

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
APRIL 26, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Clerk Borghi, Chief Financial Officer Poulos, Engineer Neumann, Auditor Fallon and Attorney Cannon.

ABSENT: Administrator Sickels

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 Zipprich offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

Public Hearing of the 2017 Municipal Budget

Mayor Menna asked Councilwoman Schwabenbauer if she had any comments to offer regarding the budget.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer reviewed the 2017 budget and noted the budget had increased only three tenths of a percent over a three year period which was approximately one tenth of the national inflation rate. Mayor Menna opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak. She noted the Borough had increased spending only \$40,000 over that three year period and compared that to increases in the school budget of \$2 million. She said she was not trying to disparage the School Administration but said she wanted to make the comparison to stress the need to support the schools in the March on Trenton in the fight to get the school funding that the Borough is rightfully owed. She commended Department Heads in keeping their budgets low and noted that salary increases were mostly due to contractual obligations. She thanked CFO Poulos for the hours she put it on the budget.

Mayor Menna thanked Councilwoman Schwabenbauer, the Finance Committee and CFO Poulos for their efforts. He said he concurred that it was a lean budget and was under inflation. He reviewed losses due to State policies. He said Red Bank faced the same challenges as Long Branch and Asbury Park but did not get the same aid as those municipalities. He expressed concern about the depletion of surplus and reserves. He said if the budget was adopted, he would propose emergency measures. He said he believe the Finance Committee was still looking at further cuts.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer said she thought the surplus figure from last year's budget was very similar.

Mayor Menna said he thought it was dangerous.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer said she wanted to note that she had been criticized last year for having too much in surplus.

Mayor Menna said they would have to look at fees and revenue sources in the coming year. He also called for a freeze for extraordinary spending and new hires.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer said, if other Council members did not want to pass the budget and wanted to pass a tax increase, that was fine with her but she said she thought this was an extraordinary budget and said she would not change it.

Auditor Fallon said the budget was in compliance with the two percent levy cap and also the appropriation cap. He said the amount to be raised by taxation was almost equal to the 2014 budget. He said, over the last three years, the Council really hadn't raised taxes. He reviewed the surplus numbers and also noted some items that would not be expected in the budget next year. He said that included \$400,000 that they were taking from the Water/Sewer Utility.

Mayor Menna opened Public Comment on the budget.

Cindy Burnham—71 Wallace Street—asked Auditor Fallon what he meant by his comment that the \$400,000 from Water/Sewer wouldn’t be available next year.

Auditor Fallon said the Borough had budgeted \$400,000 in surplus from the Water/Sewer Utility and said he did not anticipate that the Utility would have that money available next year.

Ms. Burnham said she was under the impression that water/sewer rates were going up and asked why they wouldn’t get the same revenue.

Councilwoman Horgan said the \$400,000 was the result of a one-time settlement that the Borough would not have next year.

Mayor Menna noted it was a lawsuit that had been settled while Ms. Burnham was on Council.

CFO Poulos clarified that there was also additional money needed for repairs of the utility next year. She said there was no current plan to raise rates.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None.

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

17-87 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Amending the 2017 Municipal Budget.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None.

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

17-88 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Adoption of the 2017 Municipal Budget.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer

NAYS: Taylor, Whelan

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

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

2015 Road Program

Engineer Ballard reviewed the Emergency Access Road project and said additional requirements had been negotiated with the Department of Environmental Protection. She reviewed the additional costs that would be associated with the additional requirements.

Councilman Zipprich asked Engineer Ballard if the plan for the road was an outgrowth of the need for emergency access for evacuation in a post 9/11 world.

Engineer Ballard said it was that and also noted that there had been a couple of issues at the Primary School in recent years that highlighted the need. She noted that, in the event of an evacuation, there was currently only one way in or out and it made it difficult for first responders to get in as the school was evacuating out.

Councilman Zipprich also asked her to address the water pressure as it related to fire hydrants and emergency water services.

Engineer Ballard discussed the issues with water pressure at the school and said the fire hydrant pressure was substandard. She said the proposed project would increase water pressure and add three hydrants.

Councilman Zipprich asked if it would also improve residential service in the area.

Engineer Ballard said it would and offered details.

Mayor Menna asked the Police Chief to offer comments.

Chief McConnell stressed the need for the emergency access road. He said they had been working with the school system develop an Active Shooter plan noting that they hoped to never have to put it into effect. He said access to the Primary School was a glaring problem and agreed with Engineer Ballard that it would be difficult for first responders to get in as everyone else was trying to evacuate. He also said having the school at the end of a dead end street could make the school particularly vulnerable. He said the fire department would also be extremely hampered without secondary access.

Mayor Menna asked Superintendent of Schools Jared Ramage to comment.

Superintendent Ramage said they were ecstatic about the project and appreciated the support. He reviewed issued in the location and the school's plans for improvements after the access road project was complete.

Councilman Zipprich thanked Superintendent Ramage and the Board of Education for their support of the project.

Mayor Menna asked the Borough Clerk to review the two ordinances that would be added to the agenda in regard to the project.

Clerk Borghi said Ordinance 2017-15 would amend a Road Program bond from 2015 and Ordinance 2017-16 would amend a water/sewer bond from 2015 to provide funding for the additional work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 12, 2017

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor Whelan

NAYS: None

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Yngstrom said Parks and Recreation would be offering outdoor adventure classes for eighth graders, a Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5 at the Primary School and a Spring Art Show on May 20 at Riverside Gardens. He said the Memorial Day Ceremony would be on May 29th at 11am at 51 Monmouth Street.

Councilman Zipprich said RiverCenter would be hosting the International Food & Wine Fest on Sunday, April 30. He said the restroom building had been installed at Marine Park and offered details on the work. He said the sanitary lift station had also been installed and said work would continue in the coming weeks. He said the clarifier on Tower Hill was also undergoing a face lift. He thanked Engineer Neumann, DPW Director Keen and the DPW team for their efforts. He said the Historic Preservation Commission had met the previous night and were finalizing their annual report. He said they would be submitting their additions to the history inventory. He said the Red Bank Borough Education Foundation raffle would be held on Friday, April 28. He also noted that the Mayor Ball was scheduled for Friday, May 5th and was sold out. He thanked Clean Ocean Action and former Councilwoman Cindy Burnham for their efforts for a beach sweep at Maple Cove.

Councilwoman Horgan reported on upcoming programs at the Red Bank Public Library including the Artsy Smartsy program that would have children learning about a famous artist. She spoke of the benefits of exposing children to art. She also noted that May 20th would mark the 80th anniversary of the Library and reviewed a planned celebration.

Councilman Whelan said the Borough was still under litigation regarding the White Street Parking Lot so he was unable to offer an update. He said he also wanted to offer a shout out to the Police and Fire Departments.

Councilman Taylor reported that the abandoned property ordinance recommended by the Code Committee was on this agenda for adoption. He also pointed out that there was a resolution to reestablish the Green Team which was a mandatory requirement of the Sustainable Jersey program.

Councilman Zipprich said upcoming Public Works improvements would benefit the Green Team.

Councilman Taylor said there were a number of project in the works that would apply.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer had no report.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Special Events (recommended for approval subject to final plan review by Committee)

Mayor Menna read a request from Red Bank Classic to hold a 5K Race on Saturday, June 16, 2018 and to close portions of Broad Street, East Bergen Place, Branch Avenue, Tower Hill Avenue, Prospect Avenue, John Street, Harrison Avenue and Mechanic Street beginning at 4am with race to begin at 8:30am and all streets to be open to traffic by 10am.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT—Ordinances on Resolutions Only

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

Ben Forrest—16 Locust Avenue—asked why Councilmen Taylor and Whelan had voted “no” and questioned why they had not offered comments.

Councilman Taylor said it was a budget with a tax increase. He also noted that there were several revenue items that could be looked at in an effort to make cuts. He said he felt they needed to work a little harder.

Councilman Whelan said he felt the Parking Committee had done a good job of increasing revenue while expanding and implementing new technology. He said he had also worked with the Police Chief to cut expenses. He said with those items and the Fire Department consolidation, he felt he had held his weight and he felt other departments did not make the same effort.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer noted that, when half the Council had voted no last year, no one questioned it and suggested they should be asked about that.

Mr. Forrest said it sounded like a reasonable budget and the two no votes had jumped out at him so he was looking for specifics. He said he appreciated the responses.

Stephen Hecht—135 Branch Avenue—asked about Resolution 17-101. He reviewed the history of the Monmouth County Assessment Demonstration Program. He said he understood the Assessor would be reassessing twenty percent of the properties each year. He asked why the Borough was spending \$99,000 to hire an organization when the Borough had an Assessor who is supposed to be assessing properties.

Attorney Cannon said the twenty percent comment was not accurate. He said 100 percent were reassessed each year and twenty percent were inspected. He noted there were periodic revaluations.

Mayor Menna confirmed that that had been done in 2014.

Attorney Cannon reviewed the ADP program and said the contract in the resolution was in regard to the twenty percent of properties that needed to be inspected. He noted that the first set of RFPs had been rejected. He said the same bidders responded to the second request and reviewed the bids. He explained the work to be done.

Mr. Hecht asked why they had chosen a vendor and why it wasn't being done by the Assessor.

Attorney Cannon said that was the way the work was done in every municipality and pointed out that the Assessor was a part time position.

Mayor Menna confirmed that the Tax Assessor was employed by the Borough and was tenured in position. He said he had very limited office hours and also had to appear in Tax Court on behalf of the Municipality. He said the State Statute regarding the Assessor was very specific in regard to salary.

Attorney Cannon said one person could not do all of the work.

Mr. Hecht asked if that was because he was part time.

Mr. Cannon said that was not the case. He noted that, even in towns with full time Assessors, a vendor was hired. He said that vendor would come out with a team of people to do the work. He said a town the size of Red Bank would need approximately five to seven people. He also noted that the assessments had to be in by October 1.

Mr. Hecht also questioned the vendor that was chosen and cited the history of the company and the convoluted connections. He pointed out that a Grand Jury had taken a look at the matter.

Attorney Cannon confirmed that there had been an investigation and said the Grand Jury had failed to return an indictment. He said the investigation had been closed, they had not be debarred from entering into contracts in the State of New Jersey and they had come in with the lowest bid.

Mr. Hecht asked how many companies performed this service.

Attorney Cannon noted the same two had responded to the request for RFPs twice. He said he did not think that there were that many that had the manpower to perform the work.

Mr. Hecht asked how long the term was for.

Attorney said no inspections had been last year so the contract was for 40 percent and added that there was an option to renew after the two years of inspections had been done.

Mr. Hecht asked who would evaluate their performance.

Attorney Cannon said the Tax Assessor would report to the Council.

Councilman Taylor said he wanted to clarify that the Tax Assessor was paid by the Borough but he was technically an employee of the County.

Mayor Menna confirmed that that was the case and said he was using the term loosely.

No one else appearing, Councilman Zipprich made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2017-14 Mayor Menna read, “An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 478: Parks and Recreation, Article 1: Public Waters and Boats, Section 478-7 Fishing.”

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None.

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

Public Hearing to be held May 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Final Adoption

2017-11 Mayor Menna read, “An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 508: Property, Vacant and Abandoned.”

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

No one appearing, Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading continued

2017-15 Mayor Menna read, “Bond Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Bond Ordinance Number 2015-08 Finally Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey on April 22, 2015 and Entitled “Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Roadway Improvements by the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$1,610,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,533,000 Bond or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof”, to Increase the Total Appropriation therein from \$1,610,000 to \$2,260,000 (including a \$157,321 United States Community Development Block Grant), Increase the Total Down Payment therein from \$77,000 to \$101,679, and Increase the total Debt Authorization therein from \$1,533,000 to \$2,001,000, and to Amend and Supplement other Provisions therein.”

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None.

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

Public Hearing to be held May 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm

2017-16 Mayor Menna read, “Bond Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Bond Ordinance Number 2015-10 Finally Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, County of

Monmouth, State of New Jersey on April 22, 2015 and Entitled “Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Improvements by the Water/Sewer Utility of the Borough of Red Bank, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$877,000 therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$877,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance the Cost thereof”, to Increase the Total Appropriation therein from \$877,000 TO \$1,277,000 and Increase the Total Debt Authorization therein from \$877,000 TO \$1,277,000, and to Amend and Supplement other Provisions therein.”

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to introduce the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None.

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

Public Hearing to be held May 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm

RESOLUTIONS

17-89 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Tax Collector to Complete Application to Participate in Electronic Tax Sale Process.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-90 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing the Tax Collector to Charge a Fee Relating to Tax Sale Notice Mailings.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-91 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds Totaling \$15,012.63 due to Judgments of the Tax Court of New Jersey.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-92 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds Totaling \$250.00 due to Over Payment by Property Owner.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-93 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds Totaling \$1,031.91 due to Over Payment by Title Company.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-94 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Water/Sewer Refund Totally \$115.44 due to Over Payment.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-95 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Appointing Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-96 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Appointing Full Time Level 1 Police Department Dispatcher."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-97 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Reauthorizing the Green Team."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-98 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution to Award Payment of 2016 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-99 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution to Approve the Hiring of Permanent Part Time Librarian."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-100 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Granting Permission to Verizon Wireless to Install Small Network Nodes on Existing Utility Poles in the Public Right-of-Way."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-101 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Awarding a Fair and Open Professional Services Contract for Real Property Data and Verification Services to Realty Data Systems, LLC of Tinton Falls, New Jersey."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

17-102 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer asked for an explanation of Resolution 17-100.

Attorney Cannon explained that Verizon wanted to enhance their network throughout the State and said they needed to get permission from JCP&L and the municipality to put connections on poles. He said Councilman Yngstrom had asked if the Borough could get anything in return for the installation and he said the State prohibited it.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

17-103 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$3,557,747.70.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Menna read a proclamation proclaiming April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Red Bank.

Mayor Menna said he would be joining the school Friday morning for the planting of a tree.

Councilman Zipprich thanked Barbara Boas and Cliff Keen for coordinating the purchase of the tree.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Zipprich said he wanted to congratulate Gilda Rodgers on being named Humanitarian of the Year by Monmouth County. He said she was the driving force, along with Roger Mumford, in securing the agreement that would maintain the national landmark known as the T. Thomas Fortune house.

AUDIENCE

Freddie Boynton—365 Shrewsbury Avenue—said he had just heard about the Mayor’s Ball. He said he had planned a meeting at the Masonic Lodge on that date and said he would reschedule. He also reported that someone was breaking televisions at the Borough’s recycling center in order to get to the copper inside. He expressed concern for safety.

Mayor Menna asked DPW Director Keen to make sure the area was cleared and maintained.]

Mr. Boynton also asked about a cookout that had occurred at the Borough garage during work hours. He called for it to be looked into and addressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to close the audience portion and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Taylor, Whelan

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi