

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
JANUARY 25, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Ziprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor and Whelan.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Sickels, Deputy Borough Clerk Thomas, Chief Financial Officer Poulos, Engineer Neumann and Attorney Cannon.

ABSENT: Councilman Yngstrom and Borough Clerk Borghi.

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 January 1, 2017.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ziprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan
NAYS: None

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

Parks and Recreation Logo Presentation

Charlie Hoffmann, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed a recent contest the Department had conducted for a new logo design. He announced that the winner of the contest was Red Bank Regional High School student Jack Davis and revealed his winning design. Councilwoman Horgan represented Councilman Yngstrom who was unable to attend the meeting and said Councilwoman Schwabenbauer and Councilman Taylor had assisted in the Parks and Recreation Committee effort to select a winner for the logo contest.

Councilwoman Horgan presented Mr. Davis with a Certificate of Achievement and a gift certificate.

Mayor Menna thanked the Board of Education and Mr. Davis's family and friends for their attendance. He asked him where he wanted to go to college and Mr. Davis responded that he wanted to go somewhere he could major in writing and the arts.

RBR Superintendent Dr. Louis Moore

Dr. Moore stated that he wanted to take this time to introduce himself to the Mayor and Council. He also introduced members of the Board of Education who were in the audience. He spoke of the many accomplishments that Red Bank Regional High School had had and his plans for the future for the curriculum and the facilities.

Mayor Menna said the Council was proud and supportive of the School system. He commended Dr. Moore's enthusiasm and dedication. He also noted that the local Superintendent of the Public Schools, Dr. Rumage, was in the audience.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Ziprich offered a motion to resume the regular order of business, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ziprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan
NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

Public Comment Time Limits

Mayor Menna noted that the issues of Public Comment Time Limits had been carried over from 2016 and asked Councilman Taylor to review.

Councilman Taylor said the Council had discussed the matter and noted that a number of other municipalities imposed a limit. He said the intent was not to limit comment but to allow for more meaningful comment and offer more people the opportunity to speak. He said Clerk Borghi had done research of other local ordinances and said a draft resolution had been prepared.

Administrator Sickels clarified that Clerk Borghi had polled several other towns and prepared a summary for the Council's review. He said she had provided a sample summary and had noted that it was commonly adopted by resolution at the municipalities' reorganization meetings.

Mayor Menna asked for Council comment.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer reviewed the sample policy provided by the Clerk and noted that it called for a five minutes limit for speakers and having speakers address the entire Council rather than individual members. She said it would also limit Council members to three minutes for Committee reports and presentations. She said it also state that Council members should not respond to commenters or engage in back and forth conversation.

Mayor Menna said the purpose of the Public Comment portion of the meeting was to provide the general public the opportunity to speak and not for the Council to engage in a debate with the public. He said he had always through that that was the preferable action to take. He said the Council should let the speaker finish and then take the comment under advisement.

Administrator Sickels reviewed the proposed protocol which would also call for the speakers to address their questions to the Mayor and questions would be answered after all public comments were received, Councilmembers asking a question of a speaker could request to do so through the Mayor, speakers would be limited to five minutes and each person who wanted to speak would get a chance before a person could speak for a second time and presentations would be limited to ten minutes.

Councilwoman Horgan said she thought she had seen something about there being a limit of no more than 15 speakers.

Mr. Sickels said the protocol stated that, if there were more than 15 speakers, the Mayor could limit comment time to three minutes.

Councilman Taylor said he had reviewed public comment at different meetings and had found that the vast majority of people completed their comments in two to three minutes. He said he did not feel it would impede anyone from getting their comments on the record.

Mayor Menna said he had seen other Councils handle reports by elected officials in a different way. He said they would held until the end of the regular agenda or report to the press after the agenda had closed.

Councilman Taylor said he would prefer to keep it earlier in the meeting to offer information on upcoming public events.

The Council consensus was to carry the matter for the next Council agenda.

RFP White Street Parking Lot

Mayor Menna reviewed the Council's actions to authorize a request for proposals. He said the RFP document was part of a fluid program which would keep the momentum going for a public parking facility. He reviewed changes that had been made to the document in an effort to get the greatest possible response. He said the Council would not be taking any action other than putting out the request with a return date of April 26th.

Councilman Whelan said it had been a long road and reviewed the history. He said the next step was to put out the RFP in hopes of coming up with something beautiful and incredible. He said the Environmental Commission had come up with a lot of good ideas. He also said the Parking Committee had met twice since Reorganization Day to review the RFP. He said this would be the last step for the Council to see if they would continue down this road.

Mr. Sickels noted that the Environmental Commission comments were included as an addendum to the plan.

Councilman Taylor noted that those comments were received via a letter from the Chairman of the Commission in December of last year. He also noted that Chairman Corrado had addressed the Mayor and Council to present those comments.

Councilman Whelan said the comments had also been emailed to the entire Governing Body on December 12.

Mayor Menna said the Parking Committee would also be holding Public Hearings that would be advertised and open to the public.

Councilman Whelan said there would also be an email set up to receive comments on the proposals.

Councilman Zipprich noted that Councilman Yngstrom was new to the Council in 2017 and asked if the Environmental Commission comments had been forwarded to him.

Councilman Whelan said he would make sure the email was forwarded to him.

Councilman Zipprich said he and Councilman Yngstrom had called for more public input and had asked that the documents be sent to the Redevelopment Attorney. He noted that Attorney Baumann was present.

Councilman Whelan thanked Attorney Baumann for attending. He said Mr. Baumann's comments had been incorporated into the RFP.

Councilman Zipprich noted that the Attorney had been able to shorten some of the time frames.

Administrator Sickels said Councilman Yngstrom had been copied on all of the changes.

Mayor Menna said he had misspoken earlier because he had been looking at a previous version of the document. He said the proposals were due for return by April 7, 2017. He also asked the Redevelopment Attorney if he had anything to add.

Mr. Baumann noted they had worked on similar projects in other towns and said they would be with the Council every step of the way. He reviewed changes he had suggested for the plan. He acknowledged that this was the first step of a long process and reviewed details.

Abandoned Property Ordinance

Mayor Menna noted that the Borough already had an abandoned property ordinance but said it was limited in scope. He noted that he had stated on New Year's Day that he wanted to see not only foreclosed properties but also abandoned properties. He said it was a Code Enforcement issue and was also a "nightmare" for the neighbors. He said they would be subject to hefty registration requirements because ongoing maintenance was costing the tax payers a lot of money. He said the framework of the ordinance had been provided.

Mr. Cannon explained that the Council had proactively adopted the foreclosure ordinance in 2014 and said this ordinance would bring the Borough up to date with all the powers of the statute. He also noted that there were exclusions in the ordinance for properties that were listed for sale or rent. He said the ordinance was designed for problem properties or absentee owners. He reviewed the process of how the ordinance would work once enacted.

Mayor Menna said the ordinance would also address speculative properties that remained vacant.

Mr. Cannon said he would clean up the ordinance and add specific dates for the next meeting.

Mayor Menna reviewed areas where the ordinance had worked.

Councilman Taylor said the Code Committee had discussed the matter and were unanimous that it should move forward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 11, 2017

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor Whelan

NAYS: None

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

No Mayoral appointments.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Zipprich reviewed activities from Martin Luther King weekend and thanked those who had participated. He reported on a grand opening event at a new local business. He said the Historic Preservation Commission had met the previous night to review plans from the Planning/Zoning Office and to discuss their annual report and inventory. He said HPC member Gilda Rodgers would be speaking at the Monmouth County Historic Society meeting regarding the T. Thomas Fortune House. He said the Department of Public Utilities Committee had met the previous week and had discussed the Road Program, facility upgrades and ongoing maintenance and staffing needs. He said the Council would be awarding the bid for the construction of Well No. 8 at this meeting.

Councilwoman Horgan said she would review the Parks and Recreation report on behalf of Councilman Yngstrom. She said the Department would be hosting a family trip to Jenkinson's Aquarium on February 3rd. She also reported that the Father/Daughter Sweetheart dance would be on Friday, February 10th and reviewed details of the events. She said baseball and softball sign ups were underway and also for a Couch to 5K event that would begin in March. She also reported that there had been a Women's Rally in Riverside Gardens Park that had been well attending. She said it had been diverse and stressed the importance of unity. She thanked the organizers. She said the Education/Technology Committee had met on the 18th and were reviewing resumes for the new IT Director. She said they would be meeting the following week to interview the three candidates. She also reviewed programs at the Library including the "Let's Talk About Race" series and other programs/events. She said the annual appeal was also underway.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer said the Finance Committee had met on January 17 and said they anticipated introducing the budget in March. She stressed that the introduced budget was a rough draft and said they would again hold a public presentation before the final vote. She reviewed challenges they faced in the coming year. She said the largest single expense was benefit payments to retirees and said

they would be auditing those payment this year. She also reported on a meeting that had been held on January 13th with the State Department of Transportation and the Monmouth County Engineers. She said the meeting had been led by the Mayor and reviewed attendees. She said they had discussed pedestrian improvements on Highway 35 near the Atrium and various crosswalk improvements that were needed. She said she met with the Monmouth County Engineers after to review improvements needed on Shrewsbury Avenue and grants that might be available.

Mayor Menna added that the County had been enthusiastic about his vision for enhancing the Shrewsbury Avenue corridor. He said he thought they really got it and noted the high traffic count on Shrewsbury Avenue. He said it was an extraordinary marketing tool for businesses.

Councilman Taylor reviewed items discussed by the Code Committee including the vacant property ordinance. He also reviewed ribbon cuttings at local businesses. He said he wanted to echo Councilman Zipprich's comments about Martin Luther King events. He noted he was also the liaison to the Environmental Commission and said the RFP amendment was a huge win for the Commission. He reviewed the Commission's goals for the coming year.

Councilman Whelan said the Human Relations Committee had met and welcomed a new member. He said the Parking Committee had met twice and reviewed Parking Ordinances on the agenda. He also thanked Alert Traffic Lines for the donation of the Blue Line on Broad Street. He said it was a nice symbolic message of unity for law enforcement. He thanked the Mayor keeping him on the Planning Board and said he looked forward to working with him in the coming year.

Councilwoman Horgan said she wanted to add that there had been a picture of the Borough's Canine Officer sitting by the blue line in the Monmouth Journal.

Councilman Taylor said he wanted to recognize an email received from a Little Silver resident commending Deputy Fire Marshal Tom Welsh.

Administrator Sickels noted the Borough provides Fire Marshal services to the Borough of Little Silver through an interlocal agreement.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Menna read a request from Ani Art Academy to hang a temporary sign below their existing permanent sign for approximately six months to advertise that their school is now open to all veterans, regardless of ability or disability.

Mayor Menna reviewed the organization and the service they provided to veterans.

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT—Ordinances on First Reading and Resolutions Only

Mayor Menna opened public comment on Ordinances on First Reading and Resolutions only.

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—said she had a question about Resolution 17-28. She asked what would happen if an applicant wanted to build an eight story structure.

Mayor Menna said the Council would have to approve that.

Ms. Burnham asked for confirmation that he would be allowed to build up to eight stories.

Mayor Menna said that was not the case and said that the applicant would only be able to build what the Council approved.

Ms. Burnham said she was confused and noted that the plan said eight stories. She asked if that meant the Borough would allow up to eight stories and, if the Borough denied an eight story plan, the applicant would have the opportunity to sue the Borough.

Mayor Menna said that was not the case and noted that it was a Request for a Proposal. He said that meant it was an open forum for people to submit ideas. He said the Council would then sift through what he said he hoped would be a number of different ideas. He said if the Council liked an idea, a plan would then be submitted. He said the Council could reject all of the proposals and said it was not a green light for anyone to build anything. He said it was an opportunity for people to submit proposals for the Council to consider so they could decide if they wanted to go forward with any of them. He again noted that, if the Council chose to go forward, the next step would be to submit a plan.

Attorney Cannon confirmed that the Mayor's statement was correct and again reviewed the process. He also noted that the Council was seeking proposals through a fair and open process which they were not required to do. He said they could have just named a developer. He said, through this process, people could submit a proposal for whatever they wanted to build there and the Council could accept or reject.

Ms. Burnham asked what would happen if someone submitted a plan for eight stories.

Attorney Cannon said people could submit a plan for whatever they wanted to build and, even though the plan allowed for eight stories, the Council could say they did not think that was a good idea.

Ms. Burnham said she thought the plan was to build a garage.

Mr. Cannon clarified that the Redevelopment Plan had the requirement of a garage but allowed for other uses which he said were wide reaching. He also noted that the RFP included a provision that allowed the Council to reject all proposals if they did not like them. He said he also believe the time line included time for public comment.

Councilman Whelan said Ms. Burnham's question about the eight stories and potential law suit was a good one. However, he said, the Redevelopment process that they had used gave the Council the power to say no.

James Scavone—Executive Director, Red Bank RiverCenter—said he also wanted to speak on Resolution 17-28. He said he was speaking on behalf of the Business Community and said they agreed with what had been said during the Workshop portion of the meeting and were thankful that the project was at this point. He said they hoped the RFP was sent out and were heartened that there was still room for other negotiations depending on the submissions.

Bill Brooks—77 Tower Hill Avenue—said he had questions about the RFP. He said it called for 773 net gain in spaces.

Councilman Taylor clarified that it 500 net new.

Mr. Brooks clarified that it was 500 net new with 773 total.

Councilman Taylor said that was one of the hard numbers.

Mr. Brooks asked what would happen if someone wanted to put a restaurant in the project. He cautioned the Council to make sure the applicant didn't get an exclusion out of those spaces. He said a developer was not going to make money on just a garage. He said the Borough could end up with a net loss.

Mayor Menna said that provision was already in there.

Councilman Whelan clarified that any new construction that needed additional spaces would not be included in the net 500 number.

Mr. Brooks said he understood that but cautioned the Council against granting any shortfall exemptions. He agreed that the garage was needed but said the proposals needed to understand the parking issue.

Stephen Hecht—135 Branch Avenue—said he had been excited to read that the Count Basie Theatre was selling more tickets than many other venues and also understood they were in the process of a \$20 million improvement. He asked if there had been any discussion with the theater to participate in or build a garage.

Councilman Whelan said he had spoken with them a few times and said they had been invited to multiple Parking Committee meetings. He said the theater had indicated that they bring 150,000 people to the downtown that do \$17 million of business in the town. He said he did not think they would participate.

Mr. Hecht suggest that the theater should be asked to participate and asked the Council if they would pursue that line.

Mayor Menna said it was a good question and said it would take some serious negotiation. He said there had been efforts in the past that had not been successful. He said any comprehensive plan should address the impact of the theater.

Mr. Hecht asked how the Council would address it.

Mayor Menna said they would not discuss negotiation strategy in open forum. He expressed concern about the effect the theater had on residential parking in the area especially at night. He said it was premature to discuss negotiation strategies but said he agreed that there had to be an elemental component of the theater's participation.

Mike Fisher—132 South Street—noted he was on the Environmental Commission. He thanked the Council for incorporating the Commission's recommendations. He said he had some additional recommendation.

Mayor Menna said Mr. Fisher may not have the most recent draft.

Mr. Fisher reviewed the suggested amendments.

Mayor Menna said the Attorney could incorporate the suggestions.

Victor Kuo—91 Broad Street—he said, on behalf of the Red Bank Business Alliance, he wanted to echo Mr. Scavone's sentiments. He said they looked forward to working with the Council on a parking garage. He also said they were supporting public discourse with the residents and would be having a Town Hall Meeting at the Red Bank Middle School on February 6, 2017 from 7 to 9 pm. He said all were invited.

Dan Reardon–53 Elm Place–said he felt this was the right time for the Council to let developers what they were looking for. He said he had read a draft of the RFP and the Redevelopment and said he felt they were encouraging people to densely populate the area with parking, residential and retail/restaurant. He said he felt that gave a misconception about what a lot of people wanted there. He asked the Council to put more vision into the RFP.

George Lyristis–Bistro/Teak–noted there had been double shows at the Count Basie Theatre the previous weekend. He said he had had a great week at his restaurant but said there had been problems with parking. He stressed the need for a garage.

Mayor Menna asked if anyone else would like to speak. No one else appeared.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

Mayor Menna said the ordinances on for First Reading all dealt with Chapter 680 and confirmed with the Borough Attorney that they could be introduced with one motion.

Mayor Menna read the following titles:

2017-02 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 680, “Vehicles and Traffic,” Section 680-36, Schedule II, “Parking Prohibited Certain Hours.” (Snow Restrictions - All Streets.”)

2017-03 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 680, “Vehicles and Traffic,” Section 680-50, “Schedule XVI: “Lane Use Reservations.”

2017-04 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 680, “Vehicles and Traffic,” Section 680-35, “Schedule I: “No Parking.”

2017-05 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 680, “Vehicles and Traffic,” Section 680-38, “Schedule IV: “Time Limit Parking.”

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to introduce the ordinances, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None.

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

Public Hearings to be held February 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Final Adoption

2017-01 Mayor Menna read, “An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 680, ‘Vehicles and Traffic,’ Section 680-36, Schedule II, ‘Parking Prohibited Certain Hours.’”

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

No one appearing, Councilman Whelan offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and one nay, the motion was declared approved.

RESOLUTIONS

By Consent Agenda:

- 17-18 A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Interfaith Neighbors, Inc. for 2017 Nutrition Program for Red Bank Senior Center.
- 17-19 A Resolution Appointing Alternate Counsel for Continuing Legal Matters.
- 17-20 A Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 Related to the Contract with Precise Construction, Inc. for Marine Park Site & Bodman Place Pump Station Improvements.
- 17-21 A Resolution Petitioning the New Jersey Department of Transportation to Restripe and Install Pedestrian Safety Enhancements at the Exist Crosswalk Located at Riverside Avenue Opposite Veterans Park Near Pearl Street.
- 17-22 A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Monmouth.
- 17-23 A Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Current Fund Appropriation Reserves.

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-24 Mayor Menna read “A Resolution Authorizing the Donation of a 1989 Pierce Arrow Fire Engine to the Monmouth County Fire Academy.”

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna asked if the Borough would be receiving free training from the Academy.

Administrator Sickels said the Department did receive free training from the Academy.

17-25 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Accepting Bids and Awarding Contract for the Construction of Backup Well 8 and SCADA Improvements.”

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-26 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Rejecting all Bids Received for Real Property Data and Verification Services and Authorizing the Receipt of New Bids.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-27 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Fixing Compensation of Certain Offices, Positions and Employees of the Borough of Red Bank for the Year 2017.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-28 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Request for Proposals for the Redevelopment of the White Street Municipal Parking Lot.”

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

Attorney Cannon read the amendments into the record:

- Change to second to last line of the first paragraph to: “Indeed, the interplay of Borough’s quaint character and magnetic regional draw result in the need to maintain a balance between preserving the charm and character and environment of the Borough while providing enough parking to ensure the vitality of its downtown businesses.”
- Under Project Goals, adding new Project Goal: “To enhance the aesthetic beauty and long-term efficacy of the project through the use of modern, environmentally sustainable building practices or uses of the structure.”

Councilwoman Horgan said she had not felt that this was the best way to solve the parking problem. She said she would vote for it but wanted the record to show that there may be other options that she would like to look into.

Councilman Zipprich said he was looking forward to accepting those changes and said that they had reached an agreement at the last Parking Committee meeting that it was time to put it out.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Taylor thanked the Council for accepting the Environmental Commission changes.

17-29 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the “Red Bank Road Program - Pearl Street” Project.”

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-30 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Grant Agreement between the Borough and the County of Monmouth, Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, Disabilities and Veterans Services.”

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Schwabenbauer.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

None.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

17-31 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$2,505,998.47.”

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE

Mike Fisher–132 South Street–said the Environmental Commission wanted to make a comment on the Storm Water mitigation. He said the matter had come up while they were reviewing the plans for 55

West Front Street which was an open lot. He said the Commission recognized that the prior use had been a building. However, he continued, due to the fecal contamination issue around the Navesink River, the Commission felt it would be a prudent policy for the Borough to encourage new development to incorporate storm water mitigation components in their design. He offered examples such as rain gardens and permeable parking lot surfaces.

Mayor Menna said he had seen a hotel in China that recycled rain water in its lobby and suggested the Borough should think outside the box.

Freddie Boynton—365 Shrewsbury Avenue—said he felt that, if the public was limited to five minutes, the Council comments should be also shorter. He also spoke about the issue of residents without driveways and the No Parking During Snow Events ordinance. He said the Borough tried it years before and it hadn't worked. He also said there has been a trailer parked on the wrong side of Mohawk Lane for two weeks. He said no ticket had been issued on the matter. He said he was bringing it up because his brother had gotten a ticket in a similar situation.

Mayor Menna asked the Police Chief to follow up the next day.

Mr. Boynton said there had also been several buses parked on the street that had no tags for motors waiting to get into the junk yard. He said they should not be overlooked.

Mayor Menna said he agreed and said all regulations must be uniformly enforced. He said the Chief would follow up the next morning to make sure of it.

Councilman Taylor clarified that the purpose of the snow removal ordinance was to remove cars temporarily so they could plow curb to curb and then the vehicles could return. He added that if they did not remove the snow there would be less parking for the residents.

Mr. Boynton reviewed his history of snow plowing as a Borough employee.

William Poku—90 Bank Street—Mr. Poku stated that he was attending the meeting on behalf of Reverend Henry P. Davis, Jr., President of the local unit of the NAACP. He said Mr. Davis wanted to express his gratitude for the meeting of the Mayor with the unit leadership. He presented an article from the Two River Times that had covered the issues that had been discussed.

Mayor Menna thanked Mr. Poku, Mr. Davis and the rest of the Executive Committee for inviting him to the meeting. He said it was a lengthy but productive and informative meeting.

Mr. Poku commended the balanced Council and said he felt issues would have the attention of the full Council and would be debated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi