

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
JULY 16, 2014
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members Burnham, Horgan, Lewis and Zipprich.

ALSO PRESENT: Municipal Clerk Borghi, Administrator Sickels and Engineer Ballard.

ABSENT: Mayor Menna, Councilman DuPont and Councilman Murphy.

Mayor Menna arrived at 7:15 and Councilman DuPont arrived at 7:15

Councilwoman Horgan, as the senior member of Council called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Councilwoman Horgan 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 July 7, 2014.

PRESENTATION OF SUNSET AVENUE ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

Engineer Ballard said the purpose of the meeting was to present technical findings regarding the Sunset Avenue Environmental Risk Assessment Report. She reviewed the history of the property that was the subject of the report noting that it included an original landfill area and five additional areas that had been purchased and added to the Borough's Recreational Open Space Inventory. She said the total area was 8.55 acres. She showed photos of the site and explained the remediation process. She outlined how the assessment was done. Ms. Ballard introduced Rohan Tadas, also of T&M Associates.

Mr. Rohan noted areas of concern on the property, explained the findings and reviewed the impact of those findings. He discussed the potential for risks.

Mayor Menna arrived at 7:15 pm.

Councilman DuPont arrived at 7:30 pm.

Dan Cook from AMEC Environment and Infrastructure introduced himself. He presented pictures of the property and reviewed their content. He described what an Ecological Risk Assessment was said it was a "qualitative or quantitative appraisal of the actual or potential impacts of contaminants on plants or animals." He reviewed the phases of the assessment. He gave a slide presentation of findings on the property and offered a detailed narrative on the conditions. He said questions have been raised about recreational fishing at the site and possible contamination. He said they could test smaller fish that people wouldn't eat to conduct tissue analysis to see if they were taking up contaminants. He said any fish large enough to eat did not live there. He also reviewed testing that had been done on crabs in the area. There was a lengthy discussion on fish in the area and the issue of recreational fishing. He did suggest further testing on fish in the area before recommending fishing. He reviewed contaminants that had been found in the area but said there was nothing that had warranted reporting.

Engineer Ballard reviewed the process to move forward on the project and she and Mr. Rohan reviewed how the project was funded. There was a discussion of the future of the site. It was reported that, with adequate funding, the site could be developed in between five and ten years. There was a lengthy discussion of the phases and funding of the project.

Mayor Menna and Councilman DuPont left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Engineer Ballard noted that the property was a closed landfill and said the Borough had had no obligation to do anything with it. She said the assessment had been triggered when the Borough had decided to dedicate the area for recreational purposes and public access. She said the DEP was supportive of the project and she expects they would continue to be supportive.

Councilwoman Horgan thanked the speakers for their presentation and thanked those who had attended.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Borghi