

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

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.

Councilmembers Danielle M. Jones, Meir Araman, Carl Lawson, Candance Faust, Maria Escalante

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Borough Clerk Martin

ABSENT: Council President Virginia M. East, Interim Administrator Lucia

The Flag Salute was led by borough resident Ryan Sneath.

2. PROCLAMATION – WEAR RED FOR RYAN

Mayor Talerico read the proclamation into the record and presented the proclamation to Ryan Sneath.

Mrs. Sneath spoke about the upcoming benefits they will be hosting.

Councilmember Jones commended the Sneath Family for their strength and courage, then mentioned that her family member recently had open heart surgery.

3. RESUMING THE BOROUGH'S STRATEGIC PLAN (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones mentioned the Borough's Strategic Plan was started in the past but put on hold and would like to resume it. Councilmember Jones mentioned it would include the new municipal building, the infrastructure, staffing, etc.

Councilmember Jones then asked the council if anyone was interested in starting the plan up again.

Councilmember Faust responded that she does not oppose having further discussions.

Councilmember Jones mentioned she has discussed the plan with the Finance & Ordinance Committee.

Councilmember Escalante asked if the borough would be hiring any professionals. Councilmember Jones responded.

Councilmember Faust further explained what Councilmember Jones is requesting. Councilmember Jones responded.

4. BOROUGH CELEBRATIONS/EVENTS, 2025 (C/JONES)

Councilmember Jones explained that Councilmember Faust and her have been working on a few upcoming events.

Councilmember Jones then asked the Governing Body if there are any additional events and celebrations the council would like to add. Councilmember Faust shared an update on the upcoming events they are currently working on. Councilmember Escalante mentioned a Fourth of July Parade. Mayor Talerico responded. Councilmember Jones asked the council about funding. Councilmember Faust responded. The discussion continued.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

Eileen Cooper, 45 Jamestown Road, mentioned she received a letter from a developer that said the house next door will be demolished and rebuilt. Ms. Cooper then said she had to deal with unbearable noise for 18 months with the previous house that was built a few years ago. Ms. Cooper then mentioned the contractors work twelve hours a day, seven days a week.

Ms. Cooper then asked the council if they could amend the noise ordinance. Mayor Talerico mentioned that since the builder already has his permits, he might fall under the old ordinance if they decide to update it, then asked Attorney Bayer for advice. Attorney Bayer responded and asked if Ms. Cooper spoke with the contractor. Ms. Cooper responded. Mayor Talerico asked for the address of the new construction. Ms. Cooper responded. Mayor Talerico mentioned he will speak with the construction department about the previous house construction delay. The discussion continued. Councilmember Jones asked if Ms. Cooper can forward the Borough of Deal's ordinance to the council so they may do more research.

Attorney Bayer responded that shore communities are smaller towns with a larger summer population. Councilmember Araman commented that she may call code enforcement if any debris falls on her property. Attorney Bayer read the current construction ordinance into the record.

Richard Neale, Eatontown resident, mentioned that the proposed wording for the ordinance was emailed to the council after the last council meeting. Mr. Neale asked the council for a vote to either update the ordinance or not. Mayor Talerico

confirmed that his information was forwarded to the council, then shared on the process of updating an ordinance. Mr. Neale mentioned he had approval from the Business Administrator that he may ask the council for a vote. Attorney Bayer responded to Mr. Neale that it seems like there is not a consensus and the council is not legally obligated to consider a vote on updating the ordinance. Mr. Neale asked Attorney Bayer how he knows there is no consensus. Mayor Talerico responded that the proposed update on the ordinance is not something the majority of the council may want. Attorney Bayer then mentioned that the Business Administrator receives multiple calls a day from people that would like licenses and would want the ordinance changed to meet their criteria if the council approved Mr. Neale's. Mr. Neale then asked about the previous amendments that were put in the ordinance. Mayor Talerico and Attorney Bayer responded. Councilmember Araman questioned the two licenses that currently have resolutions of support. Attorney Bayer and Mayor Talerico responded. Mr. Neale commented that he appreciated the council's time and thanked them for getting on with this for the past six months.

5. ADJOURNMENT – 8:00pm

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

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



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 02/26/2025