

**Workshop Meeting  
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

*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 7:02pm, 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 Danielle M. Jones, David Gindi, Meir Araman, Carl Lawson, Candance Faust

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Borough Clerk Martin

ABSENT: Interim Administrator Lucia

The Flag Salute was led by C/East

**2. WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE DAY, 3/19/24 (C/JONES)**

Councilmember Jones shared there will be a virtual Zoom event on March 19<sup>th</sup> and wanted to see if the Council can approve a resolution or proclamation for this year's celebration.

**3. UPDATE TO LIGHTING ORDINANCE (C/JONES)**

Councilmember Jones explained that the Environmental Commission is looking to submit the draft Ordinance to Borough Engineer, Edward Herrman for his review prior to the Council. Councilmember Jones further explained the Environmental Commission is looking to amend adding a color temperature requirement and incorporate residential properties as well as commercial properties. Mayor Talerico explained further regarding a lighting nuisance among residential neighbors.

**4. ENGINEER REPORT**

Edward Herrman, Borough Engineer, started reading his report into the record. Councilmember Faust asked Mr. Herrman about the road striping, Mr. Herrman responded. Councilmember Araman asked if they can install a bike lane on Wall Street. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Faust commented on Oceanport's bike lanes and proposed Eatontown make the bike lanes flow together. Councilmember Gindi commented that the lighting on Wall Street needs to be improved as well. Councilmember Gindi then asked Mr. Herrman to look into ADA compliance for County or State to help fund the project. Councilmember Araman asked Mr. Herrman to get Jersey Central Power & Light to increase their street light wattage on Wall Street. Councilmember Faust explained she drove through the area a couple months ago to write down a few pole numbers that needed bulb replacements and submitted them to the power company. Councilmember Araman confirmed the power company has recently changed a few bulbs but needs the wattage to be stronger. Mr. Herrman responded and continued his report. Mayor Talerico advised Mr. Herrman that the Borough is receiving numerous complaints regarding stormwater flooding issues and explained the Council will have to decide on how much money in the capital budget will be for clearing up the storm drains. Council President East suggested having volunteers cleaning up the streets to help the storm drains. Mr. Herrman responded. Councilmember Araman asked Mr. Herrman if Phase IV and Phase V of the Industrial Way project are the last two phases. Mr. Herrman responded. Councilmember Araman commented on Phase I of the project. Mr. Herrman responded, then continued his report by discussing updating the salt storage ordinance and the tree replacement ordinance. Mr. Herrman further reported on the Monmouth Mall project. Councilmember Gindi asked if the developer is compliant with their submissions and phasing. Mayor Talerico and Attorney Bayer responded. Mr. Herrman then reported on the Lennar project and the Old Orchard project. Councilmember Araman commented that the Shade Tree Commission has multiple requests for tree removals due to roots pulling up sidewalks and driveways. Councilmember Araman then asked if there are any grants the Borough can apply for to repair the sidewalks rather than removing the trees. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Faust suggested pruning the tree roots. Mr. Herrman responded. The discussion regarding tree pruning and removal continued. Councilmember Faust asked Mr. Herrman about speed hump installations. Councilmember Jones asked about the school crosswalk replacements. Mr. Herrman responded.

Mayor Talerico asked the Council if Closed Session can be moved to the end of the Regular Meeting. The Council agreed.

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

Ron Wollner, Industrial Way, asked if there was any mention from the DEP regarding cleaning out streams. Mayor Talerico and Mr. Herrman responded. Mr. Wollner then mentioned he is worried about salt runoff to the streams from salting the roads during snowstorms, then commented on the tree root pruning and sidewalks. Mayor Talerico and Councilmember Faust responded.

Roy Eisen, Byrnes Lane, commented that the flooding in town is a serious issue and mentioned the Governor signed into law that as of March 20<sup>th</sup>, real estate agents will have to provide flood certifications to property owners. Mr. Eisen then commented on the updating of the tree ordinance. Mayor Talerico responded. Mr. Eisen then suggested installing a path from Wolcott Park to Lewis Street. Mayor Talerico responded.

## 5. ADJOURNMENT – 8:03pm

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

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 NJS 47:3-15 *et seq* and approved by the State Records Committee. Audio is available on the Borough website.

Approval 03/13/2024