



Borough of Eatontown  
47 Broad Street  
Eatontown, New Jersey 07724

## REORGANIZATION MEETING MAYOR AND COUNCIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 at 11:30AM

### 1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mayor Talerico opened the Reorganization meeting at 11:40 am on January 1, 2026. Mayor Talerico explained to the public that the meeting had been duly advertised; then read the open public meetings statement into the record.

### 2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Talerico.

### 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Talerico asked for a moment of silence for 2025 lost family members, volunteers and members of prior elected government.

### 4. COUNCIL - Oaths of Office

#### COUNCILMEMBER VIRGINIA M. EAST

Mayor Talerico thanked Senator Vin Gopal for attending and administering the oaths of office. Senator Vin Gopal provided a brief background on Councilmember East's dedication to the borough and shared his congratulations. Senator Vin Gopal then administered the council oaths.

Virginia M. East was sworn into Office for a three-year term as Councilmember by Senator Vin Gopal.

#### COUNCILMEMBER MEIR ARAMAN

Senator Vin Gopal provided a brief background on Councilmember Araman's dedication to the borough and shared his congratulations.

Meir Araman was sworn into Office for a three-year term as Councilmember by Senator Vin Gopal.

Senator Vin Gopal shared a few kind words about Eatontown's Mayor and Council.

### 5. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Councilmember Danielle M. Jones, Councilmember Meir Araman, Councilmember Virginia M. East, Councilmember Carl Lawson, Councilmember Candace Faust

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Lindsey, Andrew Bayer

ABSENT: Councilmember Escalante

### 6. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE

#### RESOLUTION 01-2026 - Electing the 2026 Council President

Council President - Oath of Office

Virginia M. East was nominated for Council President.

Mayor Talerico asked for a motion and a second for nominating Virginia M. East for Council President.

Motioned by C/Araman, seconded by C/Lawson

AYE - C/Jones, C/Araman, C/East, C/Lawson, C/Faust

ABSENT - C/Escalante

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT - OATH OF OFFICE

Virginia M. East was sworn into Office for Council President by Senator Vin Gopal.

**RESOLUTION 01-2026 - ELECTING THE 2026 COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, in the County of Monmouth, that Virginia M. East be and is hereby elected Borough Council President for 2026.

**7. RESOLUTION 02-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

Motion to appoint Andrew Bayer as the Borough Attorney by C/East; seconded by C/Araman

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

**Borough Attorney - Oath of Office**

Andrew Bayer took the Oath of Office as Borough Attorney for a one-year term administered by Mayor Talerico.

**RESOLUTION 02-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

BE IT RESOLVED that the appointment of Andrew Bayer, Esq. of Pashman Stein Walder & Hayden, P. C. to the professional position of BOROUGH ATTORNEY for the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026, as made by the Mayor, is hereby confirmed.

**8. RESOLUTION 03-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

Motion to appoint Eugene Melody as the Municipal Court Judge by C/East; seconded by C/Jones

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

**Municipal Court Judge - Oath of Office**

Mayor Talerico shared Judge Krizman's work history by reading a statement into the record. Judge Krizman shared a few kind words about Judge Melody.

Eugene Melody took the Oath of Office as Municipal Court Judge for a one-year term administered by Judge Krizman.

**RESOLUTION 03-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the appointment of Eugene Melody, Esq. to the professional position of MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE for the Borough of Eatontown for the three-year term of 1/1/2026-12/31/2028, as made by the Mayor, is hereby confirmed.

**9. RESOLUTION 04-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES****RESOLUTION 04-2026 - Confirming Appointments to Emergency Services**

**EATONTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**EATONTOWN FIRST AID SQUAD**

**OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**FIRE PREVENTION BOARD**

**FIRE POLICE**

Motion to approve the resolution by C/East; seconded by C/Araman

Roll Call:      AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust

ABSENT - C/Escalante

**RESOLUTION 04-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments to Emergency Services for the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/2026-12/31/2026, unless noted otherwise, as made by the Mayor, are hereby confirmed:

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>FIRST AID SQUAD</b>		<b>FIRE PREVENTION BOARD</b>	
COUNCIL LIAISON	Virginia M. East	COUNCIL LIAISON	Virginia M. East	COUNCIL LIAISON	Virginia M. East
Fire Chief	David W. Alcott III	Captain	Kevin Kawas	Fire Official	Michael Hreha
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief	Kenneth A. Sneath	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Gary	Fire Dept. Chief	David W. Alcott III

			Cummings		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief</b>	Edward L. Hicks Jr.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant</b>	<i>vacant</i>	<b>Assistant Chief</b>	Kenneth Sneath
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant</b>	Bruce MacDonald	<b>Sergeant</b>	<i>vacant</i>	<b>Member at Large</b>	Michael Johnson
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant</b>	Alexander C. Dunn.	<b>Sergeant</b>	<i>vacant</i>	<b>Member</b>	Rudolph Trask
<b>Chief Engineer</b>	Mark Woloshin	<b>Engineer</b>	David Pizzo	<b>Member</b>	Dale Bennett
<b>Asst. Engineer</b>	Dale Bennett			<b>Member</b>	Barry Roth
				<b>Member</b>	Ken Brand

## FIRE POLICE

**Captain** Robert Phillips  
**Lieutenant** Khadeem Williams  
**Members** Glenn Conover, Jr., John Dobrowolski, Charles Kawas, David Kawas, Kevin Kawas, Joseph Piscitelli, John M. Ryan, John Sanders, Sr., Gary Strasser, William Vital, Harold West, David Pizzo

## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**COUNCIL LIAISON** Virginia M. East  
Coordinator William Mego (1/1/2026 – 12/31/28) (appointed by the Mayor)  
Deputy Coordinator Rudolph Trask (appointed by the Mayor and OEM Coordinator)  
CERT Coordinator Barry Roth (appointed by the Mayor and OEM Coordinator)  
FIRE Coordinator Tanner Shea (appointed by the Mayor and OEM Coordinator)  
EMS Coordinator Dale Bennett (appointed by the Mayor and OEM Coordinator)  
HAZMat Coordinator Mike Johnson (appointed by the Mayor and OEM Coordinator)

## LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (appointed by the Mayor)

William Mego, Chair Alexander C. Dunn Michael P. Johnson Ralph Anderson  
Rudolph Trask Tanner Shea Scott McCue  
Virginia M. East Kevin Kawas Gary Cummings  
Theresa Healy Dale Bennett Katie Harvey  
Brian Mulholland Barry Roth Craig Sydor

## 10. RESOLUTION 05-2026 - Confirming Appointment of Council Committees

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Araman; seconded by C/Lawson

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust  
ABSENT - C/Escalante

## RESOLUTION 05-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appointments to COUNCIL COMMITTEES for the one-year term of 1/1/2026-12/31/2026 as made by the Mayor, are hereby confirmed:

### FINANCE & ORDINANCE

Chairperson Councilmember Jones  
Member Councilmember Araman  
Member Councilmember Escalante

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

Chairperson Council President East  
Member Councilmember Jones  
Member Councilmember Lawson

### PARKS & RECREATION

Chairperson Councilmember Lawson  
Member Council President East  
Member Councilmember Faust

### POLICE, PUBLIC LIGHTS & PARKING

Chairperson	Councilmember Araman
Member	Councilmember Escalante
Member	Council President East

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS & TENANTS RIGHTS**

Chairperson	Councilmember Escalante
Member	Councilmember Jones
Member	Councilmember Faust

**PUBLIC WORKS & INSURANCE**

Chairperson	Councilmember Faust
Member	Councilmember Araman
Member	Councilmember Lawson

**11. Mayor's Welcome and Annual Address**

Mayor Talerico offered the following: *[verbatim]*

*"Good morning and Happy New Year 2026. Members of the public, volunteers, employees, family, and friends - on behalf of the entire Governing Body, I welcome you to the Borough of Eatontown's 2026 Reorganization meeting.*

*I would like to welcome Senator Vin Gopal here today. The Senator and his team in the Assembly of Margie Donlon and Luanne Peterpaul are strong advocates for Eatontown. In addition to well over \$2 million in grant funding they are directly responsible for Eatontown receiving, their staff provides a wealth of support for us as well. As we track bills, we have an open dialogue as to what would be good and bad for Eatontown. When the Borough has issues with various departments in State government, their office acts as effective and timely liaisons.*

*I congratulate Council President East and Councilman Araman on their re-elections, and I thank their opponents for their willingness to serve the community. In 2025, we saw the retirement of a few long-term Borough employees. I will only mention the department heads briefly, but we also appreciate the service of the several other retirees and wish them many years of health and happiness in their retirement. Keith Ferrugia retired as DPW Director. We wish him well for his many years of service to the community not only as DPW Director but also for his volunteerism in our community in Scouting, Wreaths Across America as part of our food pantry - to name just a few. Ken Sneath has been placed in charge of the DPW. He is a lifelong resident and firefighter who grew up in the DPW. Good luck to him as he continues his new leadership role. Julie Martin retired as Municipal Clerk. The Clerk's office is extremely busy, not only in matters under their jurisdiction, but the public uses the Clerk's office as a way finder for nearly every other department, program and issue in the Borough. We wish her well in her much-deserved retirement and with countless enjoyable hours spent with her grandchild. We welcome Trina Lindsay to the role as Clerk. We look forward to getting to know you as you make the role your own. Chief Lucia retired from his role as Police Chief. We had an extended relationship with him when he also served as Interim Business Administrator. We welcome him here in his new role as Business Administrator. We thank Andy Bayer for stepping in as Interim Business Administrator and we welcome Police Chief Healy as she leads the Eatontown Police Department. I have to say as a side note, the Police Department is already off to a great start under her leadership. You may have noticed on the Borough's Facebook page, that within only a few days of investigation, the Eatontown Police Department caught the Grinch that was wreaking havoc on the Borough. So, thank you Chief for that great work.*

*After this meeting, I encourage you to join us next door as we swear in the new leadership of the First Aid Squad and Fire Department. The Borough is always in need of volunteers, especially as our first responders. If you are interested, please consider joining these two great groups. Thank you to the outgoing leaders of the Fire Department and First Aid Squad. We appreciate your service and the time you spent away from your families while the rest of us were in the comfort of our own homes.*

*2025 was an exciting year for the Borough of Eatontown. We have finally seen movement from developers and property owners in the Downtown. New applications have come in subject to our redevelopment ordinance. While it may be a struggle at first, we are confident that the process put in place will be beneficial in the long term. I understand that people may say that our Downtown looks the same. Yes, it does, but keep in mind that this is because many tenants are in long term leases. As new stores come in and new owners look to develop, that is when we will start seeing the fruits of our work. I am still pursuing grant funding to start paving in the Downtown and hope to have some good news very soon.*

Work began on Howard Commons along Pinebrook Road. Development of this area was discussed since before I was even on Council and subject to many setbacks, including environmental concerns, high water tables and federal/state bureaucracy. While no one wants to see military housing being demolished, as it reminds us of our schoolmates, friends and residents serving their Country, it does signify movement in this long-awaited project in a very blighted area. We will see 275 housing units, commercial along Hope Road, a 6+ acre park adjoining 4 acres of school land as well as a developer-paid, newly paved road with sidewalks and bike lanes. In the interim, the Borough has addressed some of the paving issues with a shared service, partnering on the paving the water company is doing.

The Monmouth Mall project is also moving along. We see significant progress on the Whole Foods anchor and the first four residential buildings. Soon the Whole Foods and the Canva restaurant will be turned over for their tenants fit out. I expect grand openings of these stores around the summer of 2026. I receive many calls about people looking to rent there – more than I anticipated. I believe when it is finished, it will be quite popular and look great. Work on Old Orchard has begun with general site work. Soon, we shall see the project timeline taking shape. I will report on that as we move along.

In 2025, the Borough received a significant amount of grant funding. We received \$100,000 for transportation services. Councilman Araman worked with Senator Gopal on this grant for our residents. We also won \$203,700 in bikeways funding from the NJDOT. We will be adding bike lanes in our newly paved Industrial Way from West to East. We also began a wonderful partnership with Monmouth County on bike lanes. As you may know the County is interested in expanding its bike lanes network and increasing safety for cyclists and pedestrians alike. By partnering with the County on Industrial Way, where we own West and they own East, we can have a consistent bike lane on a major corridor. Now, I am sure some will say why did you pick that road? The answer is simple...if we start with a major artery, we are more likely to get state funding and that strategy worked. Industrial Way will lead to Wall Street (which we also own half each), then toward West Long Branch via Parker Road and Ocean Township via Whalepond Road. Councilwoman Faust worked with ARH on that \$203,700 grant as well as the \$100,000 State budget line item in 2024, some of which are used to pay the engineer. The rest of the \$100,000 will be used for enhanced traffic safety initiatives from our Traffic Safety Bureau. In 2025, Eatontown was again honored by EZRide for our Gold Safe Routes to school certification and silver for Electric Vehicle adoption. We will continue to use our state recognition to seek grant funding in these areas.

The Borough won \$161,370 from Monmouth County via the Municipal Open Space Grant Program. We intend to use the funds to begin work on the bridges in the arboretum which are long overdue.

Gurbisz Park has seen major progress. The splash pad was installed as was the concession stand and building and the exercise equipment. The parking lot and interior roads have been paved. The dog agility fencing was also installed. You may be aware that we worked with FMERA on paving the first part of the Fort Monmouth roads that will soon be part of Eatontown. This includes Nicodemus from Broad Street past the park and a left turn on Wilson Avenue to Avenue of Memories. We will be receiving these roads from FMERA, fully paved, at no cost to the Borough. The second phase is in progress, which will be from Wilson Avenue to the Oceanport Border.

In Wolcott Park, we finished Phase 3 of the Greenway, which includes a pathway from Lewis Street and inside the park to enhance biking and walking. I go there often and it is so nice to see people using the paths and connecting the two parks, Wolcott and Wampum. In addition to being financed by grant funds secured by Senator Gopal through the advocacy of Councilmembers Faust and East, it also helped the Borough address many trip hazards in the park which our insurance company was on us about. We were able to enhance the park and save taxpayer funds in the process. Wolcott has also seen the installation of our all-ability Jakes Law playground, which is the result of a significant grant from the State. Put simply, we were able to get a new playground and surfacing for less than the cost of resurfacing the old playground. Wampum Park saw a few upgrades as well with the sidewalk system added as Phase 2 of the Greenway. Not only does it allow ADA access in our park and to the waterway, but it also allows us to remove the old walkway and some sidewalk when we replace the spillway. Regarding the spillway, the Borough was successful, thanks to Congressman Smith, in receiving \$2 million in federal funds to deal with the spillway which is in desperate need of repair. T&M engineering is working on the design and will have a proposed concept plan in March or April. We will then need DEP approval and eventually go out to bid. In the meantime, I am attempting to secure more federal funding to minimize the local cost. The Borough added a bench and sitting area at the Mingo Jack memorial as well as Memorial banners in the park where residents can honor their loved ones who served our Country.

The flooding caused from the Wampum Corridor is one area where we are addressing stormwater issues in town. We are doing so in several other ways as well. With the new development in Howard Commons will come upgraded stormwater systems and relief to that area. We are also engaging the engineer around town to address our basins. Many of the basins in town have been orphaned. They existed from before the State had rules on maintenance and now decades later, some are failing. The Borough is addressing where we can and improving others in several creative ways. The Borough will also continue to scope our storm drains to see where cleaning is most effective. We also must be more diligent in ensuring residents keep storm drains clear to reduce flooding that way. At the same time DPW needs to be given the tools to keep our streets clear. It is no secret that I believe we need to hire in our DPW and hope Council does so this year.

The Borough is addressing the Assessment Demonstration Program and its unintended effects on the allocation of taxes in town. Recognizing that the only State and County have the right to address the program legally, at least on its surface, the Borough has asked the attorney to investigate the options available to us locally. We will discuss this in the future as options present themselves. At the same time, I am continuing to advocate behind the scenes with County and State partners to address common ground and ways we can improve the ways properties are assessed. This is not simply wait and see as some have incorrectly interpreted my comments. Several mayors and elected officials are working together in a cooperative way to address this problem behind the scenes. I will continue to be an advocate for the Borough in this regard, and I do see a very strong possibility of positive result in our future.

Netflix coming to Eatontown is very exciting and I believe we have been presented with a wonderful opportunity. As part of their project, they requested, and I recommended to the Governing Body a PILOT agreement. I did so because I saw firsthand the devastating impact of the Mall losing value and how it affected the Borough. Through the PILOT, the Borough was able to mitigate nearly all the tax risk associated with such a large project and derive a strong revenue stream for the town. The financial arrangement with Netflix consists of \$47 million in net funds available to the Borough for capital projects as well as a 30-year stream of defined revenue payments which total over \$78 million.

The Borough has a significant amount of public infrastructure needs which we can and should address with \$47 million. I would like to use some for the Downtown and we will clearly need to use some for our Wampum Spillway repair project. Regarding the sewers specifically, I proposed in October, as we discuss Netflix, that we should share some of the \$47 million on sewer projects. Contributing capital funds to the sewer authority will allow them to do larger projects less expensively and more efficiently. I often speak with the Sewer Authority Executive Director as well as the Commissioners. I asked them to come to us with ideas on how we can partner in their projects and we can analyze the impact for our residents.

Unfortunately, during the Netflix PILOT discussions, the world of social media was full of misinformation on funding for the schools. Let me be clear now, as I was then: there is a big opportunity to partner with the schools so we can share revenue and capital funds to minimize tax impact to the residents. I have met with various members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. I asked them the same thing as I did the Sewerage Authority - take a look at your plans for the future and let's look at ways we can partner. We structured the PILOT in a way that absolutely lends itself to this and I fully expect we will.

In addition to the PILOT funding, the Borough received a \$5 million payment in the form of a Community Benefits Agreement. This is a onetime payment that we can use in so many creative ways around town. A committee has been formed representing a broad cross section of groups in town. The group is identifying projects and ways we can use the funding to enhance Eatontown. At the same time, we will solicit ideas from the public on ideas they would like to see. This will truly be a community driven initiative and one I think we can all be excited for.

The Borough's Economic Development Advisory Committee is looking to rezone Industrial Way to attract those companies looking to relocate and be near Netflix. This is similar to how Industrial Way was a hub for government contractors when the Fort was here. We will gain the Film Ready designation from the State and ensure that we are as attractive as possible but let me be very clear. This rezoning effort will NOT include local tax incentives such as PILOTS. Clearly, they do not qualify in that area, which is obvious. Even so, I wanted to put any rumors or myths to bed about PILOTS there. By changing the zoning to compete with other lifestyle centers in the area, we can use our strategic location to improve that commercial corridor. Many large property owners are engaged in active discussions on the topic and I look forward to moving this to a Council meeting soon where their liaison, Councilman Araman can present various ideas.

In 2025, the Governing Body spent a significant sum of time, money and energy on the municipal building and considering how best to move forward with the project. That is why I invited both the architect and engineer to our January 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to provide an update to the Council and the public of where we are in the process, what has been done, what needs to be done and what the possible next steps are in terms of decisions that need to be made. I hope that the public sees how productively we have moved forward in a united front so far with the building project and that we can gain and maintain the public trust in 2026 with the decisions we will make.

I conclude each Reorg speech the same way. I invite the elected officials to view the two rectangular plaques along the back wall. They contain the names of all the elected officials for which we have records. I like to look at the list from time to time and be mindful that we are just passing through in our leadership positions. Our actions will outlive us but also let us not forget that our inactions will outlive us as well. We must invest in our town because we are not only governing for today, but rather for tomorrow as well. Sometimes we must spend money knowing that while it may be unpopular now, it will pay dividends in the future. Facebook is a flawed barometer. Elected officials must be prepared to stomach short term unpopularity for the sake of long-term stability and success of our community. There are more than 12,000 residents and only seven chairs up here. We must be willing to make hard decisions and remember the proverb, "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in."

Thank you and I look forward to a challenging, exciting and rewarding year."

## 12. RESOLUTION 06-2026 - Confirming Appointment of Borough Professionals

Interim Administrator Lucia explained they added Morgan Engineering to the resolution as a Special Projects Engineer.

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Faust; seconded by C/Araman

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust  
ABSENT - C/Escalante

### RESOLUTION 06-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS OF BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments to the professional positions for the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/2026-12/31/2026 (unless otherwise noted) are hereby confirmed:

BOND ATTORNEY	Meghan A. Bennett of Dilworth Paxson
SPECIAL COUNSEL	Rainone Coughlin Minchello / Spiro, Harrison & Nelson, LLC / Padula Law Group, LLC Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC / King, Moench & Collins, LLP
LABOR ATTORNEY	O'Toole Scrivo, LLC
ARCHITECT	Parallel Architectural Group, LLC
AUDITOR	Oliwa & Company
SPECIAL PROJECTS ENGINEER	ARH Associates / Colliers Engineering / Morgan Engineering / Van Cleef Engineering
BOROUGH PLANNER	Jennifer Beahm of Leon S. Avakian, Inc and ARH Associates
HEALTH INSURANCE BROKER	Brown & Brown
PROSECUTOR	Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri & Jacobs, LLC
PUBLIC DEFENDER	Anthony L. Cherry, Jr.
PROPERTY/CASUALTY INS. BROKER	Acrisure, LLC
FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES	NW Financial
RISK MGMT. CONSULTANT	Acrisure, LLC
BOROUGH PHYSICIAN	Eatontown Medical Associates and Carbon Health Urgent Care of Eatontown
ALCOHOL/CDS TESTING	Dynamic Testing Services
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE	Dr. Michael Kahn of Employee Consulting Services

## 13. RESOLUTION 07-2026 - Confirming Appointment of Employee Appointed Positions

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Lawson; seconded by C/Jones

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust  
ABSENT - C/Escalante

### RESOLUTION 07-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO EMPLOYEE APPOINTED POSITIONS

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments of employees to positions for the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/26-12/31/26, unless noted otherwise, as made by the Mayor, are hereby confirmed:

Affirmative Action Officer	William P. Lucia, III, Administrator
Community Development Representative	William P. Lucia, III, Administrator
Deputy Borough Clerk/Deputy Registrar	Katie Bodoh
Deputy Registrar, Alternate	Nina Bernardo
Acting General Foreman	Kenneth Sneath
Director of Recreation / Community Services	Janice Grasso
Fund Commissioner, JIF	William P. Lucia, III, Administrator
Housing Code Official	Nicholas J. Consentino
Safety Coordinator	Maria Fornicola
Safety Coordinator, Alternate	Danielle Gianfrancesco
Zoning Officer	Kathy Muscillo
School Crossing Guards	Jayne Butler, Heather Johnson, Kevin Biernacki, William Mego, Robyn Korsen, Fred Megill, Karen Gavini
Special Law Enforcement Officer I	Michael P. Johnson
Special Law Enforcement Officer II	Jeffrey Baumbach, Jr.
Special Law Enforcement Officer III	Brian Davis, Anthony Guido

**14. RESOLUTION 08-2026 – Confirming Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Boards**

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Faust; seconded by C/Lawson

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust  
ABSENT - C/Escalante

**RESOLUTION 08-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appointments are hereby confirmed for the Planning and Zoning Boards for 2026:

**PLANNING BOARD**

Member Class I	1/1/2023-12/31-2026	Mayor Talerico
Member Class II	1/1/2026-12/31/2026	Barry Roth
Member Class III	1/1/2026-12/31/2026	Council President East
Member Class IV	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	Mark Regan, Sr.
Member Class IV	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	Deborah Martinock
Member Class IV	1/1/2023-12/31/2026	Lisa Vazquez, David Alcott
Member Class IV	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	Merissa Buczny
Member Class IV	1/1/2025-12/31/2028	William Diedrichsen
Alternate Member 1	1/1/2025-12/31/2026	VACANT

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Members	1/1/2026-12/31/2029	Robert Gilmore
	1/1/2023-12/31-2026	Daniel Murphy, Ralph Anderson, Pamela Faccone
	1/1/2024-12/31/2027	Kenneth East
	1/1/2025-12/31/2028	Seth Mednick, Richard Lizanckie
Alternate Member 1	1/1/2025-12/31/2026	Robin Larsen
Alternate Member 2	12/3/2025-12/31/2027	Mark Wilson

**15. RESOLUTION 09-2026 - Confirming Appointments of Council Committee Liaisons**

Motion to approve the resolution by C/Faust; seconded by C/Araman

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust  
ABSENT - C/Escalante

**RESOLUTION 09-2026 - CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appointments be made for the position of liaisons to the Committees of the Borough of Eatontown for the one-year term of 1/1/2026-12/31/2026, are hereby confirmed:



Advisory	Mayor Talerico
Liaison	Councilmember Araman
Members	Anna Mayer, Bob English, Helga Schuette, Jim Staveley, Jamie Pavlis, Ron Wollner, Roy Eisen, Scott Sekuler, Dee Slattery, Kara Kopach, Richard Neale, Frank Preston Administrator

**CANNABIS INDUSTRY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Liaison	Councilmember Jones
<i>This committee is a subcommittee of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.</i>	

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Members	expires 12/31/2026	Michael Gentile
	expires 12/31/2027	Kenneth Kretsch, Aaron Stoler
	expires 12/31/2028	Mark W. Regan, Danielle M. Jones
Chairperson	expires 12/21/2026	Kenneth Kretsch— appointed by Mayor
<i>Members of the Environmental Commission are appointed by the Mayor. Associate Members are appointed by the Governing Body.</i>		

**GREEN TEAM**

Liaison		Councilmember Faust
Members	expires 12/31/2026	Sara Breslow, Tiffany Miller, Roy Eisen, Vanessa Scaramuchich
Alt. Members	expires 12/31/2026	Gabrielle LePore
	expires 12/31/2026	Administrator, Public Works Director
Board of Ed Rep	expires 12/31/2026	Linda Rogers
EDAC Rep	expires 12/31/2026	Dee Slattery
Envir. Com. Rep	expires 12/31/2026	Aaron Stoller

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Liaison		Councilmember Jones
Members	expires 12/31/2026	Administrator

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Ex-Officio Members		Mayor Talerico, Councilmember Escalante, Liaison
Members		Marlene Cain, Joseph Carey, Kathleen English, Thomasine Hammed-Owens
		Thomas Fary, Linda M. Risden, Sondra Thompson, Phyllis Trask, Lisa Wilson

Historian & Museum Trustee

Joseph Calandra, Samantha Muccino, Adrienne Hourihan

Agnes Zaorski

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Liaison		Councilmember Escalante
Members	expires 12/31/2026	Kathy Accorsi, Kenneth Kretsch, Kathleen Sita
	expires 12/31/2027	Carolyn Newcomb, Debbie Greenfield, Jennifer Loxton
	expires 12/31/2028	Teri Bausenwein

*The Library Board of Trustees appoints their own members. The Council Liaison is appointed by the Governing Body.*

**RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Liaison		Councilmember Lawson
Members	expires 12/31/2026	Andrew Façcone, Teresa Connelly, Recreation Director
	expires 12/31/2027	Leigh Trillhaase, Donald Corcione, Lisa Vazquez
	expires 12/31/2028	Ralph Anderson, Jessica Raggucci

**RENT LEVELING BOARD**

Liaison		Councilmember Escalante
Members		Frederick Dorner, Gary Strasser, Britton Cook, Sondra Thompson, Robin Larsen, Mark Wilson

**SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Liaison		Councilmember East
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Members	expires 12/31/2026	William R. Barnshaw, Robert English, Thomas Smock
	expires 12/31/2027	Richard Farrah, T. Hammed-Owens, Virginia M. East, Robin Larsen, Linda Morgan
	expires 12/31/2028	Ralph Anderson, Theodore Lewis Jr., Sondra Thompson

**SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

Members	expires 1/31/2027	William Diedrichsen
	expires 1/31/2028	Juan Vasquez
	expires 1/31/2029	John Sciarappa
	expires 1/31/2030	Gregory Seitz
	expires 1/31/2031	Ken East

*Sewer Authority Terms of Office begin on February 1 and run through January 31.*

**SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

Liaison	Councilmember Faust
Members	expires 12/31/2026
	Roy Eisen
	expires 12/31/2027
	Lisa Wilson, Mark Wilson
	expires 12/31/2029
	Vanessa Scaramucich
	expires 12/31/2030
	John Sciarappa
	expires 12/31/2026
	Shade Tree Specialist

*Shade Tree Commission Members are appointed by the Mayor. The Council Liaison is appointed by the Governing Body.*

**STREET NUMBERING COMMITTEE**

Liaison	Mayor Talerico, Councilmember Araman
Members	Construction Official, Police Chief, Housing Official

**TENANTS RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Liaison	Councilmember Escalante
Members	Estella Almeida, Teresa Connelly, Frederick Dorner, Sondra Thompson Housing Official, Construction Official

**17. CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

*(All matters listed hereunder are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any person may request an item be removed for separate consideration).*

- A. **RESOLUTION 11-2026** - Fixing Order of Business
- B. **RESOLUTION 12-2026** - Confirming Annual Meeting Schedule, 2026
- C. **RESOLUTION 13-2026** - Designating Official Newspapers (Asbury Park Press, The Link News, The Star Ledger)
- D. **RESOLUTION 14-2026** - Confirming Temporary Budget, 2026
- E. **RESOLUTION 15-2026** - Adopting Cash Management
- F. **RESOLUTION 16-2026** - Fixing Interest
- G. **RESOLUTION 17-2026** - Cancelling Tax Overpayments/Delinquent Amounts Under \$10.00
- H. **RESOLUTION 18-2026** - Auth. Appointment of Qualified Purchasing Agent
- I. **RESOLUTION 19-2026** - Auth. Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer
- J. **RESOLUTION 20-2026** - Auth. Certification of Compliance with EEO Guidelines
- K. **RESOLUTION 21-2026** - Declaring Eatontown a Stigma Free Community
- L. **RESOLUTION 22-2026** - Auth. Municipal Tax Collector to Substitute Up to Two (2) Mailings in Lieu of Advertisement for Tax Sale at a Cost Not to Exceed \$25.00 for Each Mailing Which May be Added to the Cost of the Sale
- M. **RESOLUTION 23-2026** - Auth. To Approve Electronic Tax sales through Realauction.com Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services
- N. **RESOLUTION 24-2026** - Appointing Custodian of Records for Police Department
- O. **RESOLUTION 25-2026** - Auth. Extension and Continuation of T&M's Contract with the Borough of Eatontown as Borough Engineer

Motion to approve resolutions 11-25 by C/East; seconded by C/Araman

Roll Call: AYE - C/East, C/Jones, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust  
ABSENT - C/Escalante

**RESOLUTION 11-2026 - FIXING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the order of business to be observed at all meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown to be held in the year 2026, shall be as follows:

1. ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3. COMMUNICATIONS
4. MAYOR'S REPORT
5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
6. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
7. OLD BUSINESS
8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
9. BILLS AND CLAIMS
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. REMARKS OF COUNCIL AND CITIZENS
12. CLOSED SESSION
13. ADJOURNMENT

**RESOLUTION 12-2026 - ESTABLISHING THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES THEREFORE FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN**

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 provides for "ANNUAL NOTICE" which means at least once each year, within seven (7) days following the annual organization or reorganization meeting of a public body, every public body shall adopt, post and distribute a schedule of its regular meetings for the coming year. The schedule must contain the date, time and location of the meeting. In addition, it shall be mailed, telephoned, telegraphed or hand delivered to at least two (2) newspapers which newspapers shall be designated by the public body to receive such notices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey, hereby establishes that the Regular Meetings of the Governing Body for the year 2026 will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a Workshop Meeting at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room of Borough Hall, located at 47 Broad Street, Eatontown except as specifically noted in the following schedule:

	January 1, 2026 – Noon Annual Reorganization Meeting
January 14, 2026	January 28, 2026
February 11, 2026	February 25, 2026
March 11, 2026	March 25, 2026
April 8, 2026	April 22, 2026
May 13, 2026	May 27, 2026
June 10, 2026	June 24, 2026
July 8, 2026	July 22, 2026
August 12, 2026	August 26, 2026
September 9, 2026	September 23, 2026
October 14, 2026	October 28, 2026
November 12, 2026 *Thursday	November 23, 2026 *Monday @ 4:15 p.m.
December 2, 2026	December 16, 2026
January 1, 2027 – Noon Annual Reorganization Meeting	

Formal action will be taken at all Regular Meetings. Public comments will be permitted at designated periods during all meetings. Executive Sessions, which are closed to the public, may be held to discuss matters authorized for closed sessions under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12. Prior to each Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will convene in open session at which time a resolution will be adopted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13. Regular, or Special Meetings may be adjourned, rescheduled or held on different dates providing such are duly noticed as provided by law.

The Municipal Clerk shall post this "Annual Notice" on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the official website of the municipality, transmit it to the Asbury Park Press and The Link News, and file this notice in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Eatontown, all in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to take all necessary steps to maintain adequate written minutes of each meeting and make them available after approval; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Administrator shall be authorized to direct any other necessary action be performed by appropriate officials and employees of the Borough to fulfill the mandates of the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### **RESOLUTION 13-2026 - DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that ASBURY PARK PRESS, THE STAR LEDGER, and THE LINK NEWS are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the Borough of Eatontown for the year 2026.

#### **RESOLUTION 14-2026 - RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR YEAR 2026 PER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2026 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

**WHEREAS**, the date of this resolution is within the first 30 days of the fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, the total appropriations in the 2025 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made of \$29,301,475.83 and

**WHEREAS**, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2025 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement and public assistance in said budget is the sum of \$7,691,637.41

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Eatontown, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the following temporary appropriations be adopted for the year 2026.

##### **Administrative & Executive**

Salaries & Wages	\$64,312.50
Other Expenses	\$40,136.25

##### **Labor Council**

Other Expenses	\$5,250.00
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##### **Mayor and Council**

Salaries & Wages	\$18,375.00
Other Expenses	\$2,362.50

##### **Advertising**

Other Expenses	\$5,906.25
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##### **Beautify Eatontown**

Other Expenses	\$937.13
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##### **Complete Streets**

Other Expenses	\$262.50
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##### **Elections**

Salaries & Wages	\$1,968.75
Other Expenses	\$-

##### **Municipal Clerk**

Salaries & Wages	\$59,332.88
Other Expenses	\$13,321.88

##### **Information Technology**

Other Expenses	\$51,187.50
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**Purchasing**

Salaries & Wages	\$14,605.50
Other Expenses	\$8,925.00

**Historical**

Other Expenses	\$918.75
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**Financial Administration**

Salaries & Wages	\$65,121.00
Other Expenses	\$15,881.25

**Bond Registration - OE**

	\$1,312.50
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**Auditing Services**

Other Expenses	\$12,600.00
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**Assessment of Taxes**

Salaries & Wages	\$28,898.89
Other Expenses	\$17,220.00

**Collection of Taxes**

Salaries & Wages	\$27,183.71
Other Expenses	\$4,528.13

**Legal Services and Costs**

Other Expenses	\$65,625.00
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**SHOP LOCAL**

	\$2,625.00
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**Municipal Prosecutor**

Salaries & Wages	\$14,437.50
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**Engineering Services & Costs**

Other Expenses	\$30,187.50
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**Public Buildings & Grounds**

Salaries & Wages	\$51,565.76
Other Expenses	\$46,396.88

**Planning Board**

Other Expenses	\$9,266.25
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**Board of Adjustment**

Other Expenses	\$8,347.50
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**Zoning Officer**

Salaries & Wages	\$73,124.94
Other Expenses	\$6,943.13

**Environmental Commission**

Other Expenses	\$862.31
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**Green Team**

Other Expenses                    \$787.50

**Community Garden**

Other Expenses                    \$1,627.50

**Transportation School**

Other Expenses

**PUBLIC SAFETY****Fire**

Salaries & Wages                \$1,739.06  
Fire Hydrant Service             \$63,000.00  
Other Expenses                    \$38,561.25

**Insurance**

Group Insurance                  \$1,031,247.00  
Health Benefit Waiver            \$13,125.00  
Other Insurance Programs        \$400,000.00  
Workmen's Compensation         \$231,000.00

**Uniform Fire Safety**

Salaries & Wages                \$41,365.01  
Other Expenses                    \$5,410.13

**Police**

Salaries & Wages                \$2,091,762.14  
Other Expenses                    \$119,713.13

**First Aid Contribution**

Other Expenses                    \$17,357.81

**Emergency Management Services**

Salaries & Wages                \$1,220.63  
Other Expenses                    \$4,948.13

**Road Repairs and Maintenance**

Salaries & Wages                \$594,111.53  
Other Expenses                    \$378,787.50

**Snow Removal**

Other Expenses                    \$3,543.75

**Municipal Court**

Salaries & Wages                \$14,700.00  
Other Expenses                    \$10,237.50

**Public Defender**

Other Expenses                    \$15,750.00

**Street Lighting**

                                      \$44,625.00

**Monmouth County Reclamation - Contractual \$157,500.00**

**Solid Waste Collection**

Sanitation Residential \$341,250.00

**Health & Welfare**

Salaries & Wages \$430.50  
Other Expenses \$1,050.00

**Housing Inspection**

Salaries & Wages \$28,411.95  
Other Expenses \$656.25

**Animal Control**

Other Expenses \$6,037.50

**Recreation**

Salaries & Wages \$63,164.06  
Other Expenses \$20,644.31

**Celebration of Public Events**

Other Expenses \$11,010.83

**Community Center**

Salaries & Wages \$92,552.25  
Other Expenses \$9,738.75

**Youth Committee**

Other Expenses \$590.63

**Senior Programs**

Salaries & Wages \$16,186.54  
Other Expenses \$5,801.25

**Inspection of Buildings**

Salaries & Wages \$167,690.77  
Other Expenses \$12,980.63

**S/W Adjustment Retire CY buyouts**

**Business Advisory Committee** \$-

**Tuition Reimbursement** \$13,256.25

**Employee Sick Time Buyback**

**Accumulated Absences**

**UTILITIES**

Electric \$38,062.50  
Telephone \$52,500.00  
Water \$13,125.00  
Natural Gas \$19,687.50

**Contingent** \$1,050.00  
**PY BILLS**

**STATUTORY EXPENSES**

**PERS**  
**Social Security Expense (O.A.S.I.)** \$141,750.00  
**PFRS**  
**Unemployment** \$10,500.00  
**PERS ERI (Early Retirement Incentive Program)**  
**Defined Contribution Retirement (DCRP)** \$11,025.00

**OUTSIDE CAPS**

**Library O/S CAPS**  
**Salaries & Wages** \$23,997.49  
**Other Expenses** \$3,465.79  
**Telephone** \$-  
**911 System O/S CAPS** \$6,562.50

**Improvements to Parks**

**State Recycling Tax O/S CAPS** \$-

**Tax Appeal Reserve** \$-

**NJDEP/Storm Water Mgmt O/S CAPS** \$2,625.00

**LOSAP Fire** \$13,125.00  
**LOSAP First Aid** \$5,250.00

**Mechanical Garage O/S CAPS**  
**Board of Education Salaries & Wages** \$1,050.00

**Municipal Court**  
**Tinton Falls** \$200,000.00

**Fire Prevention Shared Service Oceanport S/W** \$-

**Matching Funds for Grants** \$5,250.00

**\$7,392,527.39**  
**ALLOWED** \$7,691,637.41  
**\$ (299,110.01)**

**TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19**

**DEBT SERVICE**  
**Bond Principal** \$1,848,462.00  
**Bond Interest** \$771,000.00  
**Note Interest** \$-  
**MCIA Capital Lease Principal**  
**MCIA Capital Lease Interest**  
**Judgement**

CIF	\$-
RUT	\$-
GRANT W/O MATCH	
<b>TOTAL DEBT</b>	<b>\$2,619,462.00</b>

**RESOLUTION 15-2026 - ADOPTING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that for the year 2026, the following shall serve as the cash management plan of the Borough of Eatontown. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to use this cash management plan as the guide in depositing and investing the Borough of Eatontown's funds. The following Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) approved banks are authorized depositories for deposit of funds: CITIZENS BANK; STATE OF NEW JERSEY CASH MANAGEMENT FUND; SUN NATIONAL BANK; TD BANK; PNC BANK; CITIBANK; WELLS FARGO; CENTRAL JERSEY BANK, A DIVISION OF KEARNY FEDERAL SAVINGS; FULTON BANK; BANK OF AMERICA; NORTHFIELD BANK, MANASQUAN BANK, OCEAN FIRST BANK, BCB BANK, LAKELAND BANK.

All warrants or checks for the disbursement of money shall be made by any three (3) of the following officials and facsimile signatures may be used: BOROUGH MAYOR, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR, BOROUGH CLERK, BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer are empowered to invest cash funds as bank balances will allow from time to time in order to realize revenue. The above stated officers are authorized to transfer funds electronically for the purpose of investments, payroll, in between funds, debt service, school taxes and county taxes.

The following are authorized as suitable investments:

- Interest-bearing bank accounts in banks as authorized above for deposit of local unit funds (GUDPA approved).
- Certificates of deposit in GUDPA approved banking institutions.
- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury Bills, Notes and Bonds.
- Government money market mutual funds that comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e).
- Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
- Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school district of which the Borough is a part.
- Any other obligation with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the State Division of Investments.
- Local government investment pools which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e) and conditions set by the Division of Local Government Services.
- New Jersey Cash Management Fund.
- Repurchase agreements (repos) of fully collateralized securities which comply with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 (e).
- New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program.
- New Jersey CLASS.

There are no approved security brokers/dealers. In the event that a security broker/dealer should be approved during the year, the registered principal of said brokerage firm so approved shall be provided with and sign an acknowledgement that they have seen and reviewed the cash management plan.

Each month, the Chief Financial Officer shall prepare a report for the Administrator that consists of the following:

- A summary of all investments made or redeemed for the month.
- A listing of any and all financial institutions holding local unit funds.
- The class or type of securities purchased or funds deposited.
- Income earned on deposits and investments.
- Market value of investments and disclosure as to how the value was determined, if applicable.
- A listing of accounts or deposits that do not earn interest.

The Chief Financial Officer is required to include the entire Best Practices for Wire Transfer, ACH Payments and Check Issuance Protocol as part of the Annual Cash Management pursuant to NJSA 40A:5-14, which is attached hereto as Appendix A.

This document shall constitute the cash management plan of the Borough. Any official involved with the selection of depositories, investments, brokers/dealers shall disclose any material business or personal relationship to the Administrator and to the Local Finance Board or Local Ethics Board as applicable.

Any official who, in the course of his or her duties, deposits or invests in accordance with this plan shall be relieved of any liability for loss.

**RESOLUTION 16-2026 - FIXING INTEREST**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the interest to be charged on delinquent taxes during the year 2026 be and the same is hereby fixed at eight (8) per centum per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and eighteen (18) per centum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00, to be calculated from the date the tax was payable until the date of actual payment, provided, however, no interest shall be charged if the payment of the taxes due is made within the tenth (10) calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable.

**RESOLUTION 17-2026 - CANCELLING TAX OVERPAYMENTS OR DELINQUENT AMOUNTS UNDER \$10.00**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 allows for the cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquent amounts in the amounts of less than \$10.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown may authorize a municipal employee chosen by said body to process without further action on their part, any cancellation of property tax refunds or delinquencies of less than \$10.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Eatontown hereby authorize the Tax Collector of the Borough of Eatontown to cancel said tax amounts as deemed necessary.

**RESOLUTION 18-2026 - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Eatontown desires to take advantage of the bid threshold of \$53,000.00.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey appoints Trina Lindsey, Q-1708, as Qualified Purchasing Agent at an annual salary of \$10,938.04 to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility and accountability of the purchasing activity of the contracting unit; and increases its bid threshold, the amount of which shall not exceed the statutory maximum bid threshold; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2 the office of the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution and a copy of Trina Lindsey's certification to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION 19-2026 - AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

WHEREAS, Section 17:27-3.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code requires the annual appointment of a Public Agency Compliance Officer to ensure that municipal contracts comply with the policy of the State of New Jersey to promote equal employment opportunity and affirmative action with regard to public contracts; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Eatontown to promote and enforce all rules and regulations regarding affirmative action in public purchasing; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, in the County of Monmouth, that DENA AMODEA be and is hereby appointed Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Eatontown at an annual salary of \$3,000.00 to exercise the duties of a Public Agency Compliance Officer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the office of the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

**RESOLUTION 20-2026 - GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964" as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c. 183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

**RESOLUTION 21-2026 - DECLARING EATONTOWN A STIGMA FREE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Eatontown, with the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Monmouth County Department of Human Services, Eatontown Police Department and Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, recognize that one in four Americans has experienced mental illness, including substance use, in a given year according to the National Institute of Mental Health; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health problems are more common than cancer and heart disease combined, affecting children and adults, including more than half of our Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans treated at Veteran's Administration hospitals; and **WHEREAS**, given the serious nature of this public health problems, we must continue to reach the millions who need help; and

**WHEREAS**, the stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover; and

**WHEREAS**, Stigma-Free Communities aim to inspire public interest and open dialogue about stigma, raise awareness of mental health and substance use disorders and creates a culture wherein residents with mental health and substance use disorders feel supported by their community and neighbors, free to seek treatment without fear of stigma; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting awareness that there can be no "health" without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, local resources are available to treat mental health and substance use disorders so no one needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing Stigma-Free Communities will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired and tragedies avoided.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown hereby declare the Borough of Eatontown a Stigma-Free Community and encourages local community groups, including the local and regional Boards of Education, to actively promote stigma free policies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution to all Monmouth County Clerks.

**RESOLUTION 22-2026 - AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTOR TO SUBSTITUTE UP TO TWO (2) MAILINGS IN LIEU OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR TAX SALE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$25.00 (TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS) FOR EACH MAILING WHICH MAY BE ADDED TO THE COST OF THE SALE**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, and

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two (2) notices of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and

**WHEREAS**, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Borough of Eatontown wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Eatontown that a fee of \$25.00 per notice be established and is hereby authorized and directed to be charged for each notice of tax sale that is sent in conjunction with the 2024 electronic tax sale.

**RESOLUTION 23-2026 - AUTHORIZING TO APPROVE ELECTRONIC TAX SALES THROUGH REALAUCTION.COM PURSUANT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, NJSA 54:5-19.1 authorizes electronic tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services, and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services has approved NJ Tax Lien Investors/RealAuction.com to conduct electronic tax sales, and

WHEREAS, an electronic tax sale is innovative and provides a greater pool of potential lien buyers, thus creating the environment for a more complete tax sale process, and

WHEREAS, the municipality of Borough of Eatontown wishes to participate in an electronic tax sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the municipality of Borough of Eatontown, New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to participate in an electronic tax sale and submit same to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services if necessary.

**RESOLUTION 24-2026 - APPOINTING CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 of the Open Public Records Act names the Municipal Clerk as the Records Custodian of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) does not preclude the Municipality from developing reasonable and practical measures for responding to OPRA requests, which measures may include the designation of a Custodian of Record for particular types of records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- Mr. John Fay, Records Bureau, Borough of Eatontown Police Department is hereby appointed as the Custodian of Record for Police Department records.
- The designated Custodian of Record for the Borough of Eatontown Police Department, to the extent so advised, shall follow any instructions given by the Borough Clerk regarding the handling of such records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above listed Custodian of Record shall appear on the official Borough website together with the Borough OPRA Request Form for the Police Department.

**RESOLUTION 25-2026 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSION AND CONTINUATION OF T&M'S CONTRACT AS BOROUGH ENGINEER**

WHEREAS, T&M Associates ("T&M") was named Borough Engineer in 2025 and the Borough entered into a contract memorializing T&M's position as Borough Engineer for the calendar year 2025 with the provision that if the services are required beyond that time, T&M and the Borough may agree on the terms and conditions to extend the contract beyond December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough issued a Request for Proposals for the Borough Engineer position for the calendar year 2026 and T&M Associates submitted a proposal to serve as Borough Engineer for calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, due to very recent personal changes at T&M Associates, the Borough and T&M have agreed to extend the 2025 contract for sixty (60) days to allow T&M time to transition personnel to serve as the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to extend T&M's 2025 contract for sixty (60) days to allow for the transition of new personnel to service the Borough and for both parties to evaluate the level of services provided by the new personnel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby extends T&M Associates 2025 contract to serve as Borough Engineer for sixty days, and the Mayor is authorized any necessary document to memorialize the extension.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following:

1. T&M Associates;
2. William P. Lucia, III, Borough Administrator

**18. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Lawson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Araman thanked everyone who came to the meeting, who voted for him and didn't vote for him. He thanked Council President East, Mayor Talerico and the rest of the council. Councilmember Araman then wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Jones wished everyone a Happy New Year and asked everyone to get their flu vaccine if haven't already. Congratulated Councilmember Araman and Council President East and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Council President East thanked the council for their support in the past and their continued support. Council President East then mentioned she is happy to represent the residents again and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Faust wished everyone a Happy New year and thanked all employees, volunteers and residents for making Eatontown a great place to live. Councilmember Faust then mentioned she is very fortunate to serve with Council President East and Councilmember Araman and is looking forward to continuing working together. She also mentioned she is very fortunate to be the liaison to the Department of Public Works who work tirelessly to serve the town. Councilmember Faust is aware of the ongoing issue with the residents and DPW regarding trash collection and advised the residents that the borough is researching all possible ways to improve the service.

## **19. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

Harold Mitchell, Weston Place, spoke about his garbage cans being thrown into the garbage truck and asked how it would get addressed. Mayor Talerico and Councilmember Faust responded.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

20. ADJOURNMENT - 12:21pm

**Motion to adjourn by C/East; seconded by C/Faust**

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

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: 01/14/2020

SA 47:2-15 et seq and approved by the State Board.

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