

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

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 7:04 pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Council President Kevin L. Gonzalez,
Councilmembers Maria Escalante, Danielle M. Jones, David Gindi, Everett D. Lucas
ABSENT: Councilmember Mark Regan, Jr.
ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin
The Flag Salute was led by C/Escalante

Mayor Talerico acknowledged the following proclamations and their importance.

2. PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

*WHEREAS, in federal fiscal year 2019, 4.4 million reports were made to child protective services; and
WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and
WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Eatontown; and
WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and
WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and
WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and
WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and
WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and
WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Mayor of Eatontown, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Eatontown, New Jersey and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.*

3. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

*WHEREAS, realizing the urgent need for organ and tissue donors across the country, the **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH** observance promotes a greater understanding about the life-saving benefits of donation and transplantation; and
WHEREAS, the need for organ and tissue donation is increasing, NJ Sharing Network is committed to increasing public awareness; and
WHEREAS, the transplantation of organs and tissue is a miracle of modern medicine made possible through the compassion of organ and tissue donors, enabling surgeons to save thousands of lives every year; and
WHEREAS, of the over 100,000 U.S residents waiting for a life-saving transplant, over 4,000 live right here in New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, one organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 others. People of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and religions are touched by donation and by the serious shortage of organ donors that exists; and
WHEREAS, every capable person should support this vital effort by registering as an organ and tissue donor, making their family aware of their wishes and by being willing to give the precious gift of health, sight and life to people in need; and
WHEREAS, Registering as an organ and tissue donor at a local Motor Vehicle Agency or online at www.NJSharingNetwork.org signifies our fundamental human responsibility to help others; and
WHEREAS, As Mayor of Eatontown, I recognize **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH** as an opportunity to join NJ Sharing Network in its life-saving mission.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of Eatontown, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as: **DONATE LIFE MONTH** in Eatontown, New Jersey, and I urge all residents to join me in promoting organ and tissue donor education throughout **NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH**.*

4. PROCLAMATION – RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 1 in every 54 children in the United States are among the more than 3.5 million Americans living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); and

WHEREAS, April has widely been known as “Autism Awareness Month” as a way to empower autistic individuals and their families. Today, the autism community is calling for a shift in language to match the growing need for acceptance within the community by using terminology that aims to foster acceptance to ignite change through improved support and opportunities in education, employment, accessible housing, affordable health care and comprehensive long-term services; and

WHEREAS it is important to further increase awareness about autism signs, symptoms and opportunities through information and referrals, events, printable and digital resources, and community partnerships with businesses and organizations dedicated to building inclusive experiences; and

WHEREAS, Autism is a reality that affects millions of families every day, and while our nation has made progress in supporting those with Autism, we are only beginning to understand the factors behind the challenges they face; and

WHEREAS, During Autism Acceptance Month, we recommit ourselves to be more aware of autism, and to promote acceptance, and be more inclusive; and

WHEREAS, we reaffirm our resolve to support all those with ASD as they continue to strengthen our families, our communities, our Nation, and the world. Together, we will work to promote more meaningful connections of respect and build a society where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anthony Talerico, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of Eatontown, on behalf of Governing Body, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Autism Acceptance Month. I encourage all citizens to learn what more they can do to support individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their families.

5. ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND SOLAR PANELS (Mayor Talerico)

Mayor Talerico discussed electric vehicles and solar panels, proposing Council ask the Borough Planner for guidance on Electric vehicles. Mayor Talerico noted that if the Borough does not define what a charging station is they cannot later regulate it, specifically in relation to signage, advertising and lighting. Mayor Talerico spoke about model ordinances for solar panels, suggesting roof panels are ok, but panels placed anywhere else would require Zoning Board approval. Council consensus was to have the Planner review the topics. Discussion followed regarding the approval process for Solar Panels, windmills and the desire of the Governing Body to be proactive.

The meeting was open to the public for comments.

Mr. Frank Scatuorchio, Monmouth Road, sought clarification regarding the electric vehicle ordinance and windmill height restriction.

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. Resolution 82-2022

- 1) Attorney Client Privilege - Cannabis Applications

Attorney Bayer read the resolution into the record.

RESOLUTION 82-2022

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) Attorney Client Privilege - Cannabis Applications

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the minutes from the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the 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 March 23, 2022.

Motion to enter into closed session by C/Gindi; seconded C/Jones

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Gonzalez, C/Escalante, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Lucas

ABSENT – C/Regan

Council entered Closed Session at 7:18 pm

Council returned from Closed Session at 8:05 pm

Motion to return from closed session by C/Gonzalez; seconded C/Gindi

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Gonzalez, C/Escalante, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Lucas
ABSENT – C/Regan

Roll Call: PRSENT - Mayor Talerico, C/Gonzalez, C/Escalante, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Lucas

ABSENT - C/Regan

Mayor Talerico noted one item would be added to the agenda for the Regular meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT – 8:06 pm

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

Voice Vote: AYE - C/Gonzalez, C/Escalante, C/Jones, C/Gindi, C/Lucas
ABSENT - C/Regan

By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk