



Borough of Eatontown
47 Broad Street
Eatontown, New Jersey 07724

REORGANIZATION MEETING

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 at 10:30AM

1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor Talerico opened the Reorganization meeting at 10:39 am on January 1, 2024. Mayor Talerico explained to the public that the meeting and the meeting time change had been duly advertised; then read the open public meetings statement into the record.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Gindi.

3. COUNCIL - Oaths of Office

COUNCILMEMBER CARL LAWSON

Mayor Talerico welcomed Senator Vin Gopal, who administered the council oaths. The Oaths were taken out of order. Carl Lawson was sworn into Office for an unexpired one-year term as Councilmember by Senator Vin Gopal.

COUNCILMEMBER DANIELLE M. JONES

Danielle M. Jones was sworn into Office for a three-year term as Councilmember by Senator Vin Gopal.

COUNCILMEMBER CANDACE M. FAUST

Candace Faust was sworn into Office for a three-year term as Councilmember by Senator Vin Gopal.

Senator Vin Gopal thanked the Mayor and Council for their partnership.

4. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Councilmember Danielle M. Jones, Councilmember David Gindi
Councilmember Meir Araman, Councilmember Virginia M. East, Councilmember Carl Lawson,
Councilmember Candace Faust

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Administrator Lucia and Attorney Bayer and Clerk Martin.

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE

RESOLUTION 01-2024 - Electing the 2024 Council President

Council President - Oath of Office

Virginia M. East was nominated for Council President.

Mayor Talerico asked for a motion and a second for nominating Virginia M. East for Council President.

Motioned by C/Gindi, seconded by C/Araman

AYE - C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/East, C/Lawson, C/Faust

Council President – Oath of Office

Virginia M. East was sworn into Office for Council President by Senator Vin Gopal.

RESOLUTION 01-2024 - ELECTING THE 2024 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, in the County of Monmouth, that Virginia M. East be and is hereby elected Borough Council President for 2024.

6. RESOLUTION 02-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Motion to appoint Andrew Bayer as the Borough Attorney by C/Gindi; seconded by C/Jones

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

Borough Attorney - Oath of Office

Attorney Bayer took the Oath of Office as Borough Attorney for a one-year term administered by Borough Clerk Martin. Borough Attorney Bayer thanked the Mayor and Borough Council.

RESOLUTION 02-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

BE IT RESOLVED that the appointment of Andrew Bayer, Esq. of Pashman Stein Walder & Hayden, P. C. to the professional position of BOROUGH ATTORNEY for the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024, as made by the Mayor, is hereby confirmed.

7. RESOLUTION 03-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES**RESOLUTION 03-2024 - Confirming Appointments to Emergency Services****EATONTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT****EATONTOWN FIRST AID SQUAD****OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT****FIRE PREVENTION BOARD****FIRE POLICE**

Motion to approve the resolution by C/East; seconded by C/Gindi

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust

EATONTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT - Oaths of Office administered by Council President East.

Mr. Tanner Shea took the Oath of Office as Fire Chief for a one-year term.

Mr. Alexander Dunn, Mr. David Alcott, Mr. Bruce MacDonald, and Mr. Kenneth Sneath took oaths of the line officers.

EATONTOWN FIRST AID SQUAD - Oaths of Office administered by Council President East.

Mr. Gary Cummings took the Oath of Office as First Aid Captain for a one-year term.

Mr. Gary Cummings, and Mr. Kevin Kawas took oaths of the line officers.

RESOLUTION 03-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments to Emergency Services for the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/2024-12/31/2024, unless noted otherwise, as made by the Mayor, are hereby confirmed:

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

COUNCIL LIAISON	Virginia M. East		
Coordinator	William Mego (1/1/23 – 12/31/25)	Fire	Tanner Shea
Deputy Coordinator	Rudolph Trask	CERT	Barry Roth
Police Dept. Liaisons	Chief William Lucia	EMS	Gary Cummings
	Captain Theresa Healy	Haz. Mat. Coord.	John Sanders

<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>		<u>FIRST AID SQUAD</u>		<u>FIRE PREVENTION BOARD</u>	
COUNCIL LIAISON	Virginia M. East	COUNCIL LIAISON	Virginia M. East	COUNCIL LIAISON	Virginia M. East
Fire Chief	Tanner Shea	Captain	Gary Cummings	Fire Official	Michael Hreha
1st Asst. Chief	Alexander Dunn	1st Lieutenant	Kevin Kawas	Fire Dept. Chief	Tanner Shea
2nd Asst. Chief	David Alcott	2nd Lieutenant	<i>vacant</i>	Assistant Chief	Alexander Dunn
1st Lieutenant	Bruce	Sergeant	<i>vacant</i>	Member at Large	Kenneth Sneath

	MacDonald				Michael Johnson
2nd Lieutenant	Kenneth Sneath	Sergeant	<i>vacant</i>	Member	Rudolph Trask
Chief Engineer	Mark Woloshin	Engineer	Gary Cummings	Member	Dale Bennett
Asst. Engineer	Dale Bennett			Member	Barry Roth
				Member	Ken Brand

FIRE POLICE

Captain Robert Phillips
Lieutenant Khadeem Williams
Members Glenn Conover, Jr., John Dobrowolski, Charles Kawas, David Kawas, Kevin Kawas, Joseph Piscitelli, John M. Ryan, John Sanders, Sr., Gary Strasser, William Vital, Harold West

Mark Woloshin, Fire Department took the Oath of Office as Chief Engineer for a one-year term administered by Council President East.

8. RESOLUTION 04-2024 - Confirming Appointment of Council Committees

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Gindi; seconded by C/Jones

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust

RESOLUTION 04-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments to COUNCIL COMMITTEES for the one-year term of 1/1/2024-12/31/2024 as made by the Mayor, are hereby confirmed:

FINANCE & ORDINANCE

Chairperson Councilmember Jones
 Member Councilmember Araman
 Member Councilmember Gindi

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chairperson Council President East
 Member Councilmember Jones
 Member Councilmember Lawson

PARKS & RECREATION

Chairperson Councilmember Lawson
 Member Council President East
 Member Councilmember Faust

POLICE, PUBLIC LIGHTS & PARKING

Chairperson Councilmember Araman
 Member Councilmember Gindi
 Member Council President East

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & TENANTS RIGHTS

Chairperson Councilmember Gindi
 Member Councilmember Jones
 Member Councilmember Faust

PUBLIC WORKS & INSURANCE

Chairperson Councilmember Faust
 Member Councilmember Araman
 Member Councilmember Lawson

9. Mayor's Welcome and Annual Address

Mayor Talerico offered the following: *[verbatim]* "Good morning and Happy New Year 2024. Members of the public, volunteers, employees, family, and friends - on behalf of the entire Governing Body, I welcome you to the Borough of Eatontown's 2024 Reorganization meeting.

I would like to thank our outgoing Councilmember, Mark Regan. The Regan family has been involved in many areas of service to the community for a very, very long time and I thank you Mark for continuing that legacy. This year we lost Councilman Everett Lucas. Colonel Lucas brought a veteran's perspective to our Council when it was needed most. The loss of Fort Monmouth has sadly taken with it the visibility of our military in Eatontown's everyday life. Many of us grew up with that. His tenure on Council left for the rest of us a commitment to consider veterans in our decision making. He had a dream to create a simple meet up where Veterans can come and talk to other veterans about issues only they would understand. And the best part? No politicians. No grandstanding or beating of the chest and waving the flag. He understood that veterans deal with issues they can only discuss with other veterans and a simple, informal and convenient periodic meeting would allow them to share what is on their minds – many times, before it is too late. I have a strong feeling such an arrangement will be set up soon. Councilman Lucas' seat on the dais was filled by Councilwoman Jackie Severensen. We thank her for her willingness to serve. I am sure we will continue to see her and her family in so many parts of our community as we always have.

Welcome back to Councilwoman Danielle Jones. I look forward to working with you for the next three years. Councilwoman Jones is navigating the unknown and often changing rules with the growing cannabis industry in the state and trying to come up with suggestions so Eatontown can have the most proactive and common-sense ordinances on the subject. Joining us in their first term are Carl Lawson and Candace Faust. Both lifelong residents, Lawson and Faust have been longtime volunteers in our community. Carl served on the Board of Education for over a decade. During that time he also served on our Recreation Advisory Committee and was a sports coach. Candace served on many boards and committees, including as Vice Chair of the Zoning Board and was a founding member of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee. As volunteer, she was part of the group that wrote the State's first Complete Streets policy adopted by Ordinance.

In 2023, we saw the retirement of Jimmy Rolly. If you can find a nicer man, please let me know where. Jimmy was a fixture in the records bureau of the police department. I thought he was going to miss Eatontown, but seeing the amazing travel photos on Facebook, he seems glad to have retired. We lost several members of our volunteer community. Out of respect for those who have volunteered for Eatontown and passed in 2023, I ask for a moment of silence.

Thank you to our first responders. We always need volunteers in our Fire Department and First Aid Squad. The amount of time our EMS and Fire volunteers spend is amazing... not just at calls, but in training and the maintenance of their equipment. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for either department, please let us know. We would be happy to introduce them as they consider membership.

2023 was an exciting year. In May, the Governing Body unanimously approved the Redevelopment Plan for the Monmouth Mall. I am well aware of the strong emotions tied to the mall. The action we took was not without controversy, but I truly believe – considering the totality of the circumstances – we collectively made the best decision. Our tax appeals, totaling millions and millions of dollars were eliminated and Eatontown's largest ratable is positioned to be reborn. Soon Barnes and Noble will move to the old Firebirds location and Whole Foods will come to the Barnes and Noble site. The middle section of the mall will be demolished. In total 1,000 apartments will be built over the terms of a phasing schedule that paces the residential to retail and infrastructure improvements. The new mall site will have a public green space, 800 new trees, internal roads with bike lanes and over 3 miles of new sidewalks making it a walkable community.

The Borough approved an ordinance allowing a rezoning plan for the Old Orchard Golf Course. First, no one – no one – wants to destroy the golf course. At the same time, the course was being sold and the buyer (and seller) do not want to run a golf course. The Council felt that if we could work with the developer, we could arrange a more favorable scenario. The site will include 145 age restricted single family homes as well as a club house. There will be only one entrance, along Monmouth Road, and all current residential areas will have a 100' deed restricted buffer. The permitted uses would be consistent with what already exists on Rote 36.

Fort Monmouth redevelopment took an exciting turn for Eatontown. We finally have a plan for Pinebrook Road in what we know as Howard Commons. Lenar will build 275 homes in a mix of standalone houses, attached and stacked townhomes. 80% of the residential will be market rate and 20% will be affordable housing. All the dilapidated military homes will be removed, and the developer will pave Pinebrook Road. The corner of Pinebrook and Hope will have a grocery store which will be a walkable alternative for the over 1,000 houses and apartments in that very area. Lastly, the Borough

will get an approximate 6 acre park which will adjoin the Board of Education fields there. It is very exciting to finally see these plans for Pinebrook Road after many years of neglect and blight.

The plans for Netflix are moving forward. The public comment period on the proposed Zoning for the nearly 300 acres spanning Eatontown and Tinton Falls has officially closed. In early 2024, the FMERA Board, of which I am Vice Chairperson, will approve the final zoning for the site. This means Netflix can come to the two towns' Planning Boards. The redevelopment of the site will be massive. Netflix is building a state of the art film studio campus. This will drive jobs and make a lasting change on Eatontown. This Council will soon begin significant discussions with Netflix on various terms of our relationship with them. Considering the growing film industry in the State, as well as Netflix coming to Eatontown, we have taken steps to become Film Ready certified. To do so, we adopted an Ordinance which will guide how the Borough deals with filming in our town and are taking a proactive approach to welcoming the industry. I am already fielding calls for businesses to occupy along industrial way to service the film industry and Netflix.

In 2023, the Borough took the next steps in creating a Shop Local program. If we can get enough interested businesses, we may be able to offer a loyalty program to our residents whereby purchases they make in local businesses can contribute to what amounts to a credit on their local tax bill. Renters also stand to benefit in the form of a check sent to them. Can I get a few volunteers to help get businesses signed up and to make our program successful?

The Borough donated a piece of land to Habitat for Humanity where they will build a single-family, owner-occupied home. Habitat is a wonderful organization and I am thankful that they are building in Eatontown.

The Borough continues to be assertive but fair in its approach to code enforcement. I am sure you have noticed the signs that used to litter our highways have drastically decreased. Sure, a few pop up from time to time, but there are far fewer. The town looks cleaner. Offenders have been summoned to Court. We understand our location makes advertising to thru traffic ideal, but we are not going to tolerate the junking up of our roads or image. In an effort to deploy our resources to other vital tasks, the Borough has continued its enforcement of the new bulk schedule.

What I am about to say may surprise you, but sometimes in an effort to make more money business owners bend and break the rules. If we are going to ensure compliance with our residents, we must do the same with our commercial enterprises as well. Thanks to our new records system which fosters integration and cooperation between various Borough departments, we are cracking down on landlords that violate our fire safety and zoning rules. There are plenty of opportunities for commercial entities to do well in Eatontown, but we expect that our occupancy, zoning and fire safety rules are followed. Developers who appear before the Zoning and Planning Boards are expected to follow through with their promises. We are dealing with those who don't. A lot of these changes are happening behind the scenes, but they are happening.

Stormwater management is an issue that will become crucial as we move forward. Eatontown is approaching this in many ways. In addition to working on our \$2 million federal grant to fix the flooding issues along the Wampum corridor, we are also looking at flooding issues elsewhere around town. Through televising our storm drains and cleaning our drains, we will help improve flow and alleviate blockages where they exist. We will also create stormwater mapping thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the DEP and create beautiful rain gardens at Wampum thanks to a \$209,000 grant from the DEP.

We had exciting news for our parks in 2023. The Lions Club formally dedicated their playground in 80 Acres to the Borough. This all ability playground will serve as a model and inspiration to our other playgrounds. We won a \$151,000 Monmouth County Open Space grant for improvements at Wolcott Park and we are almost ready to order the splash pad and concession stand for our new Gurbisz Park on the former Fort. Both of these are the result of State grants. In 2023, we received a \$250,000 line item in the State budget for Phase 3 of our Greenway where we hope to improve the paved walking trails in Wolcott Park.

Though we renamed Husky Brook Park Gerry Tarantolo Park in 2022, we held the dedication in 2023. It was a nice way to honor a man who worked so hard to preserve the land and create a park for generations to come.

Eatontown continues to receive statewide recognition. In 2023, Eatontown was honored by EZ Ride for our Gold Safe Routes to school certification. Each school is Gold as well. This means we have a narrow window where we open ourselves favorably to federal funds to increase sidewalks around town via grants. I hope we can pursue this as we stand a good chance of winning.

Our community is seeing growth in many ways. Approximately 20 years ago, I sat on the Zoning Board when a few families transitioned from worshiping in basements to constructing Eatontown's first synagogue. Less than two decades later, I sat on the Planning Board reviewing plans for its expansion. Our PTA which I remember was very vibrant years ago experienced a lull in membership. Recently, it has experienced a major boom. New families are picking up where others left off and you can almost feel their presence in the school system. Eatontown Baseball is seeing an increase in membership. Our scouting programs are also seeing growth. We are seeing a growing number of Girl Scouts, growing Boy Scouts

programs and even a new BSA Girls Troup for girls ages 11-17. Seeing so many family activities makes me very happy as Mayor.

Again, welcome and thank you. I wish this Council well as they begin the new year. I hope we can work together as productively as we have the past few years. With the guidance and assistance of our employees and professionals – all quarterbacked by our Administrator, Bill Lucia, I am sure we can continue to do great things.

Each Reorg, I end in a similar piece of advice. We must invest in our town because we are not only governing for today, but rather for tomorrow as well. Sometimes we must spend money knowing that while it may be unpopular now, it will pay dividends in the future. Elected officials must be prepared to stomach short term unpopularity for the sake of long-term stability and success. There are 13,000 residents and only seven chairs up here. We must be willing to make hard decisions and remember the proverb, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." Thank you and I look forward to a challenging, exciting and rewarding year."

10. RESOLUTION 05-2024 - Confirming Appointment of Borough Professionals

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Jones; seconded by C/Lawson

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust

RESOLUTION 05-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS OF BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments to the professional positions for the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/2024-12/31/2024 (unless otherwise noted) are hereby confirmed:

BOND ATTORNEY	Meghan A. Bennett of Dilworth Paxson
SPECIAL COUNSEL	Rainone Coughlin Minchello
LABOR ATTORNEY	O'Toole Scrivo, LLC
APPRAISER FOR TAX APPEALS	Gagliano & Company
ARCHITECT	Parallel Architectural Group, LLC, DIGroup Architecture, LLC
AUDITOR	Oliwa & Company
BOROUGH ENGINEER	Edward W. Herrman of T&M Associates
SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER	ARH Associates, Chapman Environmental
BOROUGH PLANNER	Jennifer Beahm of Leon S. Avakian, Inc and ARH Associates
HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER	Brown & Brown
PROSECUTOR	Cleary Jacobbe Alfieri
PUBLIC DEFENDER	Albert J. Rescinio
ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER	Matthew Sage, Esq., Kevin Buchan, Esq.
PROPERTY/CASUALTY INS. BROKER	Acrisure, LLC
FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES	NW Financial
BOROUGH PHYSICIAN	Eatontown Medical Associates and Carbon Health Urgent Care of Eatontown
ALCOHOL/CDS TESTING	Dynamic Testing Services
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE	Dr. Michael Kahn of Employee Consulting Services

11. RESOLUTION 06-2024 - Confirming Appointment of Employee Appointed Positions

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Gindi; seconded by C/Jones

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust

RESOLUTION 06-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE APPOINTED POSITIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments of employees to positions for the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/24-12/31/24, unless noted otherwise, as made by the Mayor, are hereby confirmed:

Affirmative Action Officer
 Community Development Representative
 Deputy Borough Clerk/Deputy Registrar
 Deputy Registrar, Alternate
 Director of Public Works
 Director of Recreation / Community Services
 Fund Commissioner, JIF
 Housing Code Official
 Safety Coordinator
 Safety Coordinator, Alternate
 Zoning Officer
 School Crossing Guards

Special Law Enforcement Officer I
 Special Law Enforcement Officer II
 Special Law Enforcement Officer III

William P. Lucia, III, Interim Administrator
 William P. Lucia, III, Interim Administrator
 Katie Muscillo
 Nina Bernardo
 Keith Ferrugia
 Janice Grasso
 William P. Lucia, III, Interim Administrator
 Nicholas J. Consentino
 Maria Fornicola
 Janaea Morgan
 Kathy Muscillo
 Jayne Butler, April Ribeiro,
 Kevin Biernacki, William Mego,
 Robyn Korsen, Fred Megill, Karen Gavini
 Michael P. Johnson
 Corey Defeo, Nicola Giannotte, Justin Murphy
 David Hicks, Anthony Guido

12. **RESOLUTION 07-2024** – Confirming Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Boards

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Gindi; seconded by C/Jones

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust

RESOLUTION 07-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments are hereby confirmed for the Planning and Zoning Boards for 2024:

PLANNING BOARD

Member Class I	1/1/2023-12/31-2026	Mayor Talerico
Member Class II	1/1/2024-12/31/2024	Barry Roth
Member Class III	1/1/2024-12/31/2024	Council President East
Member Class IV	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	<i>Awaiting Appointment</i>
Member Class IV	1/1/2021-12/31/2024	William Diedrichsen
Member Class IV	1/1/2022-12/31/2025	Mark Regan, Sr.
Member Class IV	1/1/2023-12/31/2025	Deborah Martinock
Member Class IV	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	Mark Woloshin, David Alcott
Alternate Member 1	1/1/2024-12/31/2025	Kathy Silva

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Members	1/1/2021-12/31/2024	Seth Mednick, Richard Lizanckie
	1/1/2022-12/31/2025	Robert Gilmore
	1/1/2023-12/31-2026	Salvatore Granata, Ralph Anderson, Pamela Faccone
	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	Kenneth East

13. **RESOLUTION 08-2024** - Confirming Appointments of Council Committee Liaisons

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Gindi; seconded by C/Jones

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust

RESOLUTION 08-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments be made for the position of liaisons to the Committees of the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/2024-12/31/2024, are hereby confirmed:

Councilmember East

Planning Board
 Historical Committee
 Senior Citizen Housing Board of Trustees
 Fire Prevention
 Office of Emergency Management

Councilmember Jones

Health/Human Services Committee
 Eatontown Alliance for Prevention of Drug & Alcohol Abuse
 Cannabis Industry AdHoc Committee
 Library Board of Trustees
 Environmental Commission

Councilmember Gindi

Tenant Rights Committee
Rent Levelling Board
Street Numbering Committee

Councilmember Faust

Shade Tree Commission
Green Team
Beautify Eatontown
Complete Streets Advisory Committee
Traffic Advisory Committee

Councilmember Araman

Economic Development Advisory Committee
Community Development Block Grant Committee

Councilmember Lawson

Recreational Advisory Committee
Community Center Advisory Committee

14. RESOLUTION 09-2024- Confirming Committee Member Appointments

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Gindi; seconded by C/Araman

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust

RESOLUTION 09-2024 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO BOROUGH COMMITTEES

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments to BOROUGH COMMITTEES for the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/24 - 12/31/24 unless noted otherwise, as made by the Mayor, are hereby confirmed:

BEAUTIFY EATONTOWN

Liaison Councilmember Faust
Members Barbara Stark, Albert Baginski, Tim Staunton

COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Liaison Councilmember Lawson
Members William R. Barnshaw, Karen Farrah, Linda Morgan, Joan J. Sobiech, Cordelia Golden
Rec. Director, Community Officer, Juvenile Officer, Senior Programs Supervisor

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Liaison Councilmember Araman
Members Administrator

COMMUNITY GARDEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members expires 12/31/2024 Carolyn M. Carson
expires 12/21/2026 Michelle Sweider

COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Liaison Councilmember Faust
Members expires 12/31/2026 Thomas Fary, Barbara Stark, Kevin Halverson, Pamela Faccone
Advisory expires 12/31/2024 Rec. Director, Zoning Officer, Administrator

EATONTOWN ALLIANCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Members expires 06/30/2024 Mayor Talerico, Councilmember Jones

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Advisory Mayor Talerico
Liaison Councilmember Araman
Members Mary Ellen Gervasina, Hugh J. MaGee, Anna Mayer, Peter J. Corallo, Bob English, Helga Schuette, Jim Staveley, Jamie Pavlis, Ron Wollner, Roy Eisen, Scott Sekuler, Administrator

CANNABIS INDUSTRY SUBCOMMITTEE

Liaison Councilmember Jones

This committee is a subcommittee of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Members expires 12/31/2024 Kenneth Kretsch, Aaron Stoler
expires 12/31/2025 Laura Bagwell, Mark W. Regan, Danielle M. Jones
expires 12/31/2026 Jessica Buck

Chairperson expires 12/21/2024 Laura Bagwell

Members of the Environmental Commission are appointed by the Mayor. Associate Members are appointed by the Governing Body.

GREEN TEAM

Liaison Councilmember Faust
Members expires 12/31/2026 Sara Breslow, Tiffany Miller, Roy Eisen, Vanessa Scaramuchich
expires 12/31/2024 Laura Bagwell

expires 12/31/2024 Administrator, Public Works Director

Alt. Member expires 12/31/2024 Gabrielle LePore

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Liaison Councilmember Jones

Members expires 12/31/2024 Administrator

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Ex-Officio Members Mayor Talerico, Councilmember East, Liaison

Members Marlene Cain, Joseph Carey, Kathleen English, Thomasine Hammed-Owens

Thomas Fary, Linda M. Risden, Sondra Thompson, Phyllis Trask, Joseph Calandra, Samantha Muccino,

Adrienne Hourihan, Maria Escalante, Jessica Buck

Historian & Museum Trustee Agnes Zaorski

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Liaison Councilmember Jones

Members expires 12/31/2024 Carolyn Newcomb, Debbie Greenfield

expires 12/31/2025 Valerie Sapienza, Teri Bausenwein

expires 12/31/2026 Kathy Accorsi, Kenneth Kretsch, Kathleen Sita

The Library Board of Trustees appoints their own members. The Council Liaison is appointed by the Governing Body.

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Liaison Councilmember Lawson

Members expires 12/31/2024 Leigh Trillhaase, Donald Corcione, Lisa Vasquez, Recreation Director

expires 12/31/2025 Ralph Anderson, Jessica Raggucci

expires 12/31/2026 Andrew Faccone, Teresa Connelly, Maria Escalante

RENT LEVELING BOARD

Liaison Councilmember Gindi

Members Frederick Dorner, Gary Strasser, Britton Cook, Sondra Thompson, Robin Larsen

SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Liaison Councilmember East

Members expires 12/31/2024 Richard Farrah, T. Hammed-Owens, Virginia M. East, Coleen Burnett, Linda Morgan

expires 12/31/2025 Ralph Anderson, Theodore Lewis Jr., Sondra Thompson

expires 12/31/2026 William R. Barnshaw, Jennifer Piazza, Thomas Smock

SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Members expires 1/31/2025 Brian Charnick

expires 1/31/2026 Ken East

expires 1/31/2027 Lori Flynn

expires 1/31/2028 Peter Berkley

expires 1/31/2029 Jeanna Migliaccio

Sewer Authority Terms of Office begin on February 1 and run through January 31.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Liaison Councilmember Faust

Members expires 12/31/2024 Eileen Cooper

expires 12/31/2025 David Corcione

expires 12/31/2027 Lisa Wilson, Mark Wilson

expires 12/31/2024 Shade Tree Specialist

Shade Tree Commission Members are appointed by the Mayor. The Council Liaison is appointed by the Governing Body.

STREET NUMBERING COMMITTEE

Liaison Mayor Talerico, Councilmember Gindi

Members Construction Official, Police Chief, Housing Official

TENANTS RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Liaison Councilmember Gindi

Members Estella Almeida, Teresa Connelly, Frederick Dorner, Sondra Thompson

Housing Official, Construction Official

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Liaison Councilmember Faust

Members expires 12/31/2024 Traffic Officer

expires 12/31/2024 Roy Eisen, William Phillips
 expires 12/31/2025 Thomas Innace, Kevin Halvorsen

15. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

(All matters listed hereunder are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any person may request an item be removed for separate consideration).

- A. **RESOLUTION 10-2024** - Fixing Order of Business
- B. **RESOLUTION 11-2024** - Confirming Annual Meeting Schedule, 2024
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Motion to approve the resolution by C/Gindi; seconded by C/Araman

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust

RESOLUTION 10-2024 - FIXING ORDER OF BUSINESS

BE IT RESOLVED that the order of business to be observed at all meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown to be held in the year 2024, shall be as follows:

1. ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3. COMMUNICATIONS
4. MAYOR'S REPORT
5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
6. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
7. OLD BUSINESS
8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
9. BILLS AND CLAIMS
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. REMARKS OF COUNCIL AND CITIZENS
12. CLOSED SESSION
13. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 11-2024 - ESTABLISHING THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES THEREFORE FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN

WHEREAS, it is required pursuant to the Laws of the State of New Jersey that the Governing Body of a municipality meet regularly at a place and time so designated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown hereby establishes that the Regular Meetings of the Governing Body for the year 2024 will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a Workshop Meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room of Borough Hall, located at 47 Broad Street, Eatontown except as specifically noted in the following schedule:

January 1, 2024 (Monday at 10:30 a.m.) - Reorganization

January 10 and 24

February 14 and 28

March 13 and 27

April 10 and 25 (Thursday)

May 8 and 22

June 6 (Thursday) and 19

July 10 and 24

August 14 and 28

September 11 and 25

October 9 and 22 (Tuesday)

November 7 (Thursday) and November 18 (Monday at 4:15 pm)

December 4 and December 18

January 1, 2025 (Wednesday at 12 Noon) - Reorganization

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all meetings of the Borough Council may recess into closed session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said annual notice be posted through 2024 on the Public Notice Bulletin Board located in Borough Hall at 47 Broad Street, Eatontown, New Jersey and shall be published in the official newspapers of the Borough of Eatontown, pursuant to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to take all necessary steps to maintain adequate written minutes of each meeting and make them available after approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator shall be authorized to direct any other necessary action be performed by appropriate officials and employees of the Borough to fulfill the mandates of the Open Public Meetings Act.

RESOLUTION 12-2024 - DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

BE IT RESOLVED that ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE STAR LEDGER, and THE LINK are hereby designated as the OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS of the Borough of Eatontown for the year 2024.

RESOLUTION 13-2024 - RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR YEAR 2024 PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2024 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2023 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made of \$27,246,632.27 and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2023 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$7,152,240.97

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Eatontown, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the following temporary appropriations be adopted for the year 2024.

Administrative & Executive

Salaries & Wages \$63,131.25

Other Expenses \$29,137.50

Labor Council

Other Expenses \$5,250.00

Mayor and Council

Salaries & Wages \$17,955.00

Other Expenses \$2,362.50

Advertising

Other Expenses \$6,168.75

Beautify Eatontown

Other Expenses \$937.13

Complete Streets

Other Expenses \$262.50

Elections

Salaries & Wages \$-

Other Expenses \$1,575.00

Municipal Clerk

Salaries & Wages \$56,450.63

Other Expenses \$8,006.25

Information Technology

Other Expenses \$46,725.00

Purchasing

Salaries & Wages \$13,833.75

Other Expenses	\$8,300.25
Historical	
Other Expenses	\$787.50
Financial Administration	
Salaries & Wages	\$60,375.00
Other Expenses	\$12,862.50
Bond Registration - OE	\$1,181.25
Auditing Services	
Other Expenses	\$12,600.00
Assessment of Taxes	
Salaries & Wages	\$27,494.25
Other Expenses	\$21,202.39
Collection of Taxes	
Salaries & Wages	\$23,887.50
Other Expenses	\$3,255.00
Legal Services and Costs	
Other Expenses	\$65,625.00
Municipal Prosecutor	
Salaries & Wages	\$13,125.00
Engineering Services & Costs	
Other Expenses	\$27,562.50
Public Buildings & Grounds	
Salaries & Wages	\$59,540.25
Other Expenses	\$41,606.25
Planning Board	
Other Expenses	\$11,628.75
Board of Adjustment	
Other Expenses	\$6,313.13
Zoning Officer	
Salaries & Wages	\$67,200.00
Other Expenses	\$7,491.75
Environmental Commission	
Other Expenses	\$862.31
Green Team	
Other Expenses	\$656.25
Community Garden	
Other Expenses	\$2,651.25
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Fire	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,739.06
Fire Hydrant Service	\$52,500.00
Other Expenses	\$30,643.46
Insurance	
Group Insurance	\$1,030,706.25
Health Benefit Waiver	\$10,500.00
Other Insurance Programs	\$400,000.00
Workmen's Compensation	\$231,000.00
Uniform Fire Safety	
Salaries & Wages	\$38,377.50
Other Expenses	\$5,446.88
Police	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,891,890.00
Other Expenses	\$102,545.63

First Aid Contribution

Other Expenses \$19,260.94

Emergency Management Services

Salaries & Wages \$958.13

Other Expenses \$3,911.25

Road Repairs and Maintenance

Salaries & Wages \$572,772.38

Other Expenses \$357,262.50

Snow Removal

Other Expenses \$3,543.75

Municipal Court

Salaries & Wages \$14,175.00

Other Expenses \$9,187.50

Public Defender

Other Expenses \$15,750.00

Street Lighting \$42,000.00**Monmouth County Reclamation – Contractual** \$107,625.00**Solid Waste Collection**

Sanitation Apartment \$277,725.00

Sanitation Residential \$-

Health & Welfare

Salaries & Wages \$430.50

Other Expenses \$1,312.50

Housing Inspection

Salaries & Wages \$29,119.13

Other Expenses \$682.50

Animal Control

Other Expenses \$5,775.00

Recreation

Salaries & Wages \$60,375.00

Other Expenses \$20,933.06

Celebration of Public Events

Other Expenses \$11,103.75

Community Center

Salaries & Wages \$82,320.00

Other Expenses \$9,738.75

Youth Committee

Other Expenses \$590.63

Senior Programs

Salaries & Wages \$16,800.00

Other Expenses \$5,013.75

Inspection of Buildings

Salaries & Wages \$150,937.50

Other Expenses \$9,699.38

S/W Adjustment Retire CY buyouts \$70,000.00**Business Advisory Committee** \$-**Tuition Reimbursement** \$13,256.25**Employee Sick Time Buyback** \$75,000.00**Accumulated Absences****UTILITIES**

Electric \$44,625.00

Telephone \$59,062.50

Water \$10,500.00

Natural Gas	\$21,000.00	
Contingent	\$1,050.00	
PY BILLS	\$2,630.27	
STATUTORY EXPENSES		
PERS		
Social Security Expense (O.A.S.I.)	\$163,123.01	
PFRS		
Unemployment	\$9,187.50	
PERS ERI (Early Retirement Incentive Program)		
Defined Contribution Retirement (DCRP)	\$9,187.50	
OUTSIDE CAPS		
Library O/S CAPS		
Salaries & Wages	\$24,071.25	
Other Expenses	\$3,622.50	
Telephone	\$-	
911 System O/S CAPS	\$6,562.50	
Improvements to Parks		
State Recycling Tax O/S CAPS	\$3,885.00	
Tax Appeal Reserve	\$13,125.00	
NJDEP/Storm Water Mgmt O/S CAPS	\$2,625.00	
LOSAP Fire	\$13,125.00	
LOSAP First Aid	\$5,250.00	
Mechanical Garage O/S CAPS		
Board of Education Salaries & Wages	\$1,050.00	
Municipal Court		
Tinton Falls	\$90,000.00	
Fire Prevention Shared Service Oceanport S/W	\$-	
Matching Funds for Grants	\$7,875.00	
	\$6,999,537.99	
ALLOWED	\$7,152,240.97	
	\$(152,702.98)	
TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19		
DEBT SERVICE 2024		
Bond Principal	\$1,450,000.00	
Bond Interest	\$726,475.00	
Note Interest	\$19,000.00	
MCIA Capital Lease Principal	\$43,000.00	
MCIA Capital Lease Interest	\$2,150.00	
Judgement		
CIF		
RUT		
GRANT W/O MATCH		
TOTAL DEBT	\$2,240,625.00	

RESOLUTION 14-2024 - ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that for the year 2024, the following shall serve as the cash management plan of the Borough of Eatontown. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as the guide in depositing and investing the Borough of Eatontown's funds. The following Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) approved banks are authorized depositories for deposit of funds: CITIZENS BANK; STATE OF NEW JERSEY CASH MANAGEMENT FUND; SUN NATIONAL BANK; TD BANK; PNC BANK; CITIBANK; WELLS FARGO; CENTRAL JERSEY BANK, A DIVISION OF KEARNY FEDERAL SAVINGS; FULTON BANK; BANK OF AMERICA; NORTHFIELD BANK, MANASQUAN BANK, OCEAN FIRST BANK, BCB BANK, LAKE LAND BANK.

All warrants or checks for the disbursement of money shall be made by any three (3) of the following officials and facsimile signatures may be used: BOROUGH MAYOR, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR, BOROUGH CLERK, BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer are empowered to invest cash funds as bank balances will allow from time to time in order to realize revenue. The above stated officers are authorized to transfer funds electronically for the purpose of investments, payroll, in between funds, debt service, school taxes and county taxes.

The following are authorized as suitable investments:

- Interest-bearing bank accounts in banks as authorized above for deposit of local unit funds (GUDPA approved).
- Certificates of deposit in GUDPA approved banking institutions.
- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds.
- Government money market mutual funds that comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e).
- Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
- Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school district of which the Borough is a part.
- Any other obligation with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the State Division of Investments.
- Local government investment pools which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e) and conditions set by the Division of Local Government Services.
- New Jersey Cash Management Fund.
- Repurchase agreements (repos) of fully collateralized securities which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e).
- New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program.
- New Jersey CLASS.

There are no approved security brokers/dealers. In the event that a security broker/dealer should be approved during the year, the registered principal of said brokerage firm so approved shall be provided with and sign an acknowledgement that they have seen and reviewed the cash management plan.

Each month, the Chief Financial Officer shall prepare a report for the Administrator that consists of the following:

- A summary of all investments made or redeemed for the month.
- A listing of any and all financial institutions holding local unit funds.
- The class or type of securities purchased or funds deposited.
- Income earned on deposits and investments.
- Market value of investments and disclosure as to how the value was determined, if applicable.
- A listing of accounts or deposits that do not earn interest.

The Chief Financial Officer is required to include the entire Best Practices for Wire Transfer, ACH Payments and Check Issuance Protocol as part of the Annual Cash Management pursuant to NJSA 40A:5-14, which is attached hereto as Appendix A.

This document shall constitute the cash management plan of the Borough. Any official involved with the selection of depositories, investments, brokers/dealers shall disclose any material business or personal relationship to the Administrator and to the Local Finance Board or Local Ethics Board as applicable.

Any official who, in the course of his or her duties, deposits or invests in accordance with this plan shall be relieved of any liability for loss.

RESOLUTION 15-2024 - FIXING INTEREST

BE IT RESOLVED that the interest to be charged on delinquent taxes during the year 2024 be and the same is hereby fixed at eight (8) per centum per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and eighteen (18) per centum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00, to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment, provided, however, no interest shall be charged if the payment of the taxes due is made within the tenth (10) calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable.

RESOLUTION 16-2024 - CANCELLING TAX OVERPAYMENTS OR DELINQUENT AMOUNTS UNDER \$10.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown may authorize a municipal employee chosen by said body to process without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquencies of less than \$10.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown hereby authorizes the Tax Collector of the Borough of Eatontown to cancel said tax amounts as deemed necessary.

RESOLUTION 17-2024 - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Eatontown desires to take advantage of the bid threshold of \$44,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey appoints Julie Martin, Q-1224, as Qualified Purchasing Agent at an annual salary of \$10,645.29 to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility and accountability of the purchasing activity of the contracting unit; and increases its bid threshold, the amount of which shall not exceed the statutory maximum bid threshold; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the office of the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Julie Martin's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION 18-2024 - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, Section 17:27-3.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code requires the annual appointment of a Public Agency Compliance Officer to ensure that municipal contracts comply with the policy of the State of New Jersey to promote equal employment opportunity and affirmative action with regard to public contracts; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Eatontown to promote and enforce all rules and regulations regarding affirmative action in public purchasing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, in the County of Monmouth, that DENA AMODEA be and is hereby appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Eatontown at an annual salary of \$2,100.00 to exercise the duties of a Public Agency Compliance Officer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the office of the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

RESOLUTION 19-2024 - GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

RESOLUTION 20-2024 - DECLARING EATONTOWN A STIGMA FREE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Borough of Eatontown, with the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Monmouth County Department of Human Services, Eatontown Police Department and Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, recognize that one in four Americans has experienced mental illness, including substance use, in a given year according to the National Institute of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems are more common than cancer and heart disease combined, affecting children and adults, including more than half of our Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans treated at Veteran's Administration hospitals; and

WHEREAS, given the serious nature of this public health problems, we must continue to reach the millions who need help; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover; and

WHEREAS, Stigma-Free Communities aim to inspire public interest and open dialogue about stigma, raise awareness of mental health and substance use disorders and creates a culture wherein residents with mental health and substance use disorders feel supported by their community and neighbors, free to seek treatment without fear of stigma; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no "health" without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed; and

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat mental health and substance use disorders so no one needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless; and

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma-Free Communities will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies avoided.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown hereby declare the Borough of Eatontown a Stigma-Free Community and encourages local community groups, including the local and regional Boards of Education, to actively promote stigma free policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to all Monmouth County Clerks.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President East congratulated Danielle Jones, Carl Lawson, and Candace Faust and wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Councilmember Lawson thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to working with everyone. Councilmember Lawson then wished everyone a happy new year.

Councilmember Jones congratulated Candace Faust and Carl Lawson. Councilmember Jones then commented that she will continue the work of Colonel Lucas. Councilmember Jones then thanked all Borough Professionals and all residents.

Councilmember Gindi congratulated all the newly elected council. Councilmember Gindi reiterated Mayor Talerico's speech, then explained the council are doing everything they can that is best for the Borough.

Councilmember Araman expressed he is looking forward to working with the newly elected councilmembers, and to looking behind tax assessments to help homeowners.

Councilmember Faust wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Danielle Jones and Carl Lawson. Councilmember Faust expressed her excitement for being on Council and is looking forward to working with everyone.

17. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

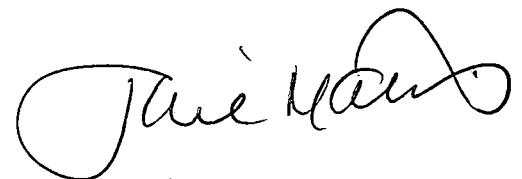
Cordelia Golden, Eatontown Reformed Democratic Club, explained the council has their support and is looking forward to collaboration. Ms. Golden welcomed all new elected officials.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

18. ADJOURNMENT - 11:32pm

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

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



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 01/10/2024