

**MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
JANUARY 4, 2015
12 NOON**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Borough 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 November 24, 2014.

INVOCATION—Father Alberto Tamayo of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Congressman Frank Pallone issued the Oath of Office to Mayor Menna.

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Freeholder John Curley issued the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Schwabenbauer.

Mayor Menna welcomed all in attendance and extended his thanks to everyone for attending. He noted several dignitaries in the audience and thanked them for their attendance.

Mayor Menna asked Councilwoman Schwabenbauer if she would like to make a comment.

Councilwoman Schwabenbauer said she was humbled by the confidence that had been placed in her by the people of Red Bank. She said she would continue to reach out to the residents, her family and friends for guidance. She compared the Council to the 1980 Olympic Team which she said was a group of people who came from different backgrounds and had to learn to work together as a team. She noted the differences among the Council members and said she looked forward to working with them as a team.

Mayor Menna asked Councilman Zipprich if he would like to make a comment.

Councilman Zipprich said it was good to see many former members of the Council present and welcomed everyone in attendance. He said he was humbled, honored and pleased to be on the Council. He said the election has proven that hard work paid off. He called for the Borough to be technologically friendly and cost effective in the coming year. He pledged to continue his commitment to youth and green initiatives. He reviewed his accomplishments and recognized the efforts of former Councilwoman Juanita Lewis for her efforts in many of the initiatives. He noted upcoming challenges the Borough would be facing and said he looked forward to working with Councilwoman Schwabenbauer. He congratulated Mayor Menna on his re-election and thanked his fellow Councilmembers for their continued service to the community. He thanked Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Borghi and CFO Poulos for their service. He also commended Public Works Director Watson and the DPW staff for their efforts. He thanked his family for their support and noted the absence of his father who was suffering from illness. He spoke of his father’s strength, affection and devotion and also noted that his mother had taught him to be a leader and not a follower. He said he looked forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE OFFICIALS:

Mayor Menna introduced the incoming Fire Chiefs and noted that Chief Lauterwasser and First Deputy Chief Soden followed family members who had served as Chief. He pointed out the Second Deputy Chief DeFazio was serving as Fire Chief for the third time.

Councilman Murphy also commended the Officers and echoed the commitment of their families. He thanked all members of the volunteer department for their service and wished them a happy and safe new year.

Mayor Menna sworn in the Fire Officials for 2015.

Chief: Joseph Lauterwasser
First Deputy Chief: Chris Soden
Second Deputy Chief: Peter DeFazio

RESOLUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2014

15-01 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION ELECTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2015.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-02 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.”

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

Councilman DuPont said he would have to abstain due to the Conflict Prosecutor appointment.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DuPont

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

15-03 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2015.”

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

Councilwoman Burnham said she would be voting “no” because she was opposed to the appointment of Stanley Sickels to the Borough Administrator position.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Horgan, Schwabenbauer, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: Burnham

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

15-04 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TIME AND PLACE OF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2015.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-05 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-06 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-07 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION APPROVING CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-08 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE HUMAN RELATIONS MANAGER AS THE CERTIFYING AGENT AND THE BOROUGH TREASURER AS THE SUPERVISOR OF THE CERTIFYING AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-09 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF CHANGE FUNDS."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-10 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TREASURER TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT IN TD BANK N.A. AND VALLEY NATIONAL BANK AND TO SIGN ALL PAYROLL CHECKS."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-11 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-12 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT TAXES, UTILITY AND OTHER MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

15-13 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TREASURER TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT FOR MAKING PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEMPTION OF TAX TITLE LIENS."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

REMARKS OF MAYOR MENNA

Mayor Menna remarked on the many friendships represented in the room and thanked God for giving him life and strength. He thanked his parents for all of their support. He noted that he had received phone calls the day before from former Borough Attorney Richard O'Connor and former Borough Administrator Sally Levine. He said they along with Justice O'Hern and left a lasting impression encouraging public service. He noted how things had changed since he had been serving on Council and noted the time

commitment required. He said in 2014 he had 305 scheduled commitments which did not include staff meetings, Council meetings or the 54 weddings he had performed.

He reviewed highlights from the past year including struggling with budget issues that saw a decrease in the both the operating and capital budget while continuing to implement capital improvement projects. He thanked all of the Borough's employees calling them the unheralded heroes. He noted accomplishments made in the past year including the dedication of the renovated Justice Daniel O'Hern train station. He expressed his gratitude to developers who had invested in the area. He also thanked County representatives for their presence at the meeting as well as their commitment to Red Bank including the Front Street Bridge project which he said would enhance pedestrian safety and link to an enhanced residential community on the west side of the Borough.

He thanked the Council for their efforts to strengthen the Borough's library. He reported that he would be bringing back the concept of a Mayor's Ball which he said was scheduled for May 1st and would be benefitting the library along with the Dr. Parker Clinic. He said the Council would soon be making a decision regarding the Bellhaven property and were continuing work on traffic calming and pedestrian safety projects. He called for revisions to the Borough's taxi ordinance, the sign ordinance and zoning ordinances. He said he also looked forward to the completion of the Marine Park renovation project.

He thanked the members of Council for their service and welcomed Councilwoman Schwabenbauer. He said politics was often corrupt but he had never seen that in Red Bank. He said the Council would continue to work for the common good and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

BENEDICTION—Father John Lock of Trinity Episcopal Church.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi