

MINUTES
WORKSHOP MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
March 3, 2021
6:30 P.M.

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 16, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Shehady, Borough Clerk Borghi, Attorney Cannon, Engineer Neumann and Department Heads.

ENGINEERING

Engineer Neumann reported that she had received DOT's concurrence to bid the Broad Street project but said they were still waiting for confirmation from IBank. She said she anticipated the project would go out to bid in the next 30 to 45 days with an award shortly thereafter. She reported that she and the Administrator had met with Green Acres regarding Riverside Gardens Park and were waiting to hear back from them regarding their request for a more intense study that the Borough did not feel was warranted.

Councilman Zipprich asked Ms. Neumann to give more details about the proposed improvements at Riverside Gardens Park.

Ms. Neumann said it would include rehabilitation/restoration of the Boardwalk and landscaping near the flagpole. She reviewed the process to apply for Green Acres funding and their request for additional information. She explained that the Borough did not feel it was warranted because it was just a refurbishment and plantings and would not prompt any disturbance. She said they had said they would review the request to see if it could be waived.

Councilwoman Horgan asked about paving from Reckless Place to Hudson that Engineer Neumann had mentioned in her report and asked if Harding Road was included.

Ms. Neumann said the paving would start on Reckless Place and then move to Hudson. She said Harding Road would not be included.

Councilwoman Horgan said she understood that Harding Road was a County Road but said it was in poor condition. She suggested the Borough reach out to the County Commissioners.

Councilman Ballard followed up on his previous comments regarding the Shrewsbury Avenue grant. He said, in his research, he had found that the grant would expire on 5/15/2021. He asked if Engineer Neumann had followed up regarding the status.

Ms. Neumann said she and the Administrator were meeting the next day with the DOT to review the project and to make sure the funding was not in jeopardy. She offered more details on the project and design process.

A discussion followed on the details of the grant program and possible projects. In response to Councilman Ballard's inquiry, Administrator Shehady said the grant could not be used for the Senior Center but was for Streetscape improvements. He reviewed the history and details of the project. He said it had been reviewed by the Shrewsbury Avenue Stakeholders Committee and that had been the genesis for the application that had been submitted. He said the scope was set in stone and reviewed the anticipated discussion with the DOT regarding details of the project including engineering costs and funding issues.

A discussion continued on the history of the project going back more than three years.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the application had been reviewed by the Shrewsbury Avenue Committee.

Councilmembers also asked about details on the East Bergen project.

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Menna reviewed the resolution to oppose fossil fuel exports put forward by Councilman Zipprich.

Councilman Zipprich said it had been brought to his attention by Food and Water Watch. He reviewed the dangers of the materials.

Mayor Menna asked if there were any questions on the Grants Report. There were none.

Mayor Menna asked Councilman Yassin to review the Boardwalk appointments.

Councilman Yassin said he and Councilwoman Triggiano wanted to get started on forming the 2021 Broadwalk Committee.

He said he had spoken with stakeholders and asked for anyone interested to reach out. He said he hoped to have a list of people to appoint by the next Council meeting.

Councilman Zipprich said he thought it was important to seek a broader spectrum of members.

Councilman Ballard asked about the criteria that would be used to select committee members.

Councilman Yassin said the criteria included feedback from the Council, from businesses in the area and from residents in the area that were affected by traffic patterns.

Mayor Menna said he was predominantly concerned with making sure enforcing Borough agencies were also a part of the discussion.

Councilman Yassin said the ordinance creating the Broadwalk had included language naming those essential personnel.

Councilman Zipprich asked if it would include a representative from RiverCenter.

Mayor Menna said it would.

Councilman Yassin the resolution that they had voted on included representatives from RiverCenter and from the Red Bank Business Alliance.

Councilman Zipprich asked if it would include residential members.

Councilman Yassin said that had been in the resolution that they had voted on.

Councilman Ballard asked if there was a limit on resident representation or on the total members of the committee.

Mayor Menna said he had concerns about the committee being too large. He said they were seeking a working group that would actually work.

CLERK

Mayor Menna reviewed the Stormwater Ordinance that was slated for a public hearing at the next meeting. He also reviewed upcoming proclamations.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the Planning Board had reviewed and submitted a report.

Clerk Borghi said she believe it had been on their last agenda but said she planned to confirm that it had completed review before it would be placed on the Council agenda for a vote to adopt.

Mayor Menna noted there was a discussion item listed for Council meeting protocols and asked Councilman Ballard to address.

Councilman Ballard said he had drafted an amended version of the protocol resolution that had been tabled by the Council at their January 1 meeting. He said he would like to change his draft to eliminate the one hour limit on the advice of the Borough Attorney. He said, otherwise, he said he thought it was a good way for residents to comment and ask questions.

Councilwoman Triggiano said she was in agreement that a change needed to be made and was in support of the recommendation.

Mayor Menna said impetus to change the protocol had come from the Council majority of the time. He said he thought the revised protocol would have the support of all of the Council.

A discussion followed on the procedure for audience participation.

Clerk Borghi said she wanted to remind Councilmembers that the next agenda would also include all business from the meeting of February 24th that had been cancelled.

FINANCE

Mayor Menna reviewed resolutions slated for the upcoming agenda including:

1. Escrow Closeout
2. Tax Refund due to Disabled Veteran Status
3. Audit Report and Approving a Corrective Action Plan
4. Emergency Temporary Budget Amendment

He also reviewed the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector reports.

Councilman Ballard asked if the Google document on the budget be available to all Councilmembers.

Mayor Menna said he thought it should be.

Councilman Ballard also noted they were waiting on a report from the Tax Assessor regarding historical tax appeals and asked about the status.

Administrator Shehady said the Tax Assessor was working on it and said it would take some time to go back into the historical records. He also pointed out that the Assessor was currently distracted with the defense of the 2021 appeals so the report would be on the back burner until he could finish with those.

Mayor Menna said he believed that the Red Bank appeals were going to be before the Board of Taxation in mid-to late-March. He suggested they table the discussion to the last meeting in March or the first meeting in April.

A discussion followed on the Tax Assessor's workload and the work required for the report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

There were no questions on the report.

POLICE

There were no questions on the report.

OEM/FIRE MARSHAL/CODE

There were no questions on the report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Keen reviewed his report. He noted there had been a mistake in the reporting of parking revenue and said it was considerably more being \$65,000+ rather than the \$9,000 he had reported. He said the revenue had been similar to the numbers for the same months in 2020. He reviewed work on potholes and street sweeping activity. He noted the number of snow storms so far in the year and thanked the community for its support and his staff for their efforts.

Mayor Menna thanked the staff for their efforts.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the Department was still using a pothole reporting mechanism.

Director Keen reviewed the ways that the reports could be made.

Councilman Ballard also commended the DPW staff for their efforts. He also asked about the plumbing issues at 90 Monmouth Street that had been included in the report. He said water pressure and sewer problems had been an issue throughout the Borough due to an antiquated sanitary sewer infrastructure. He asked if there was a long term plan to deal with the issue particularly with development adding more residents.

Director Keen said, as part of the road program, they examine the water, sewer and storm sewer systems infrastructure to make sure that they were not putting money into a road that they would have to rip up and repair. He said the water system had been upgraded throughout the Borough over the years, however, he said they did not always upgrade the individual services to people homes. He said there were new mains that were large enough to provide the correct pressure and volume but said some of the homes had piping that was very old. He said those repairs were done at the expense of the homeowners. He also reviewed the issues with part of the sewer system. He said 90 Monmouth Street had cast iron pipes which had corrosion issues.

Councilman Ballard asked about the examination of pipes in the Road Program project. He asked how a resident could address concerns about their water pressure.

Director Keen said the issue was probably that the piping from the main to the home was old. He said they would work with the Borough's contractor to give the resident a price so the resident could have the work done.

Councilman Ballard also asked about residential parking during snow storms noting that the Borough offered municipal lots to residents. He said the lots were primarily in the downtown area which was problematic for the west side. He asked about alternative locations such as the schools.

Director Keen said he could not speak on behalf of the School Board. He said he imagined it would be difficult to park people there because it was not guaranteed that the school would be closed. He said if anyone had a problem they should call him and he would try to assist. He reviewed the benefits of having the cars off of the street to facilitate snow plowing.

Administrator Shehady said the Borough had also made Count Basie Field available for parking during recent snow storms.

Chief McConnell said he had already discussed the question about the schools with Superintendent Rumage. He said Dr. Rumage had said he was already having a problem with people parking there making it difficult to plow the lot for access when the school reopened after the storm.

Councilman Zipprich reviewed the history of the Borough's Road Program.

Mayor Menna noted the age of the water/sewer infrastructure and the need for upgrades.

Councilman Zipprich thanked the DPW staff for their efforts.

Administrator Shehady reviewed the proposed shared services agreement with Fair Haven for Animal Control Services. He also reported that there had been a resignation in the Public Utilities Department and said they would be looking to fill the position in the coming months. He also asked the Council to consider increasing the fines regarding violations for on-street parking during snow events. He said they had issued quite a few tickets for people parking on the street and said the priority was not to fine people but to ensure the streets could be

cleared. He said he seemed some people would rather risk the ticket because it was so nominal. He said he was suggesting a more drastic fine in the range of \$200-\$300.

Councilman Yngstrom said he would like to see what other towns in the area charged.

Councilwoman Triggiano said she felt \$38 was a lot of money to some people. She said they had seen improvement through education and outreach. She agreed that there were some privileged people in town who felt that they would rather get the ticket.

Councilman Zipprich asked what the fee was in Springfield.

Administrator Shehady said he was not sure of the fee but said they did not allow overnight parking in the streets. He said it was a more established practice to not have cars parked on the street. He said he knew that some municipalities towed the vehicles which was even more costly than the ticket. He said he understood and appreciated that there were high numbers but said it was high enough to be a deterrent. He asked the Police Chief how many years they had been ticketing for parking during a snow storm.

A discussion followed on the timeline.

Chief McConnell said they had been compliance but said the ones that were left were willing to take the ticket rather than move their cars. He reviewed the safety issues with having those cars remaining in place. He said he would reach out to other towns to compare.

Councilwoman Triggiano thanked those residents that shared driveways with their neighbors.

RECREATION

There were no questions on the report.

Councilman Ballard asked Director Hoffmann how the Borough could ensure that everyone using the fields, particularly at Count Basie Park, had paid the appropriate permit fee.

Director Hoffmann said they would receive a permit through his office and said the park attendants would check. He said there were times when people get on the field without a permit but they did their best to monitor it.

Councilman Ballard asked what would happen if the people did not have a permit.

Director Hoffmann said they were typically told to get one and possibly moved to a grass field.

Councilman Ballard asked if it was possible for someone to use the field and not have a permit.

Director Hoffmann said that was correct.

Councilman Ballard called for a stop to that process and said the Borough should be getting revenue for the use of a field. He said they were looking the other.

Councilman Yngstrom disagreed and said they were allowed to play on a public field that had not been reserved by permits.

A discussion followed on the process and accessibility to fields.

SENIOR CENTER

There were no questions on the report.

Councilman Zipprich asked Director Reynolds if she had seen an increase in activity since she had been registering people for vaccinations.

Director Reynolds said they had already registered over 200 people and expected to start registering about 100 per week. She urged resident to call and leave a message. She noted the high call volume and said it may take them take to get back to them.

Councilwoman Triggiano said she wanted to clarify that the Senior Center staff were registering people for vaccines with the VNA to be administered at the YMCA.

Councilman Zipprich said he wanted Director Reynolds to know that her efforts had been very well received.

Councilwoman Triggiano also acknowledged Administrator Shehady for coordinating the effort with the VNA. She also asked Director Reynolds how the Valentine Card Exchange program had gone.

Director Reynolds said she understood they enjoyed getting the cards and said they may want to do it for other holidays.

Councilwoman Triggiano commended Director Reynolds and Recreation Director Hoffmann for coordinated the effort.

BUILDING

There were no questions on the report.

Administrator Shehady noted there had been a resignation in the Department. He said Construction Official Neibert had already found a replacement and said the appointment would be on the next agenda.

LAND USE

There were no questions on the report.

Mayor Menna noted that there would be a resolution on the next agenda to appoint affordable housing contractors.

Director Ebanks said unfortunately they had only received two submissions in response to the RFP. She said there had been a lot of inquiries but said the deadline had fallen during a snowstorm and Borough hall had been closed. She said she would like to move forward with the two contractors so they could get the rehab program started for the existing applicants.

Councilman Zipprich asked if homeowners would be able to ask both respondents for a quote.

Director Ebanks said they would. She said she would also like to issue the RFQ again before they opened the program up to new applicants.

Councilman Zipprich asked how soon the applicants could move forward in the process.

Director Ebanks said she had had a conversation with Rev. Porter earlier in the day to discuss the process of recertifying the applicants. She said she expected he would be through that process and provide a list by the end of the following week. She said she expected the first applicant to be underway by the end of March.

A discussion followed on the recertification process, how the program would move forward and the history of the program.

Councilman Ballard asked for an update on the first time home buyers program.

Director Ebanks said her focus was currently on the Rehab Program and the existing applicants. She said once that was off of her place, she would like to open the program to additional applicants and reactivate the first time home buyers program. She said it would be difficult to have them going on at the same time while there was a backlog.

Councilman Ballard said it was unfortunate that the program was not currently functioning.

Councilwoman Triggiano said it sounded like Ms. Ebanks was trying to have a healthy workflow and was focusing on making sure the homeowners that had been waiting were satisfied.

Mayor Menna noted there was also a discussion item on the agenda regarding a request from the Historic Preservation Commission for legal counsel.

Administrator Shehady asked Attorney Cannon to review what was needed for that appointment.

Attorney Cannon said the Governing Body would need to give direction on how they wanted to handle the matter.

A discussion followed on the process and budgeting issues. The counsel consensus was to support the request.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Menna noted there was not correspondence listed.

Councilman Ballard said the Council received a lot of correspondence.

Clerk Borghi noted that no official correspondence had been received.

Councilman Ballard asked for examples of official correspondence.

Administrator Shehady gave examples such as official correspondence from a neighboring town, the Board of Education or the County. He said they would be things that would require possible action by the Governing Body.

Mayor Menna said they had received an official communication with a petition that asked the Council to consider adding the name of a former DPW Employee on a list of individuals who had contributed to the community and the west side.

Clerk Borghi explained that those letters had been sent to Council members individually and had not been officially received by her office.

A discussion followed on the recognition that had already been given to the individual.

Councilman Zipprich noted Council members had also received correspondence from some seniors expressing concern about the senior center.

Clerk Borghi said those had also been sent to individual Council members.

Administrator Shehady repeated his clarification.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrator Shehady said Attorney Cannon would be moderating the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Laura Kirkpatrick—Red Bank RiverCenter—said she wanted to address the plan to redo Broad Street and to upgrade the sewer line along with other well needed improvements. She said RiverCenter was respectfully requesting a meeting with the Administrator, the Engineer and their Council liaison to work out details before the project went out to bid. She said they had some concerns for the business community and said she had had a meeting with the district's Visual Improvement Committee that raised additional concerns.

Patricia Kouten—46 Spring Street—said she understood Riverview had purchased a property on Front and Spring streets and wanted to know if the Council knew what they were going to do with the property.

Mayor Menna said no plans had been received for the project and they would not know until those plans were filed.

Ms. Kouten also asked about the \$65,000 in parking revenue that DPW Director Keen had mentioned and asked if the number was correct.

Attorney Cannon said that the amount was for January and February.

Ms. Kouten asked if it was correct that that equaled in amount received in all of 2020.

Attorney Cannon said it equaled the amount for the same time frame in 2020.

William Poku—90 Bank Street—said he was speaking on the snow plowing issue. He said there used to be a schedule for plowing. He said when the snow was pushed, the burden of removing snow was placed on residents. He said there was not a strategic way for snow to be removed without affecting residents. He also said, even after vehicles were removed, snow was not plowed to the curb leaving less room for passing cars once vehicle returned to park on the street. He agreed that raising fines was not the right thing to do. He criticized Administrator Shehady and Attorney Cannon and said they did not “have skin in the game” because they did not live in Red Bank. He said they lived in affluent communities and were doing things that would move poor people out of Red Bank.

Suzanne Visconti—25 Cedar Street—said she was humbled over the public and private support she had received over the past week. She said she wanted to public address the Council and the community over what had occurred at the last Council meeting. She said, after the meeting, she posted a public statement and video on social media. She said she apologized publicly for fumbling her words and mispronouncing the Administrator’s name. She said there was no other malice intended. She said over the past few months, four Councilmembers had been asking the public to believe in the process because they did not want to make a rushed decision regarding the Senior Center. She said those same Councilmembers were asking the public to believe in their heartfelt sincerity and asked for time to get the right information and to make a healthy decision. She said those same four members had rushed to judgement to label her a racist. She accused Councilman Yassin of taking it to the next level by taking it to the media. She said the Mayor had fanned the flames with a post on social media. She said she had dedicated over a decade of time to be a good neighbor and public servant. She accused Council members of trying to try to distract from the issues. She felt the accusation was made for political gain. She said the incident had been triggered by the shock she had felt when a resident who spoke prior to her had been mocked. She said was why people were afraid to speak and forwarded their questions to her. She said she felt party politics had become more important than the town. She said she had asked on January 1 of this year why all Council members’ phone numbers were not listed on the Borough website and had been told that they would be put up. She said, as of today, they were still not posted.

Attorney Cannon noted she had used her five minutes.

Ms. Visconti said she was done and just wanted to request the phone be posted.

Tiffaney Harris—1 Cedar Crossing—said she wanted to thank the DPW Staff for the job they had done in regard to snow removal. She thanked the Senior Center staff for their efforts with vaccine registrations. She asked what the Affordable Housing home owners program would cover. She also said she had attending a meeting where it was stated that the Redevelopment Agency would have data available regarding the Senior Center by March 15. She asked if they were on tract for that. She also announced that there would be rally at the Senior Center on March 13 and she invited everyone to attend.

Mayor Menna asked Ms. Harris to call Community Development Director Ebanks a call to discuss the parameters of the Affordable Housing program. He also said he believed the time table for the Redevelopment Agency was on time. He also thanked her for the invitation to the Senior Center event.

Marybeth Maida—84 Branch Avenue—said she had a question about complaints that had been filed with the Council. She said she had filed one in August and asked about the status. She said it had been filed with the Council Present at the time, the Borough Attorney, the Mayor and the Personnel Committee. She said she had heard that it had been received but had not heard anything else.

Mayor Menna said, since it had been submitted to the Borough Attorney, he would address that.

Attorney Cannon said he had addressed it to Ms. Maida via email in the past. He added that it was a personnel matter so they would not discuss what did or did not happen as a result of the complaint. He noted the Ms. Maida was not an employee of the town but was a member of the public and was not entitled to a report on what happened regarding employees. He said the Council was advised of employee issues in Executive Session and that was how they were addressed. He confirmed that the complaints were received and that every Council member had them.

Ms. Maida asked if it had been dealt with and she had not been informed.

Attorney Cannon said that was correct. He said she had made a complaint about an employee and that it was a personnel matter that was not shared due to the employee’s privacy concerns.

Councilman Ballard said he had received the complaint last year as the Council President. He said he had stepped away from it because he had been a subject of the complaint and asked about the procedure.

Attorney Cannon said he did not want to diminish the nature of Ms. Maida's complaint but said her complaint about an employee was no different than if she had complained about a pothole from a legal standpoint. He said when an employee filed a complaint there was a process and an investigation but for a public complaint, the recourse would be at the ballot box. He said, in this case it was a personnel matter so they could not respond.

Councilman Ballard asked if he would be the person to move the complaint forward for action.

Attorney Cannon said any member of the Council could move the complaint forward just like they would move a pothole complaint forward. He said the complaint had requested employee type action but noted Ms. Maida was not an employee. He said the Borough often receives complaints for anything from parking meters to employee conduct. He said there seemed to be a misunderstanding by Ms. Maida that the Borough would undertake an investigation process. He said that was the case when it was an employee complaint but when it came from outside the Borough personnel, it was a customer service issue.

Councilman Zipprich said, as a member of the Personnel Committee, he had forwarded the complaint to the Attorney. He said he was confused because it was said that the remedy was at the ballot box. He said the person that the complaint was made against was not a Borough Official. He asked for more information on that.

Attorney Cannon said he did not think he could elaborate in the public forum but would be happy to discuss if they wanted to adjourn to Executive Session.

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—said she applauded Councilman Ballard for suggesting changes to the Public Comment procedure. She said noted that meetings being held electronically was both good and bad and cited technological difficulties. She also said Council members should still act professionally and claimed people were texting during the meeting. She also invited everyone to come to the Senior Center rally.

Mayor Menna said he wanted to remind her that texting was happening in live sessions when she was on the Council but said he agreed that they should pay undivided attention.

Angela Mirandi—8 West Lake Road—said she also wanted to comment on the texting and said it was distracting. She asked if the texts were public record. She asked when the public would see a draft budget. She said she was also happy with the proposed change to the Public Comment procedure. She also said she believed the Mayor had responded that the Redevelopment Agency was on track but said she had heard at the last Agency meeting that the expected recommendations in the spring. She said March 15 was only a couple of weeks away so wanted to know if they were on track for March 15 or if it would be later in the spring. She also expressed concern that, while the Redevelopment Agency Commissioners were making recommendations, she said many had been surprised when drawings for an alternate Borough facility had been presented. She said the Agency Consultant had said that it had recently come on the market. She reviewed the transaction history on the property and said she had been surprised that the Agency consultant had not been aware of it and that the Commissioners were not in the loop.

Mayor Menna assured Ms. Mirandi that he would work to ensure they received a response as close to March 15 as possible.

Councilwoman Triggiano said the architects had noted that the phase was expected to take two weeks which would mean that it was on track. She said, regarding the Borough Hall proposal, she had not been aware ahead of the meeting but said that was why they had the meetings. She said it had been reviewed and discussed at that time and it had moved forward.

Ms. Mirandi said she understood that but claimed the property had gone to auction in January prior to the meeting requesting the drawings which she said did not make sense. She said it made the public think that the Redevelopment Agency had something to do with the current escrow of that property. She said residents were concerned about that project as well as the Senior Center.

Councilwoman Horgan said she just wanted to reassure everyone that no final decision had been made and before it was, there would be a presentation to the public.

Attorney Cannon asked Ms. Mirandi if she had any further comment.

Ms. Mirandi said she just wanted to follow up on her question about the budget.

Attorney Cannon said the budget was typically introduced at the end of March but he wasn't sure of the status in the Borough.

Ms. Mirandi clarified that the end of March was not when it would be approved.

Attorney Cannon said it would be introduced and it would continue to be revised before it was ultimately adopted which typically happened in May or June.

Memone Crystian—15 Marion Street—offered kudos to the Public Works Department for their efforts with snow removal. She also asked about links for the Council meetings and asked that they be placed on the home page of the Borough's website. She said she was concerned about people who were not tech savvy being able to find the links.

Clerk Borghi said the links were on the home page.

Ms. Crystian said it was difficult for a person who was older or not tech savvy. She also asked about the work in an intersection of Drs. Parker Blvd. featuring a drawing of a sun. She said it had become withered and worn and was starting to look bad. She asked that it be spruced up.

Mayor Menna said he believed that was preliminary work and said they were working on Phase II.

Ms. Crystian also thanked Community Development Director Ebanks for this information on Affordable Housing. She said she was a Commissioner on the Red Bank Housing Authority which oversaw 90 units that were in desperate need of rehab. She asked that the Housing Authority and the Borough work closer on utilizing some of those funds.

Attorney Cannon said Consultant DeRoberts of the Redevelopment Agency had reached out to him about working with the Housing Authority to obtain investment into those properties, specifically the Cedar Crossing properties.

Councilman Ballard said he had looked at the Borough's website and said the Council Meeting links were kind of on the home page. He said there was an article on the home page but people would have to click on a link to open a different page and then scroll down. He said it was a little deceptive. He said it should be easier to immediately find the link.

Clerk Borghi said the article had a "read on" link that opened to one location to find the links to all public meetings in one location.

Councilwoman Triggiano said she wanted to respond to Ms. Crystian's comments about the project on Drs. Parker Blvd. She said the work had been done as an experiment. She acknowledged that the paint had worn away because it had been a temporary installation. She said, once the project had been deemed successful, it had moved on to the next phase. She said a more permanent design had been created and said it had been designed by the Boys & Girls Club. She said permanent bollards were going to be added to the intersection. She said they had to wait for it to get warmer out for DPW to paint.

Councilman Zipprich said he just wanted to clarify that the Cedar Crossing properties were not part of the Housing Authority.

Laura Camargo—58 Linden Place—asked why they were looking for a new location for Borough Hall. She said she heard they had outgrown the building but said she wanted clarification. She said she also wanted to ask about vandalism and graffiti in town. She cited a specific location and said she believed there had been a program where the Police Department would go out and paint over it. She asked that something be done to take it down. She said she understood the \$1 million streetscape grant was in jeopardy of being lost and asked what could be done. She also said she thought it would be crazy to increase the fines for street parking during snow storms to \$200 or \$300. She said she felt \$38 would ensure people would not leave their cars out.

Mayor Menna said the facility review was ongoing and no decisions had been made but said it was their fiduciary duty to look at all facilities. He said there was a graffiti ordinance that Code Enforcement would address.

Councilwoman Triggiano said they could ensure that there was no way that the fine would go up into that stratosphere.

Ms. Camargo also asked about the Shrewsbury Avenue streetscape.

Mayor Menna said there was absolutely no danger that that funding was being lost. He said they were actively engaging with partners at the State and County.

Sean DiSomma—142 South Street—he said he wanted to go back to the last Council meeting where Sue Visconti had called in. He said the Mayor had posted something on social media he said he felt was inappropriate. He defended Ms. Visconti as someone who would not have made the comment described. He asked why everyone had been so "intoxicated" to smear a resident. He asked the Councilmembers if they were willing to apologize and show leadership.

Councilman Ballard said he had spoken to Ms. Visconti and had expressed his feelings.

Councilman Zipprich said he had also called Ms. Visconti about the incident.

Mr. DiSomma asked if anyone else wanted to apologize. He continued to criticize Council members.

Mayor Menna said he had never mentioned anyone by name in his post but rather mentioned an idea. He said if anyone considered it inappropriate, he apologized.

Councilwoman Horgan said she was willing to give Ms. Visconti the benefit of the doubt.

Mr. DiSomma continued to press for additional Councilmembers to apologize. He thanked those who did.

No one else appearing, Councilman Yngstrom made a motion to close Public Comment, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21-50 The Borough Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Litigation and Personnel. No action to be taken.

Councilwoman Horgan 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.

Councilman Ballard left the meeting during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi