

ORDINANCE 09-2011 CREATING THE EATONTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES ALSO KNOWN AS THE GREEN TEAM

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown wishes to build a model of government, which benefits our residents and business community now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on "Green" issues, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown wishes to establish an advisory committee on sustainable practices, including but not limited to, renewable energy, energy conservation, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, cost savings and other environmentally beneficial practices known as the "Green Team"; and

WHEREAS, solar and wind power, building upgrades utilizing energy saving equipment and sustainable materials, changes to fleet purchasing, fuel and maintenance, water quality improvements, and operational changes will all be considered as the Borough moves to do its share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown, that the Borough hereby creates the following committee for purposes of advising the Borough Council and recommend improved municipal operations with "green" initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation as follows:

Section 1. Creation of Office

There is hereby created an advisory committee, which shall be known as the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Practices, hereinafter also called the "Green Team."

Section 2. Compensation, Reimbursement of Expenses and Clerical Assistance

The members of the Green Team, including non-voting members, shall receive no compensation for their services as members thereof, but may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary appropriations made available therefore, but only upon request to and approval by the Borough Council. The governing body may also, in its discretion, allow the employment of clerical assistance for the Green Team and annually appropriate funds for compensation and/or reimbursement of expenses for said clerical assistance (if so assigned by the governing body).

Section 3. Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the Green Team shall be to:

- A. Collaborate with Borough employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with the purpose of the Green Team.
- B. Encourage participation of all employees to solicit ideas on green initiatives.
- C. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical and environmental and financial sense.
- D. Make all information of the Green Team available to the public.
- E. Advise the Borough Council on matters affecting "green" initiatives.
- F. Develop strategies for sustainable "green" initiatives in municipal operations.
- G. Seek to coordinate, assist, and unify the efforts of private groups, institutions, and individuals within the Borough of Eatontown in accord with the purposes of this chapter.
- H. Maintain a liaison and communication with the public, private agencies and organizations of local, state, and national scope, whose programs and activities have an impact on "green" initiatives.
- I. Carry out other such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Borough Council.
- J. Serve as an advisory committee to the Borough Council concerning recommendations concerning "green" initiatives and review upon request by the Borough Council plans and recommendations that are suggested by the Borough Council towards "green" initiatives.

Section 4. Membership, Terms

A. The Green Team shall consist of seven (7) regular voting members, three (3) alternative members at large who shall only vote where a voting member is not present at a time of a vote but shall be the first to replace a voting member as a result of a vacancy by order of their appointment; and three (3) non-voting members consisting of the Council liaison appointed with the consent of Council by the Mayor, Director of the Department of Public Works and the Borough Administrator. Of the seven (7) regular voting members, one (1) shall be a member of the Environmental Commission, one (1) shall be a member of the EEDAC, one (1) shall be a member of the Board of Education and the remaining members shall be interested individuals in "green" initiative activities. All voting members must live in the Borough of Eatontown and continue to live in the Borough of Eatontown while a member. The exception shall be that one (1) voting member may be a non-resident if said member has a business interest within the Borough of Eatontown. On the initial appointments to the Green Team, three (3) voting members shall have a term of four (4) years each, the Environmental Commission member, the EEDAC member and the Board of Education member shall each have a one (1) year term and the three (3) alternate members at large shall have terms as follows: Alternate 1: two (2) years; Alternate 2: two (2) years and Alternate 3: one (1) year. The non-voting Council liaison, Director of Public Works and Business Administrator shall serve for a one (1) year term.

B. The Green Team shall be encouraged to seek participation of other residents of the Borough in all activities.

C. The Green Team may create and disband subcommittees as they deem appropriate or as requested by the Borough Council.

Section 5. Officers and Records

The Green Team, at its annual meeting or reorganization meeting, shall designate a Chairperson, who shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The Green Team may re-elect the same individual as Chairperson on an annual basis. At any annual meeting of the Green Team, its members shall elect, from among themselves, all officers of the Green Team and establish rules and procedures for its members to follow. The Green Team shall keep accurate minutes of its meetings and activities and shall file an annual report with the Borough Council. The annual report shall cover the activities and work of the Green Team and include recommendation as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Ordinance. Approved minutes of meetings shall be filed with the Borough Clerk.

Section 6. Intent

This chapter shall be deemed an exercise of the powers of the Borough Council to establish a committee with the responsibility to research potential sustainable practices, including but not limited to, renewable energy, energy conservation, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, cost savings and other environmentally beneficial practices. The Green Team will also promote sustainable practices to the community at large.

Section 7. When Effective

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

DATE INTRODUCED: 06/22/2011

DATE ADOPTED: 07/13/2011

APPROVED:


GERALD J. TARANTOLO, MAYOR

ATTEST:


KAREN R. SLANO, MMC, BOROUGH CLERK