

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
March 10, 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 11, 2019.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Zipprich asked for a moment of silence for Dorothy James.

Mayor Menna and Councilman Zipprich offered their memories of Ms. James.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Menna read a proclamation to proclaim March 21 through 27 as Poison Control Week

Mayor Menna read a proclamation to proclaim March 2021 as Toxic Shock Syndrome Awareness Month
Jordan Robinson read a statement regarding Toxic Shock Awareness and introduced Dawn Massabni, mother of the subject of the proclamation. Ms. Massabni shared her daughter's story.

Mayor Menna read a proclamation to proclaim March 2021 as Women's History Month

Mayor Menna read a proclamation to proclaim March 2021 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

Bruce Maida—84 Branch Avenue—said he had been a resident for 21 years and was a democratic nominee for Council. He asked if the resolution being considered tonight would allow for consideration of resolutions brought forth by the public. He said, if so, he would like to request that a resolution be considered to allow the stimulus money that the town would be receiving in the amount of approximately \$1.2 million be used to fully repair the Senior Center.

Councilwoman Triggiano said funds from the referenced bill could not be used to repair the Senior Center and reviewed items that the funding could be used for.

Mayor Menna thanked her for the explanation and said, since the bill had just been signed, they would have the Attorney further review and advised the Council.

Alan Hill—64 McLaren Street—discussed the running of electronic meetings and said he thought it was vital that the manager of the meeting remained impartial. He said it appeared that members of Council could see a list of who was signed into the meeting and said he felt it put them at an advantage. He said the software should decide the order of speakers rather than meeting manager. He said he felt speakers had been chosen selectively. He said he felt some people were not familiar with Robert's Rules and asked the Council to consider how they would apply to the electronic meetings.

Jordan Robinson—142 South Street—said she wanted to applaud Dawn Massabni for her strength and read a statement regarding the Council's support of the proclamation.

Angela Mirandi—8 West Lake Road—questioned the resolution regarding payment of bills. She asked about an item in the amount of approximately \$141,000 listed as a quarterly assessment to RiverCenter. She asked what that was for.

Administrator Shehady explained that RiverCenter adopts a budget which is used to formulate an assessment for properties in their district. He said that assessment was included in the Borough's tax bills. He said the Borough collects the money similarly to the way the collect money for the school districts, the County, etc. He said they then distribute the money as appropriate. He said the Borough was just a pass through noting that the Borough collects the money but has to turn it over to them.

Councilwoman Horgan clarified that the business properties pay into that assessment and not the residents.

Administrator Shehady confirmed that the assessment was paid for by commercial properties in the district.

Bruce Maida—84 Branch Avenue—said he didn't get an answer regarding whether residents would be able to request consideration of a resolution. He said he understood that the stimulus money may not be used directly for the Senior Center but said it could be used to fund other short falls that would allow them to have the money to fix the Senior Center.

Attorney Cannon addressed Mr. Hill's question regarding the visibility of the list of attendees. He said early on the electronic meeting process, the meetings were disrupted by individuals posting inappropriate comments so the settings were changed. He said he would look into the possibility of a "happy medium."

No one else appearing, Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to close the public hearing, 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.

MINUTES & REPORTS

Workshop Meeting minutes of 1/13/2021

Councilman Zipprich 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.

Regular Meeting minutes of 1/13/2021

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES - Public Hearing/Acceptance:

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 the Ordinance was subject to Planning Board review.

Borough Clerk Borghi said the Planning Board had cancelled their February 1 meeting had had neglected to list the matter on the agenda for the March 1 meeting so they were going to list it on their agenda for discussion at their March 15 meeting. She said it would have to be carried to the Council meeting of March 24.

Mayor Menna said the Zoning Board had sent a resolution in favor of the ordinance but the Planning Board had not reviewed the matter yet. He said the ordinance would be carried to the next Council meeting of March 24, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Councilman Zipprich made a motion to carry the ordinance to March 24, 2021, Councilman Yngstrom 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.

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."

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

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.

ORDINANCES – First Reading:

2021-08 Mayor Menna read, “Ordinance Amending Chapter 596: “Special Improvement District” of the Borough’s Revised General Ordinances to Comport with Recent Updates and Amendments to the By-Laws of Red Bank Rivercenter.”

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

Mayor Menna announced the Public Hearing would be held on 3/24/2021 at 6:30 pm.

2021-09 Mayor Menna read, “Ordinance Approving a One-Year Lease Agreement for an Approximate 5,000 Square-Foot, Fenced-In Portion of Real Property Located at 208 South Pearl Street, Red Bank, New Jersey for the Public Purpose of a Police Impound Yard.

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

Mayor Menna announced the Public Hearing would be held on 3/24/2021 at 6:30 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- Resolution 21-60: Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$2,870,787.25.
- Resolution 21-61: Resolution Authorizing Resolution Of The Borough Of Red Bank To Refund Developer’s Escrow Account Balances
- Resolution 21-62: Resolution Authorizing Water/Sewer Refund Totaling \$140.00 due to Overpayment
- Resolution 21-63: Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds Totaling \$2,363.45 due to Over Payment by Mortgage Company
- Resolution 21-64: Resolution Authorizing the County of Monmouth Mosquito Control Division to Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control Operations within the Borough of Red Bank
- Resolution 21-65: Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of an Administrative Assistant
- Resolution 21-66: Resolution Authorizing One-Time Honorarium Payment in the Amount of \$2,500.00, in Lieu of Tuition and Expense Reimbursements, to Sergeant Jorge Torres for Successfully Obtaining Higher Education Degree

- Resolution 21-67: Resolution Approving Amendments To The By-Laws Of Red Bank Rivercenter Pursuant To Borough Code Section 596-7(A)(1)
- Resolution 21-68: Resolution Awarding a Professional Services Contract to the Community Health Group d/b/a John F. Kennedy Medical Center for Emergency Medical Ambulance Services within the Borough from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.
- Resolution 21-69: Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$2,870,787.25.
- Resolution 21-70: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Fund Appropriation Reserves
- Resolution 21-71: Resolution Amending the 2021 Temporary Appropriations
- Resolution 21-72: Resolution Authorizing Resolution of the Borough of Red Bank to Refund Developer's Escrow Account Balances
- Resolution 21-73: Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds Totaling \$2,586.68 and Cancelling 2nd Quarter Taxes for 2021
- Resolution 21-74: Resolution of Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit
- Resolution 21-75: Resolution Regarding the Borough of Red Bank Report of Audit for the Year Ended December 31, 2019 and Corrective Action Plan Required by Federal OMB Circular Reference Number A-133
- Resolution 21-76: Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Part-Time Building Sub-Code Official Ken Krug
- Resolution 21-77: Resolution Ratifying and Confirming the Appointment of a Part-Time Building Subcode Official
- Resolution 21-78: Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Public Works Water and Wastewater Operator Keenan Morin.
- Resolution 21-79: Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Fair Haven for Animal Control Officer Services for Calendar Year 2021
- Resolution 21-80: Resolution Authorizing the Selection of Qualified Contractors for the "Pool List" for the Borough's Housing Rehabilitation Plan under Its Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center
- Resolution 21-81: Resolution Re-Appointing Commissioners to the Red Bank Housing Authority after Completion of Training Delayed due to Covid-19
- Resolution 21-82: Resolution Adopting Public Comment Protocols for all Meetings of the Borough Council for the Remainder of Calendar Year 2021

Councilman Yassin made the motion to approve the resolutions en masse, 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.

VOICE VOTE

Resolution 21-83: Resolution Adopting the Investigation Report and Recommendations of the Borough Labor Attorney, Dated December 4, 2020, Regarding Two (2) Related Employee Complaints Filed on July 23, 2019 and February 19, 2020

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yassin, Triggiano, Yngstrom and Horgan.

NAYS: Ballard and Zipprich

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

Councilman Ballard said he did not feel the report addressed problems going on in Borough Hall.

Councilman Zipprich said he had similar concerns.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Menna announced that the Borough of Red Bank would be the recipient of a direct allocation of \$1.18 million as part of the COVID recovery program. He said this was an extraordinary event for the Borough. He reviewed the challenges of the past year. He reviewed some of the ways the funds could be

used. He thanked Congressman Pallone for reaching out to him even though he was not the Borough's representative. He said they would be taking a close look at the legislation and expressed thanks to the leaders of both the House and Senate on behalf of the Borough for the assistance that was going directly to towns.

Councilman Zipprich said it was wonderful news. He said he was also grateful that Congressman Pallone had reached out to the Mayor. He noted that previous funding had required that projects be "shovel ready" and asked if there were guidelines for how the money could be used.

Mayor Menna said that was a good question and said, once they received the information on the bill, they would be having a focus meeting.

Councilman Zipprich said it sounded like they could use the funding for repairs and rehabilitations.

Mayor Menna said he did not know the parameters yet.

Administrator Shehady clarified that, with the Corona Virus bill that had passed the previous year, the funds had been given to the State to pass down to the County after the IRA had promulgated rules. He said the current bill hadn't even been adopted yet. He said it had been passed by both Houses of Congress and the President was expected to sign it on Friday. He said the funds that would be coming directly to the Borough fell under a section of the bill that clearly specified generally what the Borough could and could not use it for. He said additional guidelines would be promulgated on how and what it could be used for. He said it could not be used for facilities other than water and sewer. He said it had to go to COVID-19 related purposes. He said there would be a lot of scrutiny on the funds and a lot of paperwork. He said it may require a consultant that specialized in Federal Grants because of the reporting requirements. He reviewed items that it could be used for.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the funds could be used to help those that had had problems paying rent.

Administrator Shehady said he hoped to explore that. He said it did not say they could do that but did say they could provide assistance to households, small businesses and non-profits or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality. He said he expected more specific guidance from HUD.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the funds could be used for water/sewer infrastructure.

Administrator Shehady read specific language that named that as an approved use along with broadband.

Councilman Zipprich said broadband would be a welcome addition.

Councilwoman Horgan reported that the Parks & Recreation Department was inviting people to participate in a virtual Tai Chi program and also noted the annual Egg Hunt would be held on Saturday, March 27. She said the Department was partnering with the Police and Fire departments for a Bunny ride where the bunny would drive around town on Wednesday, March 31. She said the route would be posted in advance. She said the Library was collecting short stories, poetry, music and paintings to be part of its COVID 19 archive. She said more information, including submission information, could be found on the website. She also reported on Spark Change, a new program at the Library for young adults and also a program called Brain Fuse. She said curbside delivery was expanding to Saturdays.

Councilman Ballard said he was concerned about the report on the investigation that Attorney Cooke was supposed to provide. He also asked about the possibility of adding the Senior Center property to the Recreational Open Space Inventory (ROSI).

Mayor Menna asked that the matter regarding the Cooke report be carried to the Workshop meeting to be discussed in Executive Session. He said, regarding the ROSI discussion, they should get information and carry the matter to a future meeting.

Councilwoman Triggiano reported that the Police Department had been conducting a significant amount of training due to several legislative and policy changes. She said they had also had a couple of significant narcotics seizures in the past couple of weeks that had resulted from traffic stops. She reviewed recent incidents and commended the officers. She also reported that officers had recently revived a gentleman in his 40s by using CPR. She said the patient had made a full recovery. She said the Police Department was currently recruiting volunteers to serve on the Domestic Violence Response Team and reviewed the program. Regarding the Fire Department, she reported that the engines there were recently purchased were in the production line and were expected to be completed in September or October. She reported that the Environmental Commission had been working on Sustainable Jersey Actions to renew the town's silver certification status. She said updates and upcoming events would be posted on the Commission's Facebook page. She thanked the Visiting Nurse Association for coordinating with the Senior Center and the Borough to vaccinate the seniors. She reported on the number of those who had registered and those who had been vaccinated.

Councilman Yngstrom reported that DPW was starting to install bollards at Dr. James Parker Blvd. and Bridge Avenue and said they should be completed by Friday. He said he also wanted to remind everyone that parking enforcement had been extended from 6pm to 9pm.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the town had seen an increase in revenue since the hours had been extended.

Councilman Yngstrom said they were on par with where they were last year pre-COVID.

Councilman Zipprich said last year the hours were 9am to 6pm so the Borough had made up some ground.

Councilman Yngstrom agreed that they had made up some ground but not a lot yet.

Councilman Zipprich reported that the Historic Preservation Commission would be appointing an Attorney in the near future. He said the first Education Technology meeting had been held the previous day. He noted that the Borough had changed to a Shared Service Agreement with Freehold Township in November of 2020 and said they were taking care of basic computer repairs and help desk needs. He said there were five individuals serving the Borough and said the Administrator had assured him that there was MCIA money that will help replace equipment throughout the Borough.

Mayor Menna asked Councilman Zipprich to reach out to him to schedule a meeting with the Historic Preservation Chair to discuss enhancing their role in town.

Councilman Yassin read a statement from the Human Relations Advisory Committee to announce that they were working on reshaping their mission statement and were working on a strategic plan for long term projects. He said he was glad to see the Council was moving forward with changes to the RiverCenter By-Laws. He apologized for springing the Broadwalk Committee discussion on the Council but he hoped to move forward with it. He noted many businesses were struggling and also pointed out that they employ local residents. He said the plaza had been a huge success. He said he also wanted to see an update from Mr. Cooke. He said he had also had residents reach out to request a traffic light or crossing assistance at River Street and Shrewsbury Avenue. He said he understood it was a County road and asked if the Borough had made a request for them to put something at that intersection.

Mayor Menna said, to the best of his knowledge, the intersection had not been on the County's road map. He said, now that Councilman Yassin had mentioned it, he would call the County Engineer and would report back.

Councilman Zipprich asked how the Broadwalk Committee members had been selected.

Councilman Yassin said it was a similar process to the one they had used in the prior year and reviewed the steps.

Mayor Menna asked how someone could express an interest in participating on the committee.

Councilman Yassin again reviewed the outreach that had been done.

Councilman Zipprich said he had been asking about the application process.

Councilman Yassin said there was no formal application process and again reviewed had members had been chosen.

Councilman Zipprich asked him to confirm that there was no applications and the members had been chosen by Councilman Yassin.

Councilman Yassin noted that the members would be put up for a formal vote by the full Council at this meeting.

Councilman Ballard said he wanted to follow up on the question regarding River Street and Shrewsbury Avenue. He said he felt that whole stretch of Shrewsbury Avenue was troublesome and reviewed other problem areas.

Councilman Yassin said he had mentioned that specific intersection because several people had reached out to him about it. He said he believed they should look at all problem areas.

Mayor Menna said, when they had formed the former Shrewsbury Avenue Streetscape Committee a number of years ago, they had had meetings with the County to discuss safety issues, traffic calming and traffic regulation because the pedestrian crossings were so challenging and discussed some of the issues. He suggested it be added to Workshop.

DISCUSSION & ACTION

Broadwalk Committee appointments:

Tina Santos

Louis Andreanos

Mikaela Anne

Julia Van Nostrand

David Schmetteter

Sarah Corrado

Angela Courtney

Sam Jain

George Lyristis

Deborah Eisenstein

Councilman Yassin made a motion to confirm the appointments, 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.

Request from Breanna Hartman and Emmanuel Roman for membership to the First Aid & Rescue Squad of the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Special Events Requests recommended for approval (all approvals subject to final plan review by the Special Events Committee and adherence to Executive Orders in place at the time of the event)

1. Request from 180 Turning Lives Around/Amanda's Easel to place 72 Luminaries (displaying children's artwork lit by battery operated candles) around town during the month of April to mark Child Abuse Prevention Month and to shine a light on the needs of children affected by domestic violence.
2. Request from Monmouth Day Care to hold a socially distanced fundraiser at Riverside Gardens Park on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 11am to 2 pm and to reserve four parking spaces on West Front Street for staff/entertainers.
3. Request from RiverCenter to hold a ticketed admission Craft Beer Festival at the Two River Theater on Friday, June 11, 2021 from 5pm to 8pm & on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from noon to 7pm with a rain date of Sunday, June 13, 2021.
4. Request to hold the 7th Annual Michael (POP) Conlin Irish Wake Fundraiser at the Dublin House on July 31, 2021 from 2pm to 7pm and to close White Street from English Plaza to Broad Street and Monmouth Street from Broad Street to 30 Monmouth Street for a parade lasting approximately 20 minutes beginning at 2pm.

5. Request from Streetfairs.org to reserve the following dates for Streetfair events - April 10, 2022 and September 11, 2022.

Councilman Ballard said he had a question about the first item requested by 180 Turning Lives Around. He asked for details on the display.

Clerk Borghi explained that the group would be approaching local businesses to request to place votives in bags with the artwork visible through plastic along the sidewalk in front of their businesses. She said the organization had assured the Special Events Committee that they would maintain them and that, if they deteriorated in any way, they would remove or replace them.

Councilman Zipprich made a motion to approve the requests, Councilman Yngstrom 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Governmental Issues, 5 Minute Limit)

Stephen Hecht—135 Branch Avenue—said he wanted to comment on the Broadwalk Committee and said he was sorry to see that there hadn't been a more cogent process in choosing appointees. He said he felt that it was important for the community and should not be done haphazardly. He said he hoped that more attention would be paid in the future. He said he also wanted to address a comment to Administrator Shehady regarding signing on for the meeting. He said he had previously been able to sign on about two hours prior to the meeting but had not been able to sign on earlier in the day for this meeting. He said he understood that things happen and said the access had been late. He asked that the sign on for the Council meetings be available earlier in the day.

Mayor Menna said it was a logical request and said, if it could be accomplished, it would be attended to.

Ben Forest—16 Locust Avenue—thanked the Council President for his comments regarding Shrewsbury Avenue. He said the street was a constant area of concern. He said River Street could definitely use a pedestrian crossing and as could Locust Avenue. He said the area at the Senior Center was also a difficult spot and reviewed issues he had witnessed. He said he understood the Borough did not have direct control of the street and said the Westside Community Association had gone to the County for line painting, etc. He said it was a constant area of concern.

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—asked about 303 Broad Street, a property on the corner Broad Street and Bergen Place. She said the property was being look at by the Redevelopment Agency and said the Borough had looked at the property before. She said it had gone up for auction in 2021 and asked if the Borough had a straw person holding the property in escrow. She said someone had a three year lease on the property and said she found it interesting that the Borough had a three year lease with Trinity Church. She again asked if the Borough had a contract on the property or if they had someone holding the property.

Mayor Menna said the Borough did not have a straw person and did not have a contract for the purchase. He said there was no nexus between the Borough of Red Bank and 303 Broad Street.

Ms. Burnham said she also had questions about the Senior Center and said Consultant DeRoberts had said in August of 2020 that he had received price estimates for the municipal facilities project. She said he had said he was going to do a presentation in October but it had never happened. She said she felt the Council had all of the numbers. She said Councilman Yassin had promised he would have answers by March 15. She asked if they would have information on March 15.

Mayor Menna deferred to Councilman Yassin on the question.

Councilman Yassin said, at a February Council meeting, he had asked that a mid-March deadline be put in place for the Redevelopment Agency to give the Council the information that it had. He said, to his knowledge, that was on track.

Ms. Burnham said she would like to know if someone from Wallace Street or Linden Place was on the Broadwalk Committee.

Councilman Yassin said there was a resident from that area and also a business owner from that street.

Ms. Burnham expressed concern for the residents on Wallace Street. She said she would like to be on the committee.

Councilman Yassin asked her to send an email expressing her interest.

Ms. Burnham accused meeting participants of texting during the meeting. She said she felt it was obvious that the Administrator was texting answers to Councilmembers.

Councilman Yngstrom said he respectfully disagreed with Ms. Burnham.

Alan Hill—64 McLaren Street—said he wanted to follow up on Mr. Forest’s comments regarding Shrewsbury Avenue and said he totally backed him up. He said he wanted to remind the Council that Red Bank had signed on for Complete Streets more than ten years ago. He said that was supposed to be on the forefront of every decision pertaining to roads. He said Monmouth County had also signed up for it so there should be no dispute. He said he had lived here for five years and could not recall any decision on a particular road being referred to the Complete Streets specification. He said Mr. Forest had also mentioned the crossing in front of the Senior Center and said he had raised the question before but had been told it was a county road and the Borough couldn’t do anything about it.

Angela Mirandi—8 West Lake Road—said she had lived in Red Bank for over 25 years and said she felt there were many bad streets. She said she felt traffic calming should be a priority throughout town and asked for increased enforcement. She also the Mayor to expand on the requirements for a Community Center such as whether it would include a gymnasium.

Mayor Menna said there were on specific requirements articulated. He said, if she was referring to a possible Community Center at either Count Basie Field or the current Senior Center location, there were no specific proposals that had been presented. He said it was hypothetical at this point.

Ms. Mirandi reviewed criteria that had been used in other towns.

Mayor Menna said the uses outlined were all appropriate and noted that many had been done 20 years ago when Federal Funds had been available. He said that funding was gone but said there were a number of different discussions about what could be done but there was no clarity at this time. He said he was an appropriate discussion they could have very shortly.

Councilwoman Triggiano said the Redevelopment Agency had met with their professionals and the Department Directors to discuss their wants and needs. She said they were going into this with the knowledge from speaking with people who work with the community every day.

Ms. Mirandi asked which Department they had met with regarding the Community Center.

Councilwoman Triggiano said they had met with all Departments about their needs for programming.

Ms. Mirandi referenced the phrase “build it back better” and asked for information on how they planned to make it better.

Councilman Yassin said the idea was to see what was possible. He said they were waiting to see what the professionals came back with, what the options were and what can they accomplish. He said he hoped they would have a better idea by the next Council meeting. He said he also wanted to address the comments regarding Shrewsbury Avenue’s traffic problems. He agreed that it was a problem and that there were a lot of other problem spots. He said he did not know what the Borough could do but asked for a comprehensive look at Shrewsbury Avenue.

Mayor Menna said they had already started that and noted there had been discussions for the past couple of years with the County including regarding traffic calming. He said there should be a follow up at the next workshop meeting.

Attorney Cannon said he was familiar with a similar situation in another town where they had used targeted enforcement and forward information to the County to have speed limit signs placed along the roadway. He said he realized that that wouldn’t solve all of the problems but said it was something that was under the Borough’s control as long as they had County approval.

Mayor Menna said he appreciated the comments and said part of the problem was speeding but it was also heavy traffic volume.

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—said she wanted to comment regarding Shrewsbury Avenue and said she agreed that crossing was bad and speeding was bad. She said she also thought the lighting was bad.

Councilwoman Triggiano said the lighting had been upgraded a year and a half ago and was the brightest lighting in town.

Angela Mirandi—8 West Lake Road—asked Attorney Cannon if text messages went during Council meetings were considered government records.

Attorney Cannon said it would depend on a lot of different factors. He reviewed different scenarios and which messages might be subject to OPRA depending on content. He said he had advised Council members not to text and noted that it was difficult to tell if they were texting or taking notes.

Nancy Blackwood—34 Chestnut Street—said that, about a year ago, the town had been looking into doing a traffic study. She said, think along the lines of a Complete Streets perspective and considering traffic calming and making the streets accessible for all, she felt traffic volume had returned and asked the Council to consider doing the study at this time.

Ben Forest—16 Locust Avenue—said he wanted to comment on the texting discussion. He said he also served on a public body and they often received documents electronically and he often read those during meetings. He said he also took electronic notes during meetings. He expressed concern about the vitriol going on meetings and suggested they stick to more important issues.

No one else appearing, Councilman Yassin made a motion to close the Public Comment period, Councilman Yngstrom 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 Ballard asked Councilman Yassin if there was a target date to receive a report from the Redevelopment Agency by March 15.

Councilman Yassin said that was correct.

Councilman Ballard asked if they had made a decision because he thought next meeting was after the 15th.

Councilman Yassin said he was not aware if they had made a decision but said he expected the Council would receive something by mid-March.

Councilman Ballard asked, if they were not meeting, who was making the decision.

Councilman Yassin said he had asked for the information that they had.

Councilwoman Triggiano reviewed the details of the timeline provided to the Redevelopment Agency by the architects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

21-84 The Borough Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss Litigation. 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.

RESUME REGULAR BUSINESS

Councilman Yassin made a motion to resume Regular Business, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Yngstrom a motion to adjourn the meeting, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi