PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Yngstrom, Horgan, Zipprich, Ballard, Triggiano and 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, 2018.

Mayor Menna welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged elected officials and former elected officials who were in attendance including New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy, State Senator Vin Gopal and Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senator Gopal issued the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Horgan.

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Assemblyman Houghtaling and First Lady Murphy offered comments congratulating the Council members and praising Red Bank.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE OFFICIALS:

Mayor Menna swore in the Fire Officials for 2020.

Chief: F. Scott Calabrese
First Deputy Chief: Robert J. Holiday
Second Deputy Chief: Nick Ferraro

Chief Calabrese thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2019

20-01 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION ELECTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2020.”

Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.
NAYS: None

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

20-02 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.”

Councilwoman Horgan made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Yassin.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.
NAYS: None

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

20-03 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND LIAISON APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020.”

Mayor Menna announced that there would be an amendment to the resolution as one appointment to the Planning Board could not be made at this time since an official resignation had not yet been received.

Councilman Ballard made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.
NAYS: None

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

20-04 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR 2020.”
Councilwoman Horgan made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.
NAYS: None

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

20-05 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020.”

Mayor Menna announced that there would be an amendment to the resolution as one appointment to the Planning Board could not be made at this time since an official resignation had not yet been received.

Councilman Zipprich made a motion to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.
NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna called for a motion to move the following resolutions by consent agenda:

20-06 A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROTOCOL FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS.
20-07 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS.
20-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2019 TEMPORARY BUDGET.
20-09 A RESOLUTION APPROVING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN.
20-10 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF CHANGE FUNDS.
20-11 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK.
20-12 A RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES, UTILITY AND OTHER MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS.
20-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CFO TO CONDUCT FINANCIAL MATTERS BETWEEN REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS IN 2020.

Councilwoman Triggiano made a motion to approve the resolutions en masse, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:
AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.
NAYS: None

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

REMARKS OF MAYOR MENNA

Mayor Menna said he would be hosting public sessions where he would meet with members of the public prior to a Council meeting once a month for an open dialog. He also said he would be reinstating his Saturday morning neighborhood meetings in the spring with dates to be announced.

He said in 2019 the Council had kept its eyes on the prize. He said they had done a critical self analysis two years ago and had started implementing some of the recommendations. He thanked the professionals for helping to keep them focused over the past year. He noted the Borough had received over $1 million in grants and credited the residents of the Borough for getting the word out that Red Bank is a great place to play, work and live. He also credit the support of various elected officials for Red Bank success.

He also reported that Red Bank did not shrink from its Mount Laurel obligation to provide affordable housing. He said the Supreme Court had mandated they provide such housing and said Red Bank did not fight the obligation as some other town had but had made incredible strides. He said sometimes it was painful but said they were moving forward.

He highlighted various projects on the horizon and he said they would continue to move forward with Environmental initiatives such as the recent plastics ban.

He cited the many improvement projects underway in the Train Station Redevelopment Area that would bring economic vitality to that area. He also reviewed the Monmouth Street corridor improvements that were the result of assistance from Rutgers University graduate students.

He offered his congratulations to returning Council members Horgan and Yngstrom and thanked his colleagues for professionalism. He said, most importantly, he wanted to thank the residents for their support.
ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ballard offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi