

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK  
FEBRUARY 12, 2007  
5:30 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst and DuPont.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Vivona, Chief Financial Officer Mason, Attorney Pringle, Assistant Attorney Hall and Engineer Kosenski.

**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 Courier, 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 January 1, 2007.

**SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Curley.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

**Presentation by Mitchell Elias and Neil Rubenstein of Realty Appraisal**

Mayor Menna said that he knows that there are a lot of residents here tonight that received letters from Realty Appraisal concerning the revaluations of their home. He said that property taxes and property values are the single most issue in New Jersey above everything else and that he wants everyone to know that the municipality was under an order by the Monmouth County Board of Taxation to have the revaluations done. He said we did not want to do this but were forced to do it and have asked our Tax Assessor, Mitch Elias and the President of Realty Appraisal, Neil Rubenstein, who had performed the court ordered reassessment of the properties to explain what your rights are and how we address any questions to Mr. Elias or Mr. Rubenstein. He said Red Bank has been through this many times before and Realty Appraisal has done this numerous times over the years and the reassessment does not mean your taxes are going to go up because the tax rate will go down. He introduced Mr. Rubenstein and said that he would go over the process for making individual appointments with his office to go over the process on how your property was reassessed.

Mr. Rubenstein said that this is the fifth time his company is working in Red Bank and that they have done a complete revaluation many times which involves a physical inspection of the home and is a more elaborate process. He said that this time they are doing a reassessment and the physical inspection of the home is eliminated and the fair market value of their home is determined from analyzing sales and listings of the properties that were sold in the area of their homes. He said that the date used for the appraisals of their homes was October 1, 2006 and that it is known as the date of value. He said that we have sent out the letters notifying residents what their new assessment is and this was done with the Tax Assessor and now we are in the hearing process and gave a number for his company that is a local number in Ocean Township that residents can call and make an appointment with his company to discuss how the assessment was determined for their property. He said that they would have all the information about sales and how this data was used to calculate the new assessment and the record for each and every property will also be there so the homeowner can look at it and make sure it is accurate. He said that after the informal hearings are held a second letter would go out telling the property owner if their assessment would be changed or stay the same and if they were not satisfied with the outcome they could submit an appeal to the Monmouth County Board of Taxation and after appealing to the County they were still not satisfied with their assessment, they could appeal to the Tax Board of New Jersey. He said that every assessment in the Borough of Red Bank went up and that the tax rate would drop substantially but does not know what that number would be. He asked if the Mayor would like to open the meeting to the public at this point.

Mayor Menna said that if there are any general questions at this time he would open the meeting to the public but if they are specific questions about your property Mr. Rubenstein and Mr. Elias would be outside in the hallway after this portion of the meeting to answer questions so the meeting could proceed. Mayor Menna asked if anyone would like to speak.

Stephen Heck – 135 Branch Avenue – said that in order to discuss this matter intelligently he would like to know specifically what parameters were used to reach the figures that he did.

Mr. Rubenstein said that comparable sales were used and if nothing was sold in the area comparable sales from a similar part of town for a house that is similar in size and the time it was constructed were taken into consideration and adjusted accordingly. He said that sales are listed on Realtor.com and there are several other websites used by appraisers.

Danny Murphy – 11 Bridge Avenue – said that last year the real estate market was higher.

Mr. Elias said that all properties were assessed using comparable sales from the time frame around October 1, 2006.

Allan Jacobs – 116 Chestnut Street – has not received reassessment letter and asked for the phone number to contact Realty Appraisal.

Mr. Rubenstein said the telephone number is 732-571-6996 and that they staggered the mailing of the notices so that everyone is not calling at the same time.

Mayor Menna said there is a handout available with all of the information and if there were any more general questions because individual questions would be answered by Mr. Elias and Mr. Rubenstein outside the meeting room.

Josephine Fergaro – 19 Leroy Place – asked if other property record cards would be available to look at.

Mr. Elias said that you can only review your property record card and that you would have to rely on sales not how we assess someone else.

Mayor Menna said that you can also review sales of properties on the Asbury Park Press website.

Mr. Sickels said the commercial letters have not gone out and only residential property owners were mailed.

Kathy Tersopolis – 60 E. Roosevelt Avenue – Middletown – owns several commercial properties and said she had all of her properties appraised and they are much different.

Mayor Menna said she should bring the appraisals and have Mr. Rubenstein review them.

David Prown – 44 Hillside Place – said that Mr. Elias said the most current sales were used to determine the reassessment and said that there were not any recent sales in his neighborhood.

Mr. Elias said sales from a similar neighborhood would be used and if that Mr. Prown knows his home better than anyone and that if he feels the assessment is not correct he should schedule a meeting with Mr. Rubenstein.

Mayor Menna asked if there were any general questions, hearing none, he said Mr. Elias and Mr. Rubenstein would be outside the meeting room to answer questions and they would be distributing a letter about how to schedule an appointment to review your reassessment.

Councilman DuPont asked if Mr. Elias and Mr. Rubenstein could stay until 6:30 p.m. because there are some residents from South Street that cannot get here until then.

Mr. Elias said they would.

### **RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

## **WORKSHOP**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 8, 2007**

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the minutes were declared approved.

### **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Menna made the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Jesse Garrison as Regular Member expiring 12/31/07  
Chris Ferrigine as Alternate No. 1 expiring 12/31/07  
Karen Waldman as Alternate No. 2 expiring 12/31/08  
Sam Balacco as Alternate No. 3 expiring 12/31/08.

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the appointments were declared approved.

Mayor Menna appointed Wallace Englehart as Vice Chairperson to the Construction Board of Appeals.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the appointments were declared approved.

### **REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman Curley reported that he attended his first meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee and there are some wonderful volunteers that have given a great deal of service. He said there were two issues discussed. He said the first issue was drainage on the ball fields and the possibility of having a fundraising effort to pay for the improvements. He said that he would have to speak to the Borough Engineer and the Chief Financial Officer to see if this was feasible. He said the second issue is the very poor participation of children in the programs compared to other communities and the group is going to work hard on trying to raise this level. He said there seems to be a disconnection at the parental level and they are going to try to get more children and parents active in the programs. He also said there seems to be a divide between the East and West Side and are trying to overcome that to the best of their abilities and Bob Evans would most likely be coaching baseball at the Middle School and this should help connect children and parents.

Councilman Bifani reported that we would start work on the demolition of the incinerator at the end of Sunset Avenue so we could continue our space project.

Councilman DuPont reported that there were two meetings of the Finance Committee and that they are working on the Financial Statement and hope to have numbers in the next week or so and also working on having the ability to pay taxes online and they are waiting for proposals from online debit systems. He also said that they hope to have the website up and running with a lot more information on it and went out to bid on the insurance premiums but might currently have the best deal with our current provider but will verify it.

Councilman Murphy said that he would like to thank Frank Woods and Chief Fitzgerald for working at night and issuing summonses to four homes for overcrowding and said there is a resolution authorizing participation with Propertyroom.com to sell material and abandoned property that people can bid on that we sell to help keep our storage facilities cleared out. He said it is a good thing for us.

Councilwoman Ernst said that they had their second Code Enforcement Committee meeting and discussed the addition of a new part-time or full-time employee and that Mr. Sickels has some excellent candidates and hopes to hire someone that is multilingual. She said that her racing greyhound got loose the other day and commended two employees from the Public Works Department for assisting her with getting the dog back.

Mayor Menna said that as of 4 o'clock today the Borough has accepted ownership of Cedar Crossing the property on Cedar Street for the State of New Jersey and the Department of Community Affairs first grant for 30 or more units of housing to be built on that site and that the Department of Environmental Protection has issued a no further action letter. He said that Senator Karcher was here this morning and he also thanked Commissioner Levin for the grant and that we are very enthusiastic about the project for low, moderate and step down housing on that site.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Mayor Menna read a request from the Count Basie Theatre to hold a pre-concert reception on Monmouth Street in front of the theatre and closure of Monmouth Street from Maple Avenue to Pearl Street from 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2007 to 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 13, 2007, pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. James #999, Red Bank Elks Lodge No. 233 and Phoenix Productions for raffle licenses.

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the requests, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the requests were declared approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA AND ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA ON FIRST READING**

##### **ORDINANCES – First Reading**

2007-6 Mayor Menna read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO MARIANI PROPERTIES, L.L.C. (T/A BUONA SERA RESTAURANT) UPON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE BOROUGH OWNED RIGHT OF WAY ALONG MONMOUTH STREET AND MAPLE AVENUE ADJACENT TO BLOCK 43, LOTS 5 & 6."

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: Curley, Ernst

There being four ayes and two nays, the ordinance was declared adopted on first reading.

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for February 26, 2007.

2007-7 Mayor Menna read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII, “TRAFFIC,” SECTION 7-3.3, “PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS,” SCHEDULE I, “NO PARKING.”

Ms. Lee offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the ordinance was declared adopted on first reading.

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for February 26, 2007.

#### **ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption**

2007-4 Mayor Menna read “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPANSION OF THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE BOROUGH.”

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

Peter Seviro – 165 Monmouth Street – said that he is the owner of the Mayo Clinic and that his property has three separate lots and one of them is a gravel lot and he does not understand why he will be taxed on that lot.

Mayor Menna introduced Robert Beckelman, Counsel for RiverCenter for the Special Improvement District expansion, and asked him to address the question.

Mr. Beckelman said that the Council could address this concern but as a vacant lot it should not have a very significant assessment but it is used for commercial business so it would be subject to the SID assessment.

Mr. Seviro said most of the businesses in the area do not have any parking at all and that he lets them use his lot on the weekends and at night. He also said that perhaps all three properties should become one.

Mr. Hall said that he should discuss this matter with his attorney.

Mr. Beckelman said that there is also a provision in the ordinance to appeal the assessment.

Allan Jacobs – 116 Chestnut Street – said that offices occupy 95 percent of his building and that he only has one retail space, he requested that his building be taken out of the SID.

Dan Murphy – 11 Bridge Avenue – said that a lot of the businesses think their SID assessment is going to be much higher than it actually is and said that he estimates his yearly assessment to be \$600. He said he has been involved with RiverCenter from the beginning and has seen what it has done for the downtown and is very much in favor of it coming to his area of town.

David Prown – 44 Hillside Place – was involved with RiverCenter since it was started and had weekly meetings with all the businesses until the Council was satisfied that there was overwhelming support from all of the business owners and thinks that one outreach meeting for the new expansion area was not enough and does not feel there is an overwhelming consensus from the businesses in this new area at this time.

Tom Fiskin – Monmouth Street – said he is very supportive of RiverCenter and thinks it is a very worthwhile organization and that the expansion should take place.

Ed McKenna – 36 Buena Place – said he was involved with the Special Improvement District since its inception and people should take a look at what it has done to promote the current area. He said that our downtown area was really struggling and that now it is considered one of the top five Special Improvement Districts in the County. He said that he is supporting the ordinance and that the ordinance could be amended for those property owners that have a valid reason why they should not be included but thinks we have to move forward with the ordinance because there is competition from Long Branch and Asbury Park in the future.

Rachel Decker – 156 Monmouth Street – said that she was originally for the expansion and wants to promote her business but is not happy that there are a lot of proposed residential buildings to the east of her building because it will stop people from continuing to walk down Monmouth Street to shop.

Mr. Decker – 156 Monmouth Street – said that he was also concerned about all the residential development on Monmouth Street because people are going to have to walk blocks just to see another business and would like to see more retail on the ground level of these new developments.

Deiter Bornemann – Oakland Street – said he thinks the expansion is a wonderful idea and thinks it would be very nice to be included.

Mike Simpson – SOME Architects – 16 Monmouth Street – said he is a new property owner on the Westside of Red Bank and has bought the old YMCA building. He said he is a Past-Chairperson of RiverCenter and said the organization only works with volunteers and the new members of the district would have a say where their dollars are spent and is very much in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Gramman – owner of 156 Monmouth Street – said he does not understand why the SID has to be expanded because the Westside is already developed.

Dave Kurshner – 9 Monmouth Street – said RiverCenter does not just do development they are involved in advertising, special events, beautification and so many other areas and he is in favor of the ordinance and said it would just make the town so much stronger.

Peter Seviro- Mayo Auto Service – said there is a problem with homeless people around the train station and sometimes people are afraid to pick up their cars at night and said he does not see this problem on Broad Street, he said he is in favor of the ordinance if it is used to clean up the area.

Les Hathaway – 44 Ambassador Drive – as a resident and taxpayer he is all for it and he said he has been a proud resident for 12 years and people are familiar with Red Bank all over the world.

Mayor Menna asked if anyone else would like to speak, hearing none he closed the public hearing.

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the public hearing was declared closed.

Mayor Menna asked if there were any comments from the Council Members.

Councilman Curley said that he appreciates the comments from the audience and said it is nice to see Mayor McKenna and thinks RiverCenter has made the downtown a great success but thinks the expansion area is too far and too large and feels we are jumping the gun and there should be some kind of plan about what is going to be done in this area and this additional tax at this time would hinder the growth of this area. He said RiverCenter is wonderful and could help the Westside but we are moving too fast because there is a great deal development that is going to disrupt the area and feels we should move with a more piecemeal approach than to include such a vast area.

Councilwoman Lee said that she was initially against RiverCenter moving to this area but said that a lot of businesses in this area said they are anxious to be connected to the downtown area and feels this will be a bridge to bring it all together and should move forward.

Councilman DuPont said that over the weekend there was a comment made by Councilman Curley about his concerns about taxation without representation and he thinks there will be a lot of representation from the businesses on the Westside and said there has been talk about the possibility of the Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce handling marketing in this area and Ms. Rose said that this idea is way beyond the Chamber's resources or mission and thinks it is a good idea to have one business district that will promote all of Red Bank and that he thinks that is very important.

Councilman Bifani said that he was an original member of RiverCenter and was very much in favor of the original proposal to include the Westside in the ordinance and was very disappointed when the litigation caused this area to be taken out. He said that if it was included the development of the Westside would be much closer to where the downtown is today. He said that he respects Councilman Curley's comments about a plan being in place but the Council cannot develop a plan and that this has to be done by the members of the Westside and hopefully they can find a plan that will help everyone in that area. He said the time has come to unite both sides of town and he is very excited about the expansion.

Councilwoman Ernst said that she had originally spoken to business owners on the Westside when it was first proposed and they were very much against it but after the public meeting their opinion changed and is in favor of moving forward.

Councilman Curley said that if we do any improvements to the area we have to be very careful about the types of materials used so the areas are ADA compliant.

Mayor Menna said we have learned from our experiences and will be watchful of that. He said that he appreciates everyone's comments and statements and thinks RiverCenter will serve the whole town. He said RiverCenter is one of the best run organizations in the County and for only two paid staff members they have done a Herculean job. He said there will be equal representation from the members of the Westside and said that he has recently had a resignation from one of the members on the board and said he would like to appoint a business owner and resident of the Westside and that we could amend the ordinance at any time when we deem necessary.

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Mr. DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: Curley

There being five ayes and one nay, the ordinance was declared adopted on final reading.

Attorney Pringle left the meeting.

2007-5 Mayor Menna read "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IV, "GENERAL LICENSING," SECTION 4-12.5, "APPLICATION PROCESS FOR LICENSES," SECTION 4-12.7, "LICENSE FEES" AND SECTION 4-12, "SCHEDULE A."

Mayor Menna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak, no one appearing he closed the public hearing.

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Ernst.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Mr. DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the ordinance was declared adopted on final reading.

## RESOLUTIONS

07-40 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION RELEASING MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY PARKER HEALTH CLINIC/VOLUNTEERS IN HEALTH, 209-211 SHREWSBURY AVENUE, BLOCK 74, LOT 7.02."

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-41 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH PROPERTYROOM.COM, INC. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE COLLECTION, STORAGE AND INTERNET AUCTIONING OF SEIZED OR ABANDONED PROPERTY HELD BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT."

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-42 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POLICE USE OF MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRING RANGE."

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-43 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION REGARDING MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION 2007 AERIAL SURVEILLANCE AND TREATMENT PROGRAM."

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-44 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2007 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS."

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-45 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER CURRENT FUND & WATER UTILITY APPROPRIATION RESERVE."

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-46 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTING BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK."

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

Councilman Curley asked if we looked at other proposals for bond counsel.

Mr. Mason said that we did use the Fair and Open Process and received proposals.

Mr. Curley suggested we advertise this much earlier this year.

Councilman DuPont said Mr. Kaplan recommended this firm.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-47 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURTS OF EACH MUNICIPALITY TO SERVE AS THE CONTACT COURT FOR THE OTHER IN THE EVENT OF ANY EMERGENCY OR NATURAL DISASTER."

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-48 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO CONDUCT AN OUTFALL PIPE MAPPING STUDY AND ILLICIT CONNECTION ELIMINATION PROGRAM AND OUTFALL PIPE SCOURING REMEDIATION PROGRAM."

Ms. Lee offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-49 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH ENGINEER TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHESTNUT STREET AND BRIDGE AVENUE."

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

07-51 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$7,849,478.49."

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

07-50 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION COMMENDING COUNCILWOMAN KAYE ERNST."

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna presented the resolution to Ms. Ernst and commended her for all the time she has given to the Borough.

All of the Members of the Governing Body extended their best wishes to Ms. Ernst and thanked her for her dedication to service.

Ms. Ernst said they are currently looking for a replacement and that if anyone is interested to contact Jack Minton.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **AUDIENCE**

David Prown – 44 Hillside Place – said he is sorry to hear that Shrewsbury Avenue is not in the RiverCenter expansion and congratulated Councilwoman Lee for her son receiving a scholarship and that he should be celebrated as a role model to other children of the community. He said he is also glad to hear that Bob Evans will be coaching baseball at the Middle School.

Gary Morris – 186 River Street – said that there is a problem with children participating in recreation programs and is glad to hear that Bob Evans would be coaching at the Middle School. He said that he does not think that Council Members should get health benefits and that it should be put on the ballot and voted on by the public.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

07-52 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation and property acquisition.

Mr. DuPont offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending litigation and property acquisition. Minutes to be made public in 180 days.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mr. Murphy offered a motion, seconded by Mr. DuPont to adjourn from executive session.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Murphy offered a motion, seconded by Mr. DuPont to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, Ernst, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona