

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, August 23, 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., Council President Virginia M. East,
Councilmembers Mark Regan, Jr., Danielle M. Jones, David Gindi, Meir Araman, Jackie Severinsen
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Deputy Borough Clerk Muscillo
The Flag Salute was led by Council President East

2. INTRODUCTION OF EATONTOWN LIONS ON CELEBRATING THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY (C/EAST)

Council President East shared the Lions Club's History and presented the original charter from 1948.

3. PROCLAMATION – EATONTOWN LIONS (MAYOR TALERICO)

Mayor Talerico shared a memory from the Lions Club, then read the proclamation into the record. The members of the Lions Club accepted the proclamation and took a few pictures. A representative for Senator Vin Gopal read a statement into the record. Assemblywoman Kimberly Eulner and Assemblywoman Marilyn Piperno shared a few words toward the members of the Lions Club.

4. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION – MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (MGIP) (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones explained the internship program and the different events the interns were a part of. Councilmember Jones presented the interns with their certificates of recognition and offered a few words.

5. BUSING OF EATONTOWN CHILDREN TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN EATONTOWN

Councilmember Araman explained some residents in Eatontown are short 1/10th of a mile to be provided with busses from the Board of Education. Councilmember Araman explained the hazardous roads the children must pass to get to school and explained the State's rule regarding mandatory busing. Councilmember Gindi asked if the busing is a financial issue for the School Board or if it's a matter of the children not making the two-mile mark. Councilmember Araman responded. Mayor Talerico presented an overview of the Board of Ed busing rules. The discussion continued regarding the children's busing.

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

Steve Zagha, Old Deal Road, mentioned he is a member of the Board of Education and explained the school system's financial situation. Mr. Zagha explained the conflicting school schedules, the lack of funding from the state, and explained the amount it will cost the Board of Education to provide busing to students under the two-mile mark. Mayor Talerico and Councilmember Jones replied to Mr. Zagha's comments.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. Resolution 177-2023

- 1) Contractual – Monmouth Mall
- 2) Attorney-Client Advise – Old Orchard

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

Attorney Bayer read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 177-2023

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) Attorney-Client Advise – Old Orchard

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 23, 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/Araman, C/Severinsen

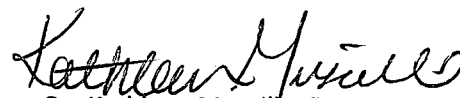
Council entered Closed Session at 7:44pm

Council returned from Closed Session at 8:14pm

7. ADJOURNMENT – 8:14pm

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

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



By: Kathleen Muscillo, Deputy 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 08/23/2023