

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
FEBRUARY 26, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

ABSENT: Councilman Yassin

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Shehady, Borough Clerk Borghi, and Attorney Cannon.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mayor Menna requested the minutes reflect that, in compliance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act), notice of this meeting has been provided by notifying the Asbury Park Press, the Two River Times and the Star Ledger and by placing a notice on the bulletin board and filing same with the Borough Clerk on December 11, 2019.

PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Presentations:

- Red Bank Charter School Girls' Basketball Team—Mayor Menna presented certificates to the members of the Red Bank Charter School Girls' Basketball Team. He congratulated them on their successful season.

The Team Coach, Jessica Dayton, reviewed the accomplishments of the team and thanked the Council, the parents and the School staff for their support.

Mayor Menna offered to meet with the children and answer questions so they could become more engaged with the Governing Body.

Proclamations:

- Women's History Month - March 2020 - Mayor Menna read a proclamation proclaiming March 2020 as Women's Black History Month in the Borough of Red Bank.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Alan Hill—64 McLaren Street—said he wanted to speak on Ordinance 2020-03. He said he didn't understand the need for the ordinance and asked if it was aimed at residents or landlords. He questioned the language used.

Attorney Cannon explained that the Borough had adopted an International Property Maintenance Code which left blank areas that needed to be filled in by the municipality. He said there would be no change to enforcement.

No one else appearing, Councilwoman Horgan made a motion to close Public Comment, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

MINUTES & REPORTS

Regular Meeting Minutes of 2/12/2020

Councilman Ballard offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Yngstrom

There being four ayes, no nays and one abstention, the motion was declared approved.

ORDINANCES - Public Hearing/Adoption:

2020-02 Mayor Menna read, "Ordinance Supplementing the Borough's Revised General Ordinances to Insert New Chapter 241: "Balloon Release" to Prohibit the Mass Release of Balloons within the Borough with Exceptions."

Mayor Menna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak.

No one appearing, Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Councilwoman Triggiano offered a motion to approve the adoption of the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

ORDINANCES – First Reading:

2020-03 Mayor Menna read, “Ordinance Amending Chapter 505: “Property Maintenance” of the Borough’s Revised General Ordinances to Clarify Certain Sections of the International Property Maintenance Code.”

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the introduction of the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Mayor Menna announced the Public Hearing would be held 3/11/2020 at 6:30 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

20-73 Mayor Menna read, “Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$432,599.36,”

Councilman Ballard offered a motion to approve the introduction of the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Menna called for a motion to approve the following resolutions by Consent Agenda:

- Resolution 20-74: Resolution Amending the 2020 Temporary Appropriations
- Resolution 20-75: Resolution Accepting the Retirement of Glenn Carter
- Resolution 20-76: Resolution Accepting the Retirement and Confirming Benefits for Police Captain Michael Clay
- Resolution 20-77: Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds Totaling \$1,224.35 due to Over Payment by Mortgage Company
- Resolution 20-78: Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds Totaling \$9,703.87 due to Judgments of the Tax Court of New Jersey
- Resolution 20-79: Resolution Augmenting the Borough’s Professional Services Contract with T&M Associates for Additional Environmental Services for the Bellhaven Park Improvement Project
- Resolution 20-80: Resolution Terminating the Borough’s Concession License Agreement with Genesis Point, LLC d/b/a Endeavour Provisions, LLC for the Concession Premises at Riverside Gardens Park
- Resolution 20-81: Resolution Terminating the Borough’s Parking Lot Lease Agreement with 17 Broad Street Red Bank, LLC and Authorizing the Borough Administrator and Borough Attorney to Negotiate a New Lease Addressing the Changed Circumstances at the Subject Property

- Resolution 20-82: Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the Amount of \$18,173.00 Submitted by Precise Construction, Inc. for Additional Unexpected Work Required for the Improvements to Bellhaven Nature Area Park
- Resolution 20-83: Resolution Authorizing the Subordination of the Borough's Docketed Consent Judgment No. J-147505-16 as it Relates to the Judgment Debtors' Real Property Located at 187 Riverside Avenue, a/k/a Block 4.01, Lots 1 & 2.

Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to approve the resolutions en masse, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Triggiano had no report but said she wanted to commend Michael Clay and Joey Fields and congratulate them on their retirements. She said they were tremendous assets and their retirements would be a great loss for the Borough.

Councilman Yngstrom reported that there would be a Parks & Recreation sponsored trip to Jenkinson's Aquarium on April 15 and said people could sign up at the Parks & Recreation Office. He also reported that the Couch to 5K program would begin March 25 and encouraged everyone to participate.

Councilwoman Horgan offered some statistics from the Library including the fact that they had seen a 50 percent increase in visits, 55 percent increase in programs offered and 30 percent increase in program attendance. She commended the Director and Staff and noted the establishment had been recent been voted as the Best in the County. She offered highlights of some of the new programming. She asked Library Director Glykis to come forward to discuss a survey being done by the Library.

Director Glykis commended her staff and the Board of Trustees for helping to make the Library successful. She said the Library was working on a strategic five year plan and needed help from the public. She said they were taking a survey and said it was available on paper and on line.

Councilman Zipprich thanked Councilwoman Triggiano for her comments on Captain Clay and Sergeant Fields. He said he also wanted to note that Planning/Zoning Director Glenn Carter would also be retiring soon and said he had been an amazing addition to the Borough that had made the Planning/Zoning Office more business friendly. He also reported that he had attended a Complete Count Committee meeting at the library earlier in the day and reviewed the importance of the census particularly in connection with communities receiving Federal aid. He said RiverCenter had held its monthly meeting that morning and said discussion items included White Street improvements and those for the White Street Parking Lot. He said they also reviewed the 2020 budget which would be presented to the Council in the coming weeks. He reviewed upcoming RiverCenter events including the Wedding Walk and the Beer & Wine Festival. He also reviewed recent events at the Red Bank Senior Center.

Mayor Menna asked Councilman Zipprich to let RiverCenter know that the Borough would like to see more consideration in the RiverCenter budget for maintenance of trash and dirt in the district.

Councilman Ballard had no report.

DISCUSSION & ACTION

No Discussion/Action Items

PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)

Suzanne Viscomi—25 Cedar Street—said the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee was working with the Environmental Commission on the Wildlife Initiative. She said the group was also hoping to work with the Library to set up a Seeds Consortium and said she would be donating seeds to help start it. She also asked for an update on the status of the Senior Center.

Freddie Boynton—PO Box 2074—discussed property maintenance issues at various locations on Shrewsbury Avenue. He blamed landlords and urged for summonses to be issued.

Mayor Menna said his Mayor's Meeting had included discussions on those types of issues. He said they were going to be looking into summonses issued and also asking for a monthly report. He said Councilman Yassin had been diligent in moving forward on the matter but said they would have to see some statistical data. He said he had driven around and taken pictures of properties on the west side that he would be sharing with the Administrator.

Adel Hadid—Oceanport—said he had been a taxi driver for Yellow Car for 18 years. He said Red Bank's current taxi rate was lower than other towns and asked the Council to consider raising it.

Mayor Menna asked him to submit a request to be reviewed by the Council and Administrator.

Administrator Shehady gave him his contact information and ask that he submit the request to his office.

Councilman Triggiano said she had visited Brookdale Community College and guest lectured. She said she had invited the students to attend a Red Bank Council Meeting and noted they were in the audience.

Councilman Ballard asked about the update on the Senior Center that Ms. Viscomi had requested.

Administrator Shehady said he would have a report prepared for the Workshop meeting.

No one else appearing, Councilman Zipprich made a motion to close the Public Comment, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

20-84 Mayor Menna read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Personnel (Hiring Practices) and Litigation (Current Claims). No action to be taken.

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS

Councilman Zipprich made a motion to resume Regular Business, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)

Mayor Menna asked if there were any additional comments from the public.

No one appearing, Councilman Zipprich made a motion to close the Public Comment, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Triggiano.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Triggiano, Ballard, Yngstrom, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi