

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
February 10, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

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

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

*Meeting held via video/telephone conference due to Governor’s Executive Order.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Councilman Ballard read a proclamation to proclaim February 2021 as Black History Month in the Borough of Red Bank. He said he thought it was particularly appropriate to read this proclamation at this time considering the number of incidents involving black Americans being needlessly murdered.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—asked about Resolution 21-54 and also asked for clarification on Resolution 21-57.

Administrator Shehady said all Resolutions were listed in their entirety on the Borough website for review. He read the body of the resolution.

Mayor Menna said the appointment was required under the Borough’s membership in the Joint Insurance Fund and was standard even when Ms. Burnham was on the Council. He asked the Administrator to review Resolution 21-57.

Administrator Shehady said he had not been involved in the drafting of the resolution and deferred to Councilwoman Triggiano.

Councilwoman Triggiano said the resolution was the result of discussions held at the previous Workshop meeting. She said the goal was to review why the agency had been formed in the first place, what its duties were and to express the values of the Borough to be taken into account with the recommendations for Borough facilities. She reviewed details of the resolution including the fact that the Governing Body understood that riverfront property transcended economic costs and that they would like the agency to understand that.

Councilman Zipprich asked if it would include the possibility of a public/private partnership.

Councilwoman Triggiano said she would defer to the Borough Attorney on the question.

Angela Mirandi—8 West Lake Road—said she had also been confused by the resolution. She asked if the Borough had not already passed a resolution giving powers to the Redevelopment Agency. She there were already two Councilmembers serving as Commissioners on the Agency to advise them what was expected. She said she thought the goals and objectives had already included the incorporation of the river for community use. She said the resolution stated the Agency was reviewing data in a non-political way but said the five resident commissioners had been appointed by the Mayor. She said, this year, the majority of the Council had excluded Councilman Ballard from the Redevelopment Agency. She said she felt it was political. She questioned the proposal for a Community Center versus a Senior Center and questioned why it had not been presented at a Council meeting. She again said she did not understand the purpose of the resolution.

Mary Beth Maida—84 Branch Avenue—said she was confused as to why they were discussion the resolution that celebrated the Redevelopment Agency. She thought the previous discussion of the resolution was to provide a fixed timeline for fixing the Senior Center. She asked if there would be a vote to rehabilitate the Senior Center. She said she felt the resolution listed was unnecessary.

Tiffany Harris—1 Cedar Crossing—asked about Resolution 21-57. She questioned the wording of “sale or transfer.” She asked if they were thinking of selling the property. She asked what “public/private partnership” meant. She asked why the process was taking so long. She called for implementing a deadline.

Alan Hill—64 McLaren Street—said he was speaking on Resolution 21-57 and said he supported the previous speakers. He criticized the resolution and reviewed specific phrases he objected to.

Sue Viscomi—25 Cedar Street—also criticized Resolution 21-57. She criticized the Council and compared the situation to a time when people had attended Council meetings to discuss the former clay courts that she said had eventually been bulldozed. She said she understood that the wheels of government moved slowly. She called for more substance in the Council's actions.

William Poku—90 Bank Street—said, before the pandemic, the Senior Center had been relocated to Trinity Episcopal Church. He asked who was responsible for the preventive maintenance of the municipal properties and what tracking process was in place.

Adrienne Bilaal—266 Pearl Street—said she was confused about the responsibilities of the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Redevelopment Agency. She asked for a session where the various duties could be explained.

Frank Corrado—73 Linden Place—spoke in support of the Redevelopment Agency resolution. He said he had been listening to meeting over the past several weeks and said he was concerned because he had heard a chorus of a vast minority creating a frenzy regarding the Senior Center. He said he was in full support of having a Senior Center but said it was turning into a distraction. He said the Redevelopment Agency had been created on the recommendation of an unbiased third party to find ways to improve the town. He said it was their job to take a sober look at the fact and make a recommendation to the Council. He said he was in favor of the resolution because it reaffirmed the logical approach of letting the Redevelopment Agency do their job. He noted there was a pandemic going on so no one was gathering anywhere, particularly seniors, so he did not understand the urgency. He said he did understand the need for closure. He said he didn't want to see the hard work of the Agency getting thrown out the window. He said he appreciated the efforts of the Council and said he knew it was a thankless job. He stressed the importance of letting the Redevelopment Agency do the job they were tasked with.

Stephen Hecht—135 Branch Avenue—said he felt the introduction of this ordinance at this time was a slap in the face to those who had asked for the Borough to set time parameters. He said they had paid no attention to what the public had been asking for and said the possibilities raised in the resolution were frightening. He said there was significant distrust of Council members in the community.

Dan Riordan—20 Irving Place—said, while he appreciated the work of the Redevelopment Agency, he said managing Borough Facilities was not a Redevelopment Agency task. He reviewed the State Statute and the Borough Ordinance to create the Agency. He said he believed the Agency was being improperly used. He said, if Borough Hall had been in eminent danger and shut down two years ago, he didn't think they would have waited to see what the Redevelopment Agency thought.

Nancy Blackwood—34 Chestnut Street—said she was speaking on Resolution 21-57 asking the Redevelopment Agency to look at the public value of Borough buildings. She said she was also concerned about the Senior Center but said she recognized the time line. She reviewed the chain of events. She spoke in support of the Redevelopment Agency making a recommendation. She asked the Agency to make the Senior Center a higher priority.

Ben Forrest—16 Locust Avenue—said he could not imagine not have the Senior Center in its current location. He said he wanted the Redevelopment Agency to finish its process. He said the Borough had invested money in the process and said it would be silly to not stop the process and not listen. He said he was concerned with the vitriol, anger and hostility on this topic and said it was taking political overtones which were not productive. He said would like information on how the building got to the state it was in. He said he would like to see a detailed estimate. He said he would not like to see the Senior Center as part of a multiplex. He said he like the fact that the resolution was about more than dollars and cents.

Laura Carmargo—58 Linden Place—said she was speaking on Resolution 21-57. She asked why the Borough was looking into a recommendation for the transfer or sale of public property if there was no intention to sell or transfer the property. She said she thought it was time to repair so the seniors would have a place together once they were able to. She said she was upset that they were letting it get destroyed.

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

MINUTES & REPORTS

Workshop Meeting minutes of 12/2/2020

Councilman Yassin offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Reorganization Meeting minutes of 1/1/2021

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Ballard noted several questions had been raised during public comment and asked if they would be address.

Mayor Menna said he would address them during his comments.

ORDINANCES - Public Hearing/Adoption:

2021-05 Mayor Menna read, "Ordinance Supplementing and Amending Section 490-107: "Stormwater Management and Control" of the Borough's Revised General Ordinances to Adopt New Regulations Consistent with Amendments to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Stormwater Management Rules.

Mayor Menna called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Councilman Zipprich made the motion, Councilwoman Horgan seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Borough Clerk Borghi said the Ordinance could not be adopted at this time since the Council had not received the report from the Planning Board's review. She said the adoption would have to be carried to March 10, 2021 since the Planning Board would not meet until March 1, 2021.

2021-06 Mayor Menna read, "Ordinance Supplementing the Borough's Revised General Ordinances to Insert New Chapter 242: "Bamboo and Invasive Plants" to Prohibit the Future Planting and Regulate the Existing Plantings of Invasive Species of Vegetation within the Borough

Mayor Menna called for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

Councilman Zipprich made the motion, Councilman Yassin seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the motion was declared approved as amended.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the Ordinance would regulate what people could and could not plant.

Mayor Menna said the ordinance was specific in that it prohibited the future planting of invasive species.

Councilman Zipprich asked if there would be a penalty.

Attorney Sobel confirmed that there was a penalty defined in the ordinance.

ORDINANCES – First Reading:

2021-07 Mayor Menna read, “Ordinance Amending Chapter 9: “Boards, Committees, And Commissions” of the Borough’s Revised General Ordinances to Hereafter Designate all Environmental Commissioners as Green Team Members in Addition to those Green Team Members Annually Appointed by Resolution (Public Hearing 2/24)

Councilwoman Triggiano made the motion to approve the introduction of the ordinance, Councilman Yassin seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna announced the Public Hearing would be held on 2/24/2021 at 6:30 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- Resolution 21-51: Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$6,274,923.99.
- Resolution 21-52: Resolution Amending The 2021 Temporary Appropriations
- Resolution 21-53: Resolution Approving Execution of an Agreement with the RBAHC for the Provision of Certain Administrative Services Regarding Affordability Control Services for all Affordable Housing, the Borough’s Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program, and the Borough’s First-Time Homebuyer Program.
- Resolution 21-55: Resolution Authorizing Release of a Performance Guarantee Posted by Brownstones at Red Bank, LLC for Block 75.03, Lots 46, 47, 48.01, 53, 54.01, & 56, and Requiring the Posting of a Maintenance Guarantee
- Resolution: 21-56: Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc “Pedestrian Mall Review Committee” to Review and Improve the Operation of Pedestrian Malls within the Borough During 2021 to Provide Local Businesses Expanded Capacity and Additional Space to Recover from the Continuing Covid-19 Crisis
- Resolution 21-58: Resolution Calling upon President Biden and the U.S. Congress to Provide Additional Assistance to the Rental Housing Community

Councilwoman Horgan made the motion to move the resolutions en masse, Councilwoman Triggiano seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Councilwoman Horgan made the motion to approve the resolutions, Councilwoman Triggiano seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Yassin noted that Resolution 21-56 called for appointing Committee members. He asked if the appointments should have been made with the resolution.

Mayor Menna said they adopted the resolution to establish the Committee. He said they should then publish a request for individuals to apply to serve. He asked if that was what Councilman Yassin had anticipated.

Councilman Yassin said they had had a good group from the prior year and wanted to go with a similar group.

Mayor Menna said the previous Committee had not included any residents.

Councilman Zipprich agreed that it should be opened up and people should be given the opportunity to apply.

Councilman Yassin said he was not opposed to that.

21-54 Mayor Menna read, "Resolution 21-54: Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Inc. for Property & Casualty Insurance Brokerage and Risk Management Services

Councilman Yassin the motion to approve the resolution, Councilman Yngstrom seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Zipprich

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

21-57 Mayor Menna read, "Resolution of the Mayor & Council Directing the Redevelopment Agency to Emphasize Riverfront Public Access and Uses in its Continuing Work and to Provide Alternative or Continued Public Use Analyses for any Recommended Sale or Transfer of Public Property."

Mayor Menna reviewed the resolution and spoke in support. He said he wanted to give a shout out to the Redevelopment Agency who had been brought into the debate. He said their work had been more than the Senior Center but was for the future road map of achieving a better Red Bank in so many public facilities. He said they had been doing a stellar job and had a lot more work to do. He noted the number of hours they were putting in. He said he had received numerous calls on the issue and said it was his opinion that the Borough should bond for the work and restore the building.

Councilwoman Triggiano thanked the Mayor for his comments and said she wanted to add that the resolution did not just address the Senior Center but set forth the Council's expectations for all municipal properties moving forward. She reviewed the genesis of the resolution.

Councilman Ballard said the community was in an uproar because the title included wording that referred to "sale" or "transfer." He said there was nothing in the resolution about repairing the Senior Center. He suggested they remove the reference to the Senior Center from the resolution.

Councilman Yassin said the two objectives were not mutually exclusive. He said the resolution was not about a specific property but was about a general philosophy of the Borough.

Councilman Ballard suggested they could remove the confusion by taking the Senior Center out of the resolution because it does not say anything about the repair.

Councilman Yassin said that was not what this resolution was about. He said they could have a separate resolution to address the repairs.

Councilman Ballard said the residents had provided a resolution to repair and it had not been put on an agenda.

Councilman Yassin reminded him that they had reviewed that at the last meeting and there had been a poll of Council members with four of them recommending that the petition be forwarded to the Redevelopment Agency and allow the Agency to finish its process. He said he had previously stated that he was not in favor of selling the Senior Center property and was in favor of upgrading it.

Councilman Ballard continued to take issue with the language of "sale" or "transfer" and the fact that it did not address the repairs.

Councilman Yassin again stressed that the purpose of the resolution was not to address repair of the facility.

Councilman Ballard said the Redevelopment Agency was not considering repair of the Senior Center.

Councilman Yngstrom said they were and said the resolution under discussion was not just about the Senior Center. He said it was about making a recommendation for all Borough properties. He said it was about stating what was important in the Council's philosophy which included the importance of waterfront properties. He said they had received a petition calling for maintaining the Senior Center location along the river. He said this resolution would stress to them that riverfront property was probably the most important aspect of any Borough property and the Council wanted the Redevelopment Agency to take that into consideration.

Councilman Ballard said he did not understand why the decision to repair the facility had to go through another unelected agency. He said residents had asked the Council to make a decision.

Councilwoman Triggiano said she wanted to read the title of the resolution again because she thought it had been mischaracterized. She said they were very focused on the Senior Center right now. She said they all cared about it and wanted progress there. She questioned if the Council would continue to jump ahead with decisions on other municipal facilities rather than wait for the Redevelopment Agency's recommendations. She reviewed the history of what had transpired in regard to the Senior Center and the option to repair/review.

Councilman Ballard and Councilman Zipprich disagreed with her review. Councilman Zipprich reviewed issues at the DPW facility and spoke of the need to update the Master Plan.

A discussion/debate on the issue continued.

Councilman Ballard asked that the resolution be amended to remove the reference to the Senior Center and to incorporate the language from the resolution provided by the residents. He said the resolution should not be put before the Redevelopment Agency.

Councilman Yassin said he wanted to confirm that Councilman Ballard was asking to remove the Senior Center from the resolution. He said that would mean they would be stating that they wanted to protect all riverfront property except the Senior Center.

Councilman Ballard said he wanted to incorporate the language from the residents that asked the Council to do their fiduciary duty and repair the Senior Center.

Councilman Yassin said the two were not mutually exclusive and said they could do both. He said this resolution stated they wanted to protect the Borough's riverfront assets including the Senior Center.

Mayor Menna said there was a resolution on the table and asked Councilwoman Triggiano if she would accept the request to amend.

Councilwoman Triggiano said she would not.

Councilwoman Triggiano made a motion to approve the resolution, Councilman Yngstrom seconded.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Yngstrom and Horgan.

NAYS: Ballard and Zipprich

There being four ayes and two nays, the motion was declared approved.

Mayor Menna said he wanted to take a small pause and remember John Burton, lead reporter for the Two River Times and part of the Red Bank family. He shared his memories of Mr. Burton.

Councilmembers also shared their thoughts.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Horgan reported on upcoming programs from the Parks & Recreation Department including a valentine card exchange program and sports sign ups. Regarding the Library, she reported that they were looking for Spanish-speaking volunteers for various programs. She also reviewed a new program for teens called Spark Change which she said was a quarterly literary subscription.

Councilman Yngstrom said he wanted to remind everyone that paid parking went from 9am to 9pm. He also reported that recycling was now being collected every Wednesday throughout the Borough. He commended the Public Works employees for the work they had done during the recent snow storms.

Councilman Zipprich said the Historic Preservation was looking to appoint an Attorney. He also reported on an upcoming raffle to be held by the Red Bank Borough Education Foundation.

Councilman Ballard said he wanted to remind the Council that there had been "a ton" of questions asked during the first public comment session. He said he did not think any of them were answered. He said he did not think that the Council rules were working well. He said he would be presenting a resolution at the next meeting that would provide better rules.

Councilwoman Triggiano said she wanted to commend the Environmental Commission on their work in trying to obtain a higher level in the Sustainable Jersey program. She said she had no report for Police or Fire. Regarding the Senior Center, she said she wanted to thank the VNA for their partnership. She said they had been able to secure a limited amount of appointment slots in order to register pre-existing active members of the Senior Center. She said nearly 50 Red Bank residents had been registered last week.

Councilman Yassin thanked his fellow Council members for passing the resolution to create the Broadwalk Committee. He said the ordinance to accept the amendments to the RiverCenter were not ready for this meeting but said he expected them to be on the next meeting. Regarding the Planning Board, he said there had been a lot of discussion about the Master Plan and said he felt they should just buckle down and get to work on it. He said he wanted to give final comments regarding his view on the Senior Center. He said he felt the biggest issue they were facing was the time it was taking. He said he felt they were all frustrated. He said he would like to understand where the Agency was in the process and would like to see something by mid-March. He also reported that he had participated in a couple of

phone calls regarding the Housing Authority. He asked the Mayor if this was the time to address that issue.

Mayor Menna said he had received phone calls that afternoon but had not had a chance to speak with the Borough Attorney to see if they could discuss the matter at this point.

Attorney Sobel said if it was part of Councilman Yassin's committee report, he could address it.

Councilman Yassin said it was not his committee.

Attorney Sobel said, if that was the case, it should not be discussed at this time. He said they should list it for the next Council agenda.

Councilman Yassin said there was an issue that could be made public and he didn't want people to think they hadn't discussed it.

Councilman Ballard said he was liaison for the Housing Authority and said there were ulterior motives going on. He said there was a lot of misinformation. He said he did not think they should be discussing it or acting on anything until they received more information.

Mayor Menna said he had received some information that afternoon and said it was waiting to hear from the Executive Director.

DISCUSSION & ACTION

No Discussion/Action items.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)

Marybeth Maida—84 Branch Avenue—spoke about her admiration for John Burton. She thanked Councilman Ballard for speaking on behalf of the people. She said she would like to corroborate Councilman Zipprich's advocacy on behalf the Senior Center. She said she had read all of the minutes of 2019 and 2020 and said he had called for repairs to the Senior Center. She criticized Councilwoman Triggiano for saying it was her job to support the Borough's Department Heads. She accused Councilmembers of conflating the conditions of the municipal buildings and said that would include Borough employees. She said she felt the Senior Center was a resident service that should not be piled in with the Police Department, Borough Employees and Department of Public Works. She called for repairs to the Senior Center. She criticized the Redevelopment Agency. She said the Council should consider Dan Riordan's comments about the Redevelopment Agency having no business being involved with Borough properties. She called for the Council act on a resolution to repair the Senior Center.

William Poku—90 Bank Street—commended Councilman Ballard and Councilman Zipprich for their advocacy. He also expressed sadness at the loss of John Burton. He said it was disturbing that, when questions were asked, the public just heard "thank you." He said he had asked who was responsible for keeping Borough assets stable.

Tiffany Harris—1 Cedar Crossing—Thanked the Council for their attention. She thanked Councilman Yassin for asking to have the Redevelopment Agency to provide answers by March 15. She applauded Councilmen Ballard and Zipprich for their help.

Angela Mirandi—8 West Lake Road—said they Council had been discussion the Senior Center for two years. She said it was causing stress on the seniors. She called for bonding for the money, fixing the property and preserving the waterfront property. She noted there had been a previous bond ordinance that included money for the Senior Center and reviewed what the money had been earmarked for. She asked what the money had been spent. She said there had also been a \$91,000 insurance payment and reviewed expenses applied to that payment. She asked if certain repairs been done by a licensed contractor. She also asked on what date the Council had decided that they weren't going to spend any money in repairing the Senior Center and would wait for the Redevelopment Agency's recommendation.

Sue Viscomi—25 Cedar Street—took issue with a comment made by Administrator Shehady and mispronounced his name as she was commenting.

Administrator Shehady corrected her on the pronunciation of his name.

Ms. Viscomi continued to criticize Mr. Shehady. She asked if Mr. Riordan was correct in his statement that the Borough facilities were outside of the Redevelopment Agency's scope and asked if that would open up the potential for litigation. She questioned if the Redevelopment Agency already had a resolution to outline goals. She asked if the Master Plan was already in the budget. She asked about the process. She said the tone of the Council meetings was out of control. She also said fireworks continue to be an issue on the west side of town. She expressed concern that they might hit a house.

Ben Forrest—16 Locust Avenue—said he wanted to compliment the Police and Public Works departments for their work during the recent snow storm and commended the loud speaker announcements to get cars off the street. He said he agreed with Councilman Ballard that the Council protocols regarding speakers needed to be reviewed. He thanked the Council for their remarks regarding John Burton and offered his own comments. He criticized the vitriol between Council members.

Frank Corrado—73 Linden Place—said he agreed with everything Mr. Forrest had said. He also said the Department of Public Works had done good work and thanked the Police Department for their loud speaker announcements. He also commented on the passing of John Burton. He said he recognized that people were torn apart on the Senior Center issue. He criticized the mindset of “just spend whatever and get it done.” He said he wanted what was best for the seniors and wanted to make sure that it was a thoughtful process. He said he did not appreciate the vitriolic devise speech.

Alecia Wilkerson—107 River Street—said the Senior Center had been out of service for two years and said that was too long. She said it was very important and called for the Council to work expediently. She called for them to set a date for the Redevelopment Agency to make a recommendation. She said the snow removal work had been great. She said the tone at this meeting had been divisive and needed to be taken down.

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—criticized Resolution 21-57. She suggested the consider adding the property to the Borough’s Recreational Open Space Inventory. She also suggested the Borough apply for grants.

No one else appearing, Councilman Yassin made a motion to close the Public Comment period, Councilman Zipprich seconded.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None.

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

Councilman Yassin expressed anger over the fact that Ms. Viscomi had appeared to call Mr. Shehady “Mr. Jihad.” He noted the both he and Mr. Shehady were of Middle Eastern descent. He asked her to refrain from racist comments.

Administrator Shehady said many speakers had been stating factual inaccuracies and had made statements that were just not correct.

Councilman Zipprich asked for an answer to Mr. Poku’s question about who was responsible for municipal facilities.

Mayor Menna said it was the responsibility of the Department of Public Works Supervisor and Director as well as the Administration and Council.

Councilman Zipprich also asked for follow up on Ms. Mirandi’s question about financing.

Administrator Shehady said he did not have all of the answers on hand and suggested Ms. Mirandi file an OPRA request for the records.

Councilman Zipprich asked about Ms. Viscomi’s questions about the Master Plan.

Mayor Menna reviewed the Master Plan process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21-59 The Borough Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Contract Negotiation and Personnel. No action to be taken.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Borghi