

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK  
JUNE 10, 2015  
6:30 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich and DuPont.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Borghi, Chief Financial Officer Poulos, Attorney O’Hern and Engineer Ballard.

**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 4, 2015.

**SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

**Charter School Presentation**

Meredith Pennotti, Principal of the Red Bank Charter School introduced teachers and students from the school and explained that the students had been learning about what constitutes a healthy town. The students gave a presentation and reviewed activities they had participated in including volunteering at Soul Kitchen, visiting a Borough firehouse and meeting with the Parks and Recreation Department. They reviewed what they had learned in the process. The students showed a model of a sustainable town they had built including a sustainable water system and examples of windmill and solar energy.

Mayor Menna thanked Ms. Pennotti and the students. He said the presentation was extraordinary and elegant.

**RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

**WORKSHOP**

No Workshop items.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 27, 2015**

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Murphy.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 28, 2015**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

**NAYS:**        None

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

## **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

### **REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman Murphy had no report.

Councilwoman Burnham said she had attended the International Dinner at the Red Bank Primary School with Councilwoman Horgan and Councilman Zipprich. She said she and Councilwoman Schwabenbauer had attended an event at the Masonic Lodge to honor two of its members.

Councilwoman Horgan reported that the Education/Technology Committee had met with the IT Director to review activities done by the Department so far. She said she had gone to a ceremony at Red Bank Regional to present a resolution to the highest ranking Red Bank student and reviewed that student's accomplishments.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer said there had been a special meeting to hold a public hearing on the Marine Park Proposals on May 28. She said the minutes would be posted on the Borough website the next day. She said a comment form was also available on the website. She reviewed staffing in the Parks and Recreation Department and said Summer Camp would begin in July.

Mayor Menna noted there were some people in the audience who might have been present to discuss the Marine Park Proposals. He said the Public Hearing had been held on May 28<sup>th</sup> and would continue. He said written comments should be submitted to the Committee. He said the process would ensure that everyone was heard at the same time. He said, when and if there is a vote, it will be done by recommendation of the committee and that is when public comments will be heard by the Council. He asked everyone to respect the process.

Councilman Zipprich said the Department of Public Works Committee had met and reviewed Department activity with Acting Director Holiday. He reported that he had attended the International Night at the Red Bank Primary School and had recently hosted visits with members of the Assembly. He said the Shade Tree Committee would meet the following Thursday to review summer maintenance and watering schedules.

Councilman DuPont welcomed the Mayor back after his leave and thanked Council President Murphy for filling in. He reported that the Borough would save \$220,000 over the life of some bonds due to refinancing.

Mayor Menna thanked the Council members for their vote on the bonds and also thanked the Council President for his help during his time out. He thanked the membership for their support. He also reported that he had gotten a call that afternoon from the State to notify the Borough that they will be receiving funding for \$825,000 to pay off the Count Basie Park improvement project. He said they had been criticized for finishing the work without knowing if they would get the money back. He said he was confident they would get it back. He also said the Summer Reading Program would begin at the Library the following Saturday and said he would be participating. He also reported that the First Annual Mayor's Charity Ball had exceeded expectations and said he would be dispensing payments to the Red Bank Public Library and the Parker Family Health Center in the amount of \$13,000 each at the next Council meeting.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Mayor Menna read a request from Tori Sarullo for membership to the Navesink Hook and Ladder Company of the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:**        Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

**NAYS:**        None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from RiverCenter for free parking on Friday, July 24 & Saturday, July 25, 2015 during the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Red Bank Sidewalk Sale.

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:**        Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

**NAYS:**        None

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

Mayor Menna read a request to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dog Days Red Bank event (Monmouth & Broad Street to Drummond Place) on Tuesdays, June 16, July 21 and August 18 including closure of Monmouth Street at 5pm with event from 6 to 9pm, approved by the Special Events Committee.

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from Global Water Dance to hold a dance event in Riverside Gardens Park on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 5 to 6:30pm, approved by the Special Events Committee.

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from Jersey Fusion Annual Battle on Blacktop 3-on-3 Tournament for use of Count Basie Field, Saturday, August 15, 2015 with setup at 8am and event hours from 9am to 3pm and with a rain date to be held on a weekday to be approved by Parks & Recreation. Event co-sponsored by Red Bank Recreation and approved by the Special Events Committee.

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Councilman DuPont left the meeting at 7:02 pm.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT—Ordinances on First Reading and Resolutions Only**

#### **ORDINANCES – First Reading**

#### **ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Final Adoption**

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

Councilwoman Burnham asked for information on the Special Item of Revenue resolutions. Mayor Menna explained that resolutions were part of the regulations associated with receiving funds.

Councilman Murphy noted that three were for the Police Department and the funds were designated for a specific purpose. He reviewed each resolution and how the funds would be used.

Councilman Zipprich noted that the fourth item was the Clean Communities Grant.

By Consent Agenda:

- 15-140 A Resolution Approving Participation in the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control's "*Cops in Shops*" Program.
- 15-141 A Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 3 Related to the Contract with Black Rock Enterprises, LLC for the 2014 Road Improvement Program.
- 15-142 A Resolution Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Prepare, Advertise and Receive Bids for Bridge Avenue Improvements.
- 15-143 A Resolution Urging the Swift Passage of Senate Bill 2940
- 15-144 A Resolution Regarding Special Duty Assignments for Police Officers of the Borough of Red Bank.
- 15-145 A Resolution Authorizing Tax Credit/Refunds Totaling \$6,663.54.
- 15-146 A Resolution Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation According to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Click It or Ticket 2015 Seat Belt Mobilization, in the amount of \$4,000
- 15-147 A Resolution Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation According to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Drunk Driving Enforcement, in the amount of \$8,431.71.

- 15-148 A Resolution Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation According to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund, in the amount of \$7,800.00.
- 15-149 A Resolution Requesting Approval of Special Item of Revenue and Appropriation According to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 – Clean Communities Grant, in the amount of \$22,996.88.
- 15-150 A Resolution Honoring Cassie Jain as the Highest Ranking Red Bank Senior

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich

NAYS: None

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

15-151 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$7,553,107.97.”

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

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich

NAYS: None

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AUDIENCE**

Bill Meyer—12 Monmouth Street—said he had looked into the issue of water meters including reviewing technology and pricing.

Mayor Menna asked if the Company he had reviewed had responded to the Borough’s request for proposals.

Mr. Meyer said he had no idea. He disputed previous statements that had made regarding the Borough’s ability to recoup income currently being lost to water loss. He said the meters could be bought a few at a time. He reviewed how New Jersey American Water changed their meters.

Councilman Murphy noted that his company does that type of work and reviewed what was involved.

There was a discussion on potential cost savings.

Councilman Zipprich said he had reviewed three types of products from different companies.

A discussion followed on how technology could be used to track usage as well as pricing, costs and maintenance of the different systems.

Councilman Murphy noted that there were currently 144 accounts that were not being accounted for because of non-functioning meters.

Mr. Meyer said he believed those meters could be replaced without changing the software.

Councilman Murphy said the meters should be good for the customers and for the town. He said the currently meters were losing water and also were not made any more. He said the technology was outdated. He said the new technology would save the town money.

Mr. Meyer said he had research water loss and reviewed the most common places water was lost. He again called for slowly rolling in the new meters.

Mayor Menna asked Mr. Meyer to share any empirical data with Councilman Zipprich and Administrator Sickels.

Councilman Zipprich asked Mr. Meyer to encourage the vendor he had spoken with to participate in the RFP/bid process.

Jimmy Dark—48 West Sunset Avenue—thanked Mayor Menna for the help he had gotten with a tree.

Fred Boynton—365 Shrewsbury Avenue—asked when West Bergen Place would be paved.

Engineer Ballard said the project had been delayed because Conrail was going to do improvements first. She said she had been reaching out to them for more information but had been unable to get a response. She said she had recently gotten Senator Beck’s Office involved.

Mr. Boynton stressed the need for the work to be done and insinuated that the work was being held up until it was closer to the election.

Administrator Sickels noted the Conrail work was being done first so they would not damage the new paving.

Mr. Boynton asked the Borough Administrator to look into a situation with a property at the corner of Drummond and Shrewsbury avenues that had no curb.

Mayor Menna said he and Mr. Sickels would reach out to the County to get the situation resolved. He also said he was not aware of the Conrail issues but said he would reach out to the State.

Councilman Zipprich noted that the project was totally funded and reviewed the status of the project and the need to wait for the work to be done by Conrail.

Mr. Boynton said he also felt the new meters would run fast and said he felt someone would be making a profit.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi