

**Borough of Eatontown
47 Broad Street
Eatontown, New Jersey 07724**

**Special Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00pm**

NOTICE – This meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing ONLY. There was no in-person participation. *This Special Meeting has been noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. A notice of this Special Meeting was sent to the Asbury Park Press, the Star Ledger and 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 meeting at 7:00pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act for a Special Meeting.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Council President Virginia M. East,
Councilmembers Danielle M. Jones, Meir Araman, Carl Lawson, Candace M. Faust

ABSENT: Councilmember David Gindi

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

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Talerico

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments were made.

4. RESOLUTION 41-2024 – Green Acres Application, Enabling Resolution – Wolcott Park

Mayor Talerico explained the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 41-2024 by C/East; seconded by C/Lawson

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

ABSENT - C/Gindi

RESOLUTION 41-2024 - GREEN ACRES APPLICATION – ENABLING RESOLUTION – WOLCOTT PARK

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program New Jersey, provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Eatontown desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$660,000, in the form of \$495,000 matching grant and, if available, a \$165,000 Loan from the State to fund the following project: Wolcott Park Jake's Law All Inclusive Playground, at a cost of \$660,000.

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body resolves that:

1. Anthony Talerico, Jr. Mayor, or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:
 - a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,

- b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required,
 - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
 2. The applicant agrees to secure its matching share of \$165,000, if required, before proceeding with the project.
 3. In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
 4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

5. RESOLUTION 42-2024 – Green Acres Application, Enabling Resolution – 80 Acres

Mayor Talerico explained the resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 42-2024 by C/Araman; seconded by C/Lawson

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

RESOLUTION 42-2024 - GREEN ACRES APPLICATION – PARK DEVELOPMENT ENABLING RESOLUTION – 80 ACRES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program New Jersey, provides grants and/or loans to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition, development, and stewardship of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Eatontown desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$348,000, in the form of a \$348,000 Loan, if available, from the State to fund the following project: 80 Acres Park Field upgrades, irrigation system repairs, park paved pathway repairs and replacement.

WHEREAS, the State shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Green Acres Program, and notify the applicant of the amount of the funding award; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with such rules, regulations, and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the State for the above-named project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body resolves that:

1. Anthony Talerico, Jr. Mayor, or the successor to the office of Mayor is hereby authorized to:
 - a. make application for such a loan and/or such a grant,
 - b. provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required, and
 - c. act as the authorized correspondent of the above-named applicant;
 2. The applicant agrees to secure \$348,000 if the loan is not provided by Green Acres before proceeding with the project;
 3. In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project;
 4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

6. REMARKS OF COUNCIL AND CITIZENS

No comments were made by council.

No comments from the public were made.

7. ADJOURNMENT – 7:05PM

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

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



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 NJSIA 47:3-15 *et seq* and approved by the State Records Committee. Audio is available on the Borough website.
Approval 2/14/2024