

**MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
JANUARY 1, 2018 -- 3:00 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Zipprich, Horgan, Whelan, Taylor, Yngstrom and Councilman-elect Ballard.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Clerk Borghi, Chief Financial Officer Poulos 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 14, 2017.

Mayor Menna welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged elected officials and former elected officials who were in attendance.

INVOCATION—Rabbi Marc Kline

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Mayor Menna asked Councilman Zipprich if he would like to make a comment.

Councilman Zipprich congratulated Councilman Ballard and said he was humbled and honored to be serving with him and praised his commitment to the community. He said he was looking forward to working on keeping Red Bank a viable community while focusing on green initiatives and historic preservation. He noted that 2018 would see the completion of the T. Thomas Fortune project. He reviewed his goals for his third term on Council and said there were many new challenges. He commended out-going Administrator Stanley Sickels for his dedication to the community. He said he would work to enable and empower Borough employees to better serve the community and enhance municipal services. He spoke of his fellow Council members and pointed out they each had individual skill sets and would work together. He said he looked forward to working with Mr. DeRoberts. He thanked Municipal Clerk Pamela Borghi, Doreen Hoffmann, DPW Director Cliff Keen and his staff, Police Chief Darren McConnell, Fire Chief Stuart Jensen and Fire Department members and all Borough employees. He thanked his family for their love, and advice. He offered special thanks to his sister for her support in 2017. He noted his mother's influence and said she had always encouraged her children to be leaders. He said he was grateful to his Democracy for America colleagues, his campaign volunteers and his friends for their support.

Mayor Menna asked Councilman Ballard if he would like to make a comment.

Councilman Ballard thanked his wife and family for their support. He noted he had had family and friends travelling from other states to be a part of his special day and for keeping him grounded. He welcomed the dignitaries in attendance. He thanked his running mate, Councilman Zipprich and said he was honored and privileged to be sitting with the Council. He said he looked forward to moving forward. He thanked those who had supported his campaign and thanked the residents for their overwhelming confidence in choosing him to help lead the town.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE OFFICIALS:

Mayor Menna spoke of his long standing relationship with each of the incoming Chiefs and commended them on their dedication. He praised the commitment of all of the men and women of the Department and thanked their families for their support.

Mayor Menna swore in the Fire Officials for 2018.

Chief: J. Stuart Jensen
First Deputy Chief: Wayne Hartman
Second Deputy Chief: F. Scott Calabrese

RESOLUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2017

18-01 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION ELECTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2018."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-02 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-03 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-04 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TIME AND PLACE OF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-05 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-06 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2018 TEMPORARY BUDGET."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-07 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-08 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE HUMAN RELATIONS MANAGER AS THE CERTIFYING AGENT AND THE BOROUGH TREASURER AS THE SUPERVISOR OF THE CERTIFYING AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-09 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF CHANGE FUNDS."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-10 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TREASURER TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT IN VALLEY NATIONAL BANK AND TO SIGN ALL PAYROLL CHECKS."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-11 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-12 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES, UTILITY AND OTHER MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-13 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TREASURER TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT FOR MAKING PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIENS."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-14 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION APPROVING PROTOCOL FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

18-15 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: Taylor, Whelan

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

REMARKS OF MAYOR MENNA

Mayor Menna said the Fire Department, Police Department and all of the Borough employees were the unsung heroes of the municipality. He said, despite enormous challenges and being understaffed, their Herculean efforts made the Council look good. He thanked all of the Borough's professionals for their service. He commended Stanley Sickels who he said had devoted his life to the Borough and thanked him for his 21 years of dedication as Administrator. He also noted that local reporter John Burton was unable to attend this meeting because he was currently having health issues and asked everyone to consider him in their prayers.

He said, going into 2018, there was a lot of work to do and said the Council would do it collectively. He said the Council would move forward on the White Street Parking project as a unified body. He said he felt it should be done at no cost to the taxpayers while increasing inventory and being of appropriate scale. He said they would work to fill the Administrator position with the assistance of Mr. DeRoberts and Mr. Hartnett. He said he had confidence in the team. He said they would continue to work with the Board of Education for the children of Red Bank and on the emergency access road to the Primary School. He said they would work with the incoming Senator on funding issues face by the district. He said there was extraordinary talent on the Riverside Avenue and Shrewsbury Avenue committees. He said he looked forward to the full report from Mr. DeRoberts and Mr. Hartnett. He said it had been an eye opening, critical review but said it was good. He said he expected recommendations as early as this month.

He outlined his objectives for 2018 including moving forward with a puppy/kitten mill ban, a revised parking ordinance and limited transit village designation which he noted would open up funding opportunities. He said had received criticism over the water meter project but had found that they should have done it 25 years ago. He said he believed the project would pay for itself in the near future. He stressed the need to move forward with the upgraded Public Works facilities noting that the current trailers were supposed to be a temporary fix but had been in place for over 20 years. He said they would continue to pursue shared service agreements whenever possible. He thanked Councilman Yngstrom for his efforts regarding Marine Park and for moving forward on Sunset Park which would be a state of the art water front park to be paid for by the State. He also thanked Engineer Ballard for her efforts on the project. He also discussed ongoing work at the Locust Avenue Park. He also thanked Councilman Zipprich for bringing him together with the Historic Preservation Commission to discuss designation issues.

He thanked everyone and thanked the Council for their support and dedication. He stressed the need to move forward as a unified team.

Councilman Zipprich said he wanted to acknowledge Engineer Ballard and several other dignitaries in attendance.

Councilman Ballard said he also wanted to thank his brother and his mother for their influence. He noted their personal achievements said it was because of them that he was sitting with the Council today.

BENEDICTION—Rabbi Marc Kline

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Zipprich and Horgan.

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi