

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
NOVEMBER 24, 2014
5:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis and DuPont.
ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Municipal Clerk Borghi, Chief Financial Officer Poulos, Attorney O’Hern and Engineer Herrman.
ABSENT: Councilman Zipprich (arrived 5:05 pm)

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 October 8, 2014.

Municipal Clerk Borghi clarified for members of Council that there had been two errors in the electronic packet that had been distributed. She said one resolution had the wrong total dollar amount but said the attached spreadsheet had been correct. She also noted that one resolution had been incorrectly saved. She said corrected copies of both resolutions were before Councilmembers for their review.

Councilman Zipprich arrived at 5:05 pm

WORKSHOP

Removal of Parking Spaces & Meters in Great Swamp Area

Administrator Sickels said there were several Borough parking meters in the area known as the Great Swamp Lot. He said the land was not owned by the Borough but many years ago there had been an agreement that allowed the Borough to place meters on the property in exchange for paving and otherwise improving the lot. He said there was no maintenance agreement done and said it had been determined that the return on the meters did not cover the Borough’s cost to plow and otherwise keep the spaces open. He said it had been recommended by both the Parking Committee and the Public Works Committee that the Borough not continue with the agreement. He said the law would allow the Special Improvement District to seek improvements and allocate costs through the special assessment. He said maintenance of the lot would be the responsibility of the property owners in the future.

Mayor Menna agreed that the original agreement no longer made sense.

Councilman DuPont said he had no objection as long as the Parking Chair and Public Works Chair were in support.

Councilman Murphy noted that the area was the same area that the Council had been receiving complaints about trash collection. He said the Police Chief had addressed the situation and said the dumpsters were currently being collected after 7 am.

Councilman Zipprich said he thought the removal of the meters was the right thing to do.

Councilman Murphy asked if there would still be a fire lane through the property.

Administrator Sickels said that would be addressed later after he met with representatives of the Fire Department.

Water Meter Replacement Program

Councilman DuPont said it had been discovered that the Borough’s water meters had not been changed in approximately 25 years. He said technology had changed greatly and the Finance Committee was recommending replacement of the meters. He said advantages would include real time reading, anticipated increased revenue by approximately \$600,000 annually and alarms that would notify of leaks. He said he would expect to see a return in the investment in the three to four years. He said he felt the most important thing would be improvement in efficiency in the water/sewer billing. He said he also expected there would be a reduction in manpower. He said he would like to see an ordinance for introduction at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Burnham what the total cost would be and how many meters he anticipated would be purchased.

Councilman DuPont said the total cost was approximately \$2.4 million.

Councilwoman Burnham asked how many meters would be purchased.

Councilman DuPont said it would be for the whole town.

Councilwoman Burnham said there were 3,856 meters in town and asked if commercial properties would also be receiving new meters.

Councilman DuPont said he believed it was just residential at this point.

Administrator Sickels agreed and said it would be done in phases starting with residential. He said commercial would be done later and they would all be replaced.

Councilwoman Burnham asked how many of the meters were residential.

Mr. Sickels said he did not know.

Councilwoman Burnham noted that residents currently paid \$44 per quarter for their meter and said it used to be \$40 but was recently increased. She asked if a rental increase was anticipated.

Councilman DuPont said it had not gone out to bid. He said, given the fact that the meters had not been changed in 25 years along with the billing efficiency, he anticipated an increase in revenue of \$600,000. He encouraged the Council to proceed with the project.

Councilwoman Burnham said she agreed but said she would like to see a rate study and an operational review of the utility.

Councilman DuPont said they had done that and said he had asked CFO Poulos to distribute that information to the Council. He said it would show the benefits that the utility provided to the residents as well as a comparison to private entities. He said it would show that the Borough's water rates were extremely competitive. He also cited a recent disaster that befell New Jersey American Water and noted that Red Bank residents had been unaffected.

Mayor Menna estimated that the study had been done about four years prior and there may have to be some adjustments on the analysis.

Councilwoman Burnham noted that this was something she had been looking at.

Councilman DuPont said he had also been studying it because it was something that came up each election season. He said he believed the evidence from the study along with the quality of service and efficiency demonstrated that the utility was a positive for the Borough and was efficient for the residents. He acknowledged that there was room for improvement and said he was open to suggestions. He said a suggestion he was proposing was the meter replacement project.

Councilwoman Burnham said it was her goal to eliminate or reduce the meter lease fee that residents paid. She reviewed Red Bank's rates compared to other towns.

Councilman DuPont said that argument failed when rates were compared and said Red Bank's rates were competitive. He again spoke in favor of the meter replacement and said it was a wise fiscally responsible decision.

Councilwoman Burnham said she had reviewed the last three months and questioned that amount spent on maintenance and repair of the water utility equipment.

Councilman DuPont said she should also look at the revenue generated by the utility and the positives it offered for the residents.

Mayor Menna also noted that one could not compare Red Bank to Fair Haven because Fair Haven was a member town of the Sewerage Authority while Red Bank was a customer town. He said their rates were artificially lowered.

Councilman Zipprich noted that some of the vendors they had looked at had provided information on the advantages of a new water meter along with the possibility of adding an irrigation meter to the water system. He confirmed what Councilman DuPont had said about other advantages such as wireless reading meters and a reduction in manpower.

Councilwoman Burnham said if the Borough would be increasing revenue, she felt they might reduce or eliminate the lease fee on the meter.

Councilman DuPont said it would be interesting to see what the bids revealed and said he hoped they would provide that.

Teen Advisory Committee

Councilman DuPont noted that Councilman Zipprich had mentioned the idea of a Teen Advisory Committee about a year before and he wanted to follow up. He said the Committee would allow Borough teens to participate with the Mayor and Council to develop suggestions on teen issues. He said they could participate with various boards and committee and encouraged them to participate in public service. He noted a draft ordinance had been distributed to the Council.

Councilman Zipprich said he and Councilwomen Lewis and Horgan had looked at a Youth Council and thought this was very similar. He said it offered young people in the community a chance to get involved in the democratic process and to learn from the Council members.

Councilman DuPont asked the Clerk to send copies of the introduced ordinance to Borough schools.

Councilman Zipprich reviewed other municipalities that had this type of committee.

Councilwoman Burnham stressed the need to encourage voter registrations among 18 year old students.

Crossing Guard

Administrator Sickels said the Police Chief had sent a request to himself and the Clerk that afternoon to add a resolution to appoint a crossing guard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 5, 2014

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, 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 reported that the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department Chief Election would be the following Tuesday, December 2 with a reception for 2015 Fire Chief Joe Lauterwasser to be held at Liberty Hose/First Aid. He also reported on the shooting that occurred on November 6th. He said the matter was still under investigation and said he was limited in what he could say. He said the Council's prayers went out to the families of the victims.

Mayor Menna said he agreed with Councilman Murphy's Comments. He said he had been at the scene the night it occurred and had spoken with the Police Chief and Monmouth County Prosecutor. He said he respected their judgment and said it was still an ongoing investigation so they would be unable to comment.

Councilman Murphy also noted there were several Police Department appointments on the agenda including a Department Records Clerk, two full time and one part-time dispatcher, and a Special Law Enforcement Officer. He noted they would all be filling vacancies that had remained open for some time.

Mayor Menna agreed that there was a need to fill the vacancies.

Councilwoman Burnham reported that Sunday, November 9th had been World Kindness Day which emphasized the power of kindness. She said there had been a flash mob on Broad Street to commemorate the day. She commended the volunteers that had made it happen and noted members of the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department had participated in the dance. She also reported that Prown's had released their annual calendar which would highlight entertainment venues for 2015. She said proceeds from the calendar would go to the local charity, Holiday Express, and reviewed the history of the organization. She also reported that the Code Committee had been working on simplifying the Borough ordinances. She reported that 33 sign applications had been reviewed, 29 were in compliance and direct to obtain a permit from the Building Department. She said four were not in compliance and were directed to apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for variances.

Councilwoman Horgan reported that the Environmental Commission had been awarded Bronze Certification by the Sustainable Jersey organization. She said Councilman Zipprich had attended a luncheon and received an award on their behalf. She also noted that there was a resolution on the agenda to declare the Council's support of an application by the Library to apply for a Sustainable Jersey grant to replace windows. She said this would also count toward the Environmental Commissions efforts. She said there had been a discussion at a recent meeting of the Library Board that they may be able to open the Library for an additional evening after January.

Councilwoman Lewis had no report.

Councilman Zipprich said he had represented the Borough at the Sustainable Jersey Luncheon at the League of Municipalities conference to receive the Bronze Level plaque. He congratulated Environmental Chair Laura Bagwell and Shade Tree Committee Chair Paul Sullivan for their respective committees for their efforts. He commended Councilwoman Horgan and Police Chief McConnell for their assistance. He also reviewed seminars he had attended while at the conference. He said the Shade Tree Committee had received a shipment of trees and they will begin planting in coordination with the New Jersey Tree Foundation. He said the Road Program was in full swing and noted utility work had been done in the past week and said paving would follow. He reported that there were Public Works items on the agenda for upgrading, rebuilding and maintaining the Borough's water treatment facility.

Councilwoman Burnham thanked the volunteers from the Community Garden Committee and said the Borough received ten points for establishing it.

Councilman Zipprich agreed and said it had been the collaborative effort of many people.

Councilman DuPont reported that Library had had a tremendous fund raising event a couple of weeks ago and thanked the organizers for their efforts. He also noted that Senator Booker would be at Soul Kitchen at 5 pm on the following Wednesday.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT—Ordinances on First Reading and Resolutions Only

Mayor Menna opened the public comment portion of the meeting and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Stephen Hecht—135 Branch Avenue—asked about Ordinance 2014-21 and who would be receiving the funds.

Mayor Menna said the bulk of the tax appeal refunds would be going to the Atrium as a result of a multi-year tax court litigation involving many municipalities. He explained that the case involved nursing home type establishments and how they were taxed. He reviewed some of the specifics of the case and said the court had retroactively applied relief. He said for convenience, a few payments had been lumped into one bond.

Mr. Hecht said he expressed concern about items being lumped together.

Attorney O’Hern said there had been a prior discussion on the issue and said the information had been made available.

Mr. Hecht said he had decided to wait until the Public Hearing to make his comments.

Attorney O’Hern said when a resolution is done, they listed the specific properties and noted that the Atrium represented \$490,000 of the funds in question.

Mr. Hecht asked about the remaining \$200,000 in the ordinance.

Attorney O’Hern said there were four other properties that were listed. He reviewed them and noted they involved multiple tax years.

Mr. Hecht asked how Ordinance 2014-21 was related to Resolution 14-307.

Mayor Menna explained that 14-307 was the enabling resolution.

Attorney O’Hern said it was authorize the issuance of the bonds.

Mr. Hecht asked what the correct total dollar amount was for the resolution that had been incorrect.

Clerk Borghi said Resolution 14-301 totaled \$21,996.12.

Mr. Hecht asked if that resolution covered commercial properties as well.

Attorney O’Hern said they were and reviewed the properties.

Mr. Hecht said it would be easier if that information appeared in the body of the resolution.

Mayor Menna agreed.

Councilman DuPont said it was a good suggestion and said the information should be on the website.

Attorney O’Hern said the Council must approve the settlements and said he tried to include the information in the body of the resolutions.

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2014-23 Mayor Menna read, “Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter VII, “Traffic”, Section 7-3 “Parking” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Red Bank to Create Reserved Parking for Electric Charging Vehicles.”

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilman Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for December 17, 2014.

2014-24 Mayor Menna read, “An Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of a Teen Advisory Committee of the Borough of Red Bank.”

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilman Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for December 17, 2014.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Final Adoption

2014-21 Mayor Menna read, “Refunding Bond Ordinance Providing Funds for Tax Refund Payments of Amounts Due and Owing to the Owners of Certain Properties in the Borough; Authorizing the Issuance of up to \$675,000 of General Obligation Tax Refunding Bonds of the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, New Jersey, to Finance the Costs thereof; Making Certain

Determinations and Covenants in Connection therewith; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the foregoing.”

Mayor Menna asked if anyone would like to speak. He noted that the comments made by Mr. Hecht would be incorporated into the Public Hearing on this ordinance.

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

Councilwoman Burnham said she would like to see them avoid bonding and possibly take the money from the Water Utility or the Parking Utility.

Mayor Menna said there was not that much money in the Parking Utility.

Councilman DuPont said the Borough did not have \$675,000 lying around where they could pay cash.

Councilwoman Burnham said she thought they could find the money somewhere and said she would be abstaining.

Councilman DuPont said the Borough was using every utility and revenue source to ensure they were fiscally responsible and to provide residents with an efficient government.

Councilwoman Burnham said she thought the Finance Committee should look into the matter with fresh eyes.

Councilman DuPont noted that the Finance Committee had looking into it.

Mayor Menna said the Borough had been looking into it and had determined that this was the least shocking way to deal with the matter. He explained that Governor Christie had given municipalities this tool so it would not have an impact on the taxing structure.

Councilman DuPont noted that, because of the Borough’s efficiencies, budget costs were low and noted that the Borough’s had held bond sales where other municipalities had bid on the Borough debt. He said he took his job as Finance Chair seriously and he was passionate about it. He took issue with Councilwoman Burnham statement that they should look at it with fresh eyes.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Burnham

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

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

2014-22 Mayor Menna read, “An Ordinance Making the Provisions of Subtitle 1 of Title 39 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:5A-1 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey Applicable to Walgreens (Block 120, Lot 53.09)”

Mayor Menna asked if anyone would like to speak.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

RESOLUTIONS

By Consent Agenda:

14-300 A Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds due to Overpayment of Taxes.

14-301 A Resolution Authorizing Tax Credits/Refunds due to Overpayment of Taxes due to Judgments of the Tax Court of New Jersey .

14-302 A Resolution Authorizing Water/Sewer Refunds due to Erroneous Payment.

14-303 A Resolution Accepting Bid From and Awarding Contract to Layne Christensen Inc. for the Routine Well and Booster Pump Inspection and Maintenance and Emergency Repair Service Contract for Water Treatment Plants, Wells and Pumping Equipment.

14-304 A Resolution of Support Authorizing the Submission of a Sustainable Jersey Grant Application by the Red Bank Public Library.

14-305 A Resolution to Authorize Shared Service Agreement Between the County of Monmouth and the Borough of Red Bank for 911 Communications Services.

14-306 A Resolution Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Prepare, Advertise and Receive Bids for Improvements to Chestnut Street Water Treatment Plant.

14-307 A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$675,000 of Tax Appeal Refunding Notes of the Borough; Making Certain Covenants to Maintain the Exemption of Interest on Said Notes from Federal Income Taxation; and Authorizing Such Further Actions and Making Such Determinations as may be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate the Issuance and Sale of the Notes.

14-308 A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Borough of Red Bank's Participation in the Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and Authorizing and Approving Certain Actions in Connection with the Foregoing.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

14-309 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Appointing Police Department Records Clerk."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

14-310 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Appointing Two Full-time and One Part-Time Police Department Dispatchers."

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

Councilwoman Burnham questioned the need for the additional dispatchers if there were already two in place.

Chief McConnell explained that there were four shifts and one dispatcher was assigned to each shift. He said the per diem position would fill in during absences which was more cost effective than putting an officer on the desk.

Councilman DuPont noted that the salaries had been in the budget all along and the Borough had saved that expense for several months.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

14-311 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Appointing Special Law Enforcement Officer Class I."

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

Mayor Menna noted the savings achieved by hiring Special Officers since they were paid only \$12 an hour.

Councilwoman Burnham questioned the need for the Officer.

Mayor Menna said the officer could fill in at a reduced rate.

Councilman Murphy said it saved the Borough money by using these officers to help supplement the force.

Councilman Zipprich confirmed that the position would be paid hourly without benefits.

The various assignments of Special Officers were reviewed.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

14-312 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Regarding the 2015 Reorganization Meeting of the Governing Body."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

14-313 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution to Cancel Balances in Capital Improvement Ordinances."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

14-314 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Amending the Time and Place of Borough Council Meetings for 2014."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

14-315 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Removal of the Borough Operated Parking Spaces and Meters Located in the Great Swamp Area."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

14-316 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Regular Crossing Guard for the 2014-2015 School Year."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

14-317 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$3,367,431.97."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Murphy asked about the Ordinance on this agenda regarding the Electric Car Charging Station would enable them to active the meter.

Mayor Menna explained that the Ordinance had been introduced.

Attorney O'Hern explained that the fees would not be official until the Public Hearing and Final Adoption.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman DuPont left the meeting.

Councilwoman Burnham reported on a kayaker named David Civile that had been lost on the Shrewsbury River in 2010. She introduced his mother, Joan Civile, who she said wanted to address the Council.

Mayor Menna apologized for her having to wait through the meeting and said if he had been aware that she was here, he would have called on her earlier.

Ms. Civile said she was appearing to request that the Borough place safety signage in public areas with water access. She reviewed the other municipalities that had the signs in place. She stressed the need for safety and awareness and said she would provide the signs.

A discussion followed on placement of the signs.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the signs would require an ordinance amendment.

Mayor Menna said they were municipal safety signs and the ordinance would not apply.

Administrator Sickels offered to coordinate the placement of the signs.

AUDIENCE

Freddie Boynton—365 Shrewsbury Avenue—questioned parking enforcement and asked if all Borough Streets had two hour parking.

Mayor Menna said not all streets were limited to two hour parking.

Administrator Sickels noted that two hour parking was put in place in various parts of town due to parking issues with students and some businesses as well as commuters.

Mr. Boynton said he had received numerous tickets and noted that other had not. He questioned why some had not received tickets.

Administrator Sickels said parking was currently being handled by the Police Department.

Chief McConnell noted that he had not seen the ticket but said there was one Parking Officer still working out of Public Works. Mr. Boyton showed him the ticket and he confirmed that it had been issued by that officer. He also noted that residential permits were issued that allowed residents to park all day near their homes.

Mayor Menna said he believed Mr. Boynton was questioning why certain parts of town weren't enforced.

Chief McConnell said he believed they rotated the areas that were enforced.

Mr. Sickels said they also responded to complaints.

Mr. Boynton took issue with a non-resident that he claimed had placed a flyer noting they were a volunteer for Lunch Break and had not been ticketed.

Councilwoman Burnham said she thought Drs. James Parker Blvd. was a two hour parking zone and she also saw people parking in the area of Monmouth Day Care.

Chief McConnell confirmed that it was a two hour parking area.

Councilwoman Burnham asked why Mohawk Lane had two hour parking.

Mr. Boynton offered pictures of Central Avenue with unregistered vehicles parking on the street and said it wasn't fair that he was ticketed but that business owner was not.

Councilman Murphy asked if they were suggesting that the volunteers at Lunch Break or Monmouth Day Care should be ticketed. He noted that Mr. Boynton was not a Borough resident yet parked trucks on Mohawk Lane and was not ticketed. He commended the efforts of the business owner on Central Avenue for maintaining the street.

Mr. Boynton said his truck was no longer there and said he felt attacked. He again questioned the lack of enforcement on Central Avenue and for volunteers. He said he felt singled out and asked that they look into it.

Jill Burden—30 West Westside—noted that she had a child in the Primary School and one in the Middle School. She said she understood the recent shootings were still under investigation. She reviewed the specifics of the incidents and questioned what she called a lack of communication or even acknowledgement of the events by either the Mayor and Council or the Police Chief. She said she did not understand why police officers did not go door to door to reassure the neighborhood. She suggested there should have been an earlier curfew or lockdown following the event. She asked why there had been no meeting to show support for the neighborhood. She said by not reaching out to residents, it made it seem like the events were the norm. She said violence was not the

norm and noted that the second shooting had happened in the middle of the day when children could have been playing outside.

Rose Sestito—River Street—said she applauded the Borough, Police Department and Council for stepping up and addressing the issue. She said she had seen an increased presence of Police Cars in the area. She said the events had been in the news and people were aware of it. She said she would rather see the Police Department using manpower to investigate rather than knocking on doors to tell people about the shootings.

Jill Burden said she agreed that the incidents had been in the news. She said she was suggesting that Police Officers should go door to door to comfort children and parents not to explain the events. She again said there should have been a community meeting. She called for acknowledgement and a presence from the Mayor and Council or the Police Chief.

Brian Donahue—119 Bank Street—said he wanted to reiterate what Ms. Burden had said and the perceived lack of communication. He said he understood that the Police could not release details but called upon the Mayor and Council to push back and give some information to the community. He said the lack of communication caused a bad atmosphere.

Councilwoman Burnham agreed that there should have been a town meeting.

Mayor Menna said there had been a release issued by the Police Chief and approved by the Monmouth County Prosecutor that said it was a targeted, not random, crime. He said the comments were well taken and, hopefully, there would be no further incidents.

Councilwoman Lewis said she also wanted to stress that the comments were well taken and told Councilwoman Burnham that, if she felt something should have been done, she should have taken the initiative to call for such a meeting. She said it was a team effort and they should challenge each other.

Councilwoman Burnham said if she had known about it she would have and encouraged residents to reach out to her with any concerns.

Stephen Hecht—Branch Avenue—said there was a template in schools that outlined how to deal with traumatic events. He said most people ask for information in the belief it would help them feel better. He said what was really needed was an opportunity for those people to talk to each other and to people that could offer support. He suggested the Council look at literature on crisis response.

Kristen Ramirez—24 Carmen Place—said she had seen police officers in her neighborhood but said there was a lack of regard for authority in the area. She said she had called a Detective regarding a drug dealer but had gotten no call back. She questioned the focus on issuing parking tickets rather than cracking down on drug dealers.

Mayor Menna said the Chief, the Department and the Council see no divergence between east side and west side in terms of police protection. He said there was an equal and consistent presence with statistically more on the west side. He said they respond immediately and will look into issues. He said the Police Chief was listening and assured her that he would follow through. He said if she had concerns, she did not have to reach out to one particular detective but could call the Chief or Councilmembers. He said he did not believe Red Bank had the stigma of some other towns and said this was a targeted attack.

Ms. Ramirez said she understood it was targeted but was concerned about where bullets would go.

Councilwoman Horgan also suggested she could reach out to Councilmembers.

Councilman Murphy said the Police Department would work with residents to set up surveillance and encouraged her to report activity.

Ms. Ramirez said she had reported incidents and had gotten no response.

Chief McConnell said the program had been discontinued due to lack of interest but said the Police Department would be happy to coordinate to reinstate it.

Councilwoman Burnham suggested reinstating the Neighborhood Watch program.

Freddie Boynton—said the police had always responded and said he had never had a problem.

Jill Burden—said she wanted to clarify that it was not a police presence she was requesting but that she was asking for community support following the shooting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Personnel

14-318 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel; no action to be taken.

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel; no action to be taken, seconded by Councilman Zipprich. Minutes to be made public in 180 days.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich

NAYS: None

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

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to close executive session, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich

NAYS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Murphy, Burnham, Horgan, Lewis, Zipprich

NAYS: None

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