

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, July 23, 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 7:03pm, 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 Meir Araman, Carl Lawson, Candance Faust, Maria Escalante

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Clark, Acting Administrator Bayer, Borough Clerk Martin

ABSENT: Councilmember Danielle M. Jones

The Flag Salute was led by C/Faust

2. PROCLAMATION, DPW SUPERVISOR RETIREMENT (MAYOR TALERICO)

Mayor Talerico shared his appreciation to the Department of Public Works. Emily Watts, DPW secretary, shared a few kind words about Keith Ferrugia, DPW Supervisor, into the record. Mayor Talerico read Keith Ferrugia's proclamation into the record, then thanked Mr. Ferrugia for his dedicated service to the Borough. Councilmember Faust thanked Mr. Ferrugia for being a friend, and a great asset to the Borough. Council President East thanked Mr. Ferrugia for always being there, making everyone's lives better and she will miss him. Councilmember Araman shared a few memories of Mr. Ferrugia and respect his appreciation of being available to the borough. Councilmember Lawson thanked Mr. Ferrugia and said he would be missed. Councilmember Escalante thanked Mr. Ferrugia and wished him the best of luck. Mayor Talerico shared a memory of Keith Ferrugia. Councilmember Faust, council liaison to DPW, presented the proclamation to Keith Ferrugia. Keith shared a few words expressing that he appreciates the borough and his crew, then thanked everyone for attending.

3. NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION'S RECENT DECISION TO SEVER TIES WITH JEWISH-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS (C/ARAMAN)

Councilmember Araman explained that the Board of Education voted on removing Jewish-Affiliated Organizations and read part of the decision into the record. Councilmember Araman further explained that they wanted to discontinue the use of Jewish-Affiliated material and the learning of antisemitism, which was rejected. Councilmember Araman further commented that the motion even being considered is cause for concern and that these programs are to help students get educated and to stand up to racism and antisemitism. Councilmember Araman then read a statement into the record and mentioned he wanted to bring this to the council to make everyone aware of what is going on and urges everyone to make this public.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

No comments were made.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

4. ADJOURNMENT – 7:30pm

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

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



By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk