

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, December 20, 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, David Gindi, Meir Araman, Carl Lawson

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

The Flag Salute was led by C/Jones

Mayor Talerico addressed the meeting time change for the 2024 Reorganization Meeting.

**2. PROCLAMATION – FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY ADMINISTRATION SUSTAINED ENFORCEMENT GRANT
DISTRACTED AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING**

Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record.

**3. PROCLAMATION – NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND
ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION GRANT**

Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record.

4. MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC PLAN, SELECTING A BOROUGH PROFESSIONAL (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones advised the Council that the Finance and Ordinance Committee has been discussing and working on the Municipal Strategic Plan and is time to start writing it. Councilmember Jones suggested having one of the Borough's appointed professionals draft the plan. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Jones suggested having a strict timeline to pass a strategic plan. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Araman agreed to have a professional write up the plan but thinks there should be a pamphlet online. Councilmember Gindi asked Interim Administrator Lucia if he can reach out to our professionals to see if any of them have experience writing up a strategic plan. Councilmember Jones responded. Interim Administrator Lucia will report back to Council regarding which professionals would be able to write up the plan.

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

No comments were made.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

5. CLOSED SESSION

A. Resolution 265-2023

1) Personnel – Committees, Appointments

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

Attorney Levy read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 265-2023

**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) Personnel - Committees, Appointments

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 December 20, 2023.

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

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

Council entered Closed Session at 7:21pm

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:51pm

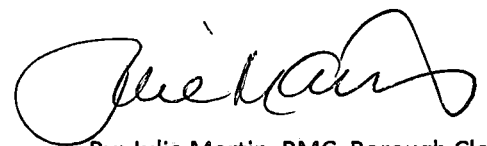
Borough Clerk Martin took roll:

Present - Mayor Talerico, C/East, C/Regan, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson
Interim Administrator Lucia and Attorney Levy

6. ADJOURNMENT – 7:51pm

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

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



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 1/10/2024