfill the century-old vision of the **International Women's Day** Founders to stand firmly together as we do all we can to create a better, more peaceful world.

4. COUNCIL MEMBERS' REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE/TOLLS FOR TRAINING, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones explained she's putting together a policies and procedures guide for governing body members. Councilmember Jones asked about protocols and procedures for reimbursements of mileage and tolls for attending workshops and seminars. Mayor Talerico and Attorney Bayer responded. Councilmember Jones asked the Council for their thoughts on the matter. Councilmember East explained she had also attended seminars in the past and the town paid for the registration costs, but paid for her own transportation. Mayor Talerico asked the Council if they would like to authorize reimbursements to governing body members. Councilmember Araman asked what other towns have done regarding the reimbursements. Mayor Talerico and Attorney Bayer responded. Councilmember Jones explained she had spoke with other elected officials from other municipalities, some do get reimbursed, and some do not. Councilmember Gindi suggested virtual training due to people having full time jobs and not being able to attend seminars. Councilmember Jones agreed. Mayor Talerico asked for a consensus to authorize the reimbursements, or just use their current stipend. Councilmember Gindi agreed to use current stipend. Councilmember Araman agreed that virtual seminars should be the first option. Councilmember Jones explained she spoke with the New Jersey League of Municipalities, and they do not offer virtual seminars. Councilmember Lucas asked if this policy would be strictly for Eatontown. Councilmember Jones responded. Councilmember Gindi asked how much the Borough pays for memberships to the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Gindi further explained his support for virtual seminars. Councilmember Jones agreed to bring the idea of virtual seminars to their attention. The consensus of the Council was to not provide reimbursements to the governing body.

5. BOROUGH CALENDAR (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones asked which employee receives items regarding the Borough Calander, so nothing falls through the cracks. Mayor Talerico responded.

6. BOROUGH COMMITTEE/COMMISSION VACANCIES (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones commented on the open vacancies on certain committees. Mayor Talerico responded.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public on workshop items only.

No comments were made.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Talerico added Fort Monmouth negotiations to the Closed Session resolution.

A. Resolution 66-2023

- 1) Contractual – Monmouth Mall
- 2) Litigation – Fresh Dispensary v. Borough of Eatontown
- 3) Contractual – Borough/FMERA

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

Attorney Bayer read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 66-2023

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) Contractual – Monmouth Mall; 2) Litigation – Fresh Dispensary v. Borough of Eatontown; 3) Contractual – Borough/FMERA

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 Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

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

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

Council entered Closed Session at 7:30pm

Council returned from Closed Session at 8:27pm

8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:27pm

Motion to adjourn by C/Gindi; seconded by C/Araman

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



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 03/22/2023