

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, April 12, 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 Mark Regan, Jr., Danielle M. Jones, Everett D. Lucas
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin
ABSENT: Councilmembers David Gindi, Meir Araman
The Flag Salute was led by C/Regan

2. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

Mayor Talerico presented a synopsis of the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

*WHEREAS, realizing the urgent need for organ and tissue donors across the country, the **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH** observance promotes a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation and transplantation. Moreover, the need is increasing. NJ Sharing Network is committed to addressing that need through increased awareness; and*

WHEREAS, the transplantation of organs and tissue is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year. One organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 others. People of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are touched by donation and by the serious shortage of organ donors that exists. Currently, there are 8 residents in Eatontown, around 3,500 New Jersey residents and 105,800 Americans awaiting life-saving transplant operations; and

WHEREAS, every capable person should support this vital effort by registering as an organ and tissue donor, making their family aware of their wishes and being willing to give the precious gift of health, sight and life to people in need; and

WHEREAS, registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others; and

*WHEREAS, As Mayor of Eatontown, I recognize **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH** as an opportunity to join NJ Sharing Network in its life-saving mission.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of Eatontown, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as:

***DONATE LIFE MONTH** in Eatontown, New Jersey, and I urge all residents to join me in promoting organ and tissue donor education throughout **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH**.*

3. PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY

Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record.

PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our Borough increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of Eatontown, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023, as ARBOR DAY in the Borough of Eatontown, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Mayor Talerico explained that the Shade Tree Commission will be giving away 200 tree saplings on April 30th at Wolcott Park.

5. PROCLAMATION – EARTH DAY

Mayor Talerico gave a synopsis of the Earth Day proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

EARTH DAY

WHEREAS, Earth Day was first proclaimed in 1970 to foster public awareness of the need to protect the environment and conserve resources; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Earth Day 2023 is Invest In Our Planet. Dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to prevent climate change and environmental destruction; and

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, from all walks of life, have a right to a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Eatontown encourages all of its residents, businesses, and institutions to celebrate Earth Day and promote Borough residents' well-being and protect their environment.

WHEREAS, it is essential to involve the community in the design and implementation of solutions for pressing environmental issues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of Eatontown, and I, Mark Regan, Jr., Council Representative to the Environmental Commission and Green Team, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2023, as Earth Day in the Borough of Eatontown and do hereby commend this observance to all our citizens.

4. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Mayor Talerico gave a synopsis of the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

April 9 - 15, 2023

Whereas, the week of April 9 – 15, 2023 has been designated National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in the United States; and

Whereas, this is a national recognition of the vitally important role that Public Safety Telecommunicators have in our communities as they are often the first and most critical contact citizens have with emergency services; and

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators – often called dispatchers – are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters and EMS staff as they provide them the essential information they need to respond to emergencies; and

Whereas, the citizens of Eatontown are fortunate to have a staff of 4 full time dispatchers and 2 Class II Special Officer dispatchers working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, standing ready to assist them in an emergency; and

Whereas, our dispatchers exhibit compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job.

Now Therefore, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., on behalf of the Borough of Eatontown, offer praise to the men and women who serve the Borough of Eatontown and all communities as Public Safety Telecommunicators, and urge all residents to give thanks for the individuals who serve on the very first line among First Responders.

6. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM/ JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATE (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones provided an update regarding the job description and presented some ideas regarding the program. Councilmember Jones stated that Councilmember Gindi suggested removing “working remotely” from the draft job description. Councilmember Jones asked the council for any further questions/comments. Mayor Talerico stated no

objections, but to have Human Resources review for wording. Attorney Bayer agreed with Mayor Talerico. Councilmember Jones stated that the program is open for ages 16-24 to work as an intern at the Borough. Councilmember Jones explained the Borough received the funding from the County for the program.

7. STRATEGIC PLAN, BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones asked if the Borough has a strategic plan. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Jones asked for feedback from the council, and what the Borough wants to be working towards. Mayor Talerico responded. Council President East suggested including Eatontown's Committees in the Borough's Strategic Plan.

Council President East thanked the Mayor, Council, Attorney, Administrator, and Borough Clerk for wearing blue for Autism Awareness. Photos were taken for memorialization.

Mayor Talerico explained a resident reached out to him regarding the abandoned cemetery's old sign that is falling apart. The resident offered to pay for a new sign and have DPW mount it. Mayor Talerico asked the council for a consensus to mount the sign. The consensus of the council was to hang up the new sign.

Mayor Talerico opened the workshop meeting to the public.

Kim Cummings, Richardson Avenue, asked where the cemetery is located. Mayor Talerico responded that it's located on Tess Court.

Councilmember Jones commented on the funding for the Internship Program and will work on the flyers.

Councilmember Regan commented on the dwindling numbers of the First Aid Squad, and the calls that 10 people are consistently responding to. Councilmember Regan explained the volunteers are actively taking calls and are looking for a paid squad option. Mayor Talerico asked the Interim Administrator for his input. Interim Administrator Lucia responded. Further discussion was made.

Frank Scaturchio, Monmouth Road, commented on the First Aid Squad calls. Mayor Talerico responded.

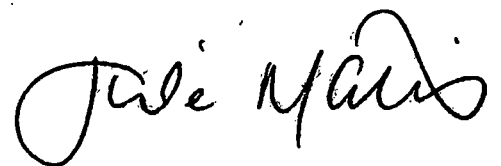
Councilmember Jones commented on helping to get volunteers on the First Aid Squad. Councilmember Regan responded.

8. ADJOURNMENT – 7:36pm

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

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

ABSENT – C/Gindi, 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 04/26/2023