

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, March 27, 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, Meir Araman, Carl Lawson, Candance Faust

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Gindi

The Flag Salute was led by Mayor Talerico

2. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Mayor Talerico read the Proclamation into the record.

3. EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (C/FAUST)

Councilmember Faust explained the history of the amendment and asked for a walk-on resolution on this agenda, as well as signing a petition. Mayor Talerico asked the council for a consensus. The council agreed, and the petition was passed around to be signed. Resolution 85-2024 will be added to the Consent Agenda.

4. SCHOOL BUSING (C/ARAMAN)

Councilmember Araman explained the law for children who live less than two miles from the school that they must walk. Councilmember Araman further explained the Board of Education's budget will not allow for additional busing and asked if the Borough can cover the costs. Additionally, Councilmember Araman mentioned the estimated cost for covering busing would be around \$180,000 but would be able to be split with the Board of Education. Councilmember Araman asked the council to add the busing to the budget. Mayor Talerico asked about the total cost, then mentioned the Borough might want to quantify the area that is considered too dangerous to cross. Mayor Talerico asked Interim Administrator Lucia to speak with the Superintendent of the Board of Education to quantify the areas in need of busing. Councilmember East commented on the statute and explained the busing is at the discretion of the school district. Councilmember Araman responded explaining the districts budget does not allow them to add the funds for courtesy busing. Mayor Talerico asked for a consensus from the council for Interim Administrator Lucia to investigate certain target areas. The council agreed.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

No comments were made.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Talerico moved the closed session meeting to the workshop agenda.

5. CLOSED SESSION

A. Resolution 84-2024

1) Personnel - Committee Appointments

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

Attorney Bayer read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 84-2024

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 - Committee Appointments

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the minutes from the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to 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 Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Motion to enter into closed session by C/East; seconded C/Lawson

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

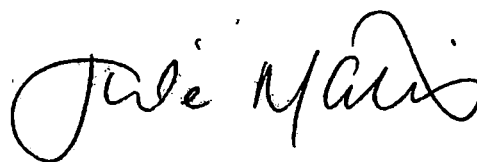
Council entered Closed Session at 7:28pm

Motion to return into open session by C/East; seconded C/Araman

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

Council returned from Closed Session at 7:30pm

6. ADJOURNMENT – 7:30pm



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 04/10/2024