

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
MARCH 16, 2011
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Menna called for a moment of silence for the victims of the recent earthquake in Japan.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Horgan, Lee and Murphy.

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

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 March 1, 2011.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Boys & Girls Club Week Proclamation Presentation

Mayor Menna read and presented a proclamation proclaiming March 20 to March 26, 2011 as Boys and Girls Club Week.

Members of the club came forward to accept the proclamation and spoke of the positive influence the club had had on their lives.

Councilwoman Lewis said she was glad the Boys and Girls Club had had the opportunity to come to Red Bank and that the unit was now open and serving the children of the Borough. She said enrollment was increasing and the hours were being extended. She said they were looking forward to additional programming.

2011 Proposed Budget Presentation

Mayor Menna noted that the Borough was required statutorily to present a proposed budget by a certain date. He noted that the budget being presented tonight was not the final budget and there would be additional proposals.

Councilman DuPont added that the budget must be presented on or before March 16. He outlined some of the unusual expenses in the budget and noted that it currently called for a 2.6 percent increase. He said there would be additional cuts and probable additional revenue.

Administrator Sickels offered a Powerpoint presentation including a pie chart showing the municipal portion of the residential tax bill, hurdles the Borough had to overcome including unusual expenses and tax exempt properties. He noted that an application had been made to FEMA to help cover expenses incurred in the winter blizzard. He outlined various ways savings had been achieved.

Councilman DuPont noted that there would be a budget hearing and invited comments or suggestions. He stressed that the Borough was well within the two percent cap proclaimed by the Governor but that it was a work in progress and still needed to be tweaked. He again invited everyone to attend the hearings and welcomed ideas.

Mayor Menna thanked Councilman DuPont, members of the Finance Committee, Administrator Sickels, CFO Mason and the Auditor for their work on the budget and noted that it took an enormous amount of time. Councilman DuPont said it was a team effort with Councilman Zipprich and Councilwoman Lewis who sit on

the Finance Committee with him. He again noted it was a work in progress and that it was required that it be presented in its preliminary form this evening. Mayor Menna said he believed there would be several changes.

11-63 Mayor Menna read, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Public hearing to be held April 26, 2011.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

Sidewalk Cafes

Councilman Murphy said he initially suggested a review of the ordinance because some of the cafes that only license for the summer season have tended to put their table out early before that season begins. He added that it is a problem because some restaurants pay for an entire year to have that privilege and he thought a switch to one year round license would alleviate the problem. However, he continued, he didn't realize that it would mean a fee increase. He said he would like to table the matter for further review.

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to table the discussion, seconded by Councilman DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Community Garden

Councilwoman Horgan reviewed the Community Garden Project and said the Environmental Commission had approved the creation of the garden. She expressed her respect for the group and said some of the concerns of the project were the location, maintenance, safety and costs.

Councilman Zipprich said he had researched the costs adding that he had met with the Department of Public Works Committee to discuss running water lines to the site which would be estimated to cost \$10,000 of taxpayer money. He said it was an outstanding proposal and he was in support but he questioned the amount of money that would have to be spent to run pipes if the garden went into the suggested location. He said the Environmental Commission had a lot of suggested areas and he thought the idea should be discussed.

Councilwoman Horgan noted that there were alternate locations suggested such as Count Basie Field and Marine Park. She said she was also very amenable to a community garden but there was a question of who would pay the costs and who would maintain the property. She noted that when the Bellhaven property was created, people were going to maintain but have not done so. She reviewed other suggested areas for the garden.

Councilwoman Lee said she had been in discussions regarding a similar garden at the Borough Schools.

Councilwoman Lewis also noted the problems with the Bellhaven area and said she will be looking into the matter and said it needed to be addressed.

Councilman Zipprich said other issues that had come up included security, vandalism, animal issues and the fact that it was not in plain site or in a populated area.

Councilwoman Horgan questioned the issue of “leasing” plots and asked where that money would go.

The Council said they were in favor of the concept but said the appropriate location was in question.

Councilwoman Horgan said the Environmental Commission had recommended three locations which were Count Basie Field, Marine Park and West Front Street. Mayor Menna said it was a good point that the matter should be discussed with the schools.

Councilwoman Lee said there had been proposals for gardens at the schools in the past. Her position was that it should be for the community and said there were quite a few properties in various neighborhoods. She suggested several small gardens through the community in lots that currently serve no other purpose and already have water. She said she had concerns about the West Front Street location noting that it is one of the few lots on the River and compared it to a front yard. She added that the property must be maintained and fenced off. She said she was also concerned about the leasing. She said no one had talked about a lottery since a waiting list had been mentioned. She said the process had to be fair and again suggested smaller parcels on empty lots. She noted that she was in favor of the idea.

Councilman Zipprich thanked the Committee for putting the proposal together. He said they had done an outstanding job and that it was well documented. He said the town stood to have an outstanding community project in the garden.

Councilwoman Horgan noted that a resident had contacted her regarding a garden at the Primary School and suggested the projects could be combined. She said it would be a learning experience for the children.

Councilman Murphy said the Council was in favor of the project but questioned its placement and asked who would maintain the property and who would pay the water bill.

Councilwoman said she agreed adding that she supported the project but questioned the location and wanted it to be open to the entire community.

Councilman DuPont discussed his personal history with a community garden and gardening in general. He said he thought it was a wonderful tool for kids to learn and release extra energy.

Mayor Menna summarized that the Council was in favor of the project and wanted to move forward with the concept. He said the question was location and costs. He suggested the group keep in contact with the representatives and look at various locations. He noted that this was only the Workshop portion of the meeting and that they didn't usually take comments but he would open public discussion up on this matter. He asked speakers to be brief.

Councilman Zipprich and Councilwoman Horgan both noted that the Community Garden does fit in with the Sustainable Jersey program.

Kathleen Gasienica—110 Locust Avenue—said she could answer questions about the project. She noted that the Community Garden Committee had started a year ago and had met with representatives of other community gardens. She said they had learned that the first year, a lottery is usually not necessary. She said subsequent years may require a lottery and then they could start a second garden. She said starting multiple gardens in the same year would be difficult. She said they had discussed the various lots and noted that, based on DEP requirements, the Front Street lot would be limited in size and have no permanent structure. She also said vandalism would not be an issue out of season because there would be nothing to vandalize. In season, she continued, it was less likely to be vandalized because of the presence of people. She said the Library was in favor of the garden because they had had problems with vandalism. She said, in regard to maintenance, if a garden was not maintained it would be noticed and the individual would not get a spot the following year and someone who take over the spot. She added that the garden would not be visible from the street or the river. She said the Library had expressed interest in having gardening classes. She also noted that the Environmental Commission had suggested making the Community Garden Committee a permanent extension of the Commission. She said the leasing fee would cover the turning of the soil, replenishing of fertilizer and miscellaneous expenses such as water payments. Any excess fees, she added, would go toward starting a new garden. She said they would need a tap from the main with a meter. She noted that the Library had expressed concern that the tap may be on their meter and stressed that the garden would need a separate line and a separate meter.

Councilman Murphy explained how the water lines worked and the expense involved.

Ms. Gasienica questioned the expense noting that there was formerly a home on the property. Councilman Murphy explained that the lines had been cut when the home was demolished.

Ms. Gasienica said the Library had also expressed concern about the use of the Library parking lot and the

Committee had assured them that all access would be through Maple Cover and it would be written into the agreements. She added that the Committee had considered all locations and some properties were not cleared. She said it took a lot of work to clear a property. She said the Primary School was not a good location because of flooding and neither was Bellehaven for the same issue. She said sun was also an issue. She said Count Basie was not centrally located near people without back yards such as those that live in apartments. She spoke of the benefits a garden could offer the community including the Sustainable Jersey points and the donation of produce to Lunch Break. She said they had the support of the DEP and the Monmouth County Park System.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the project had been discussed last fall and if soil tests had been done.

Tony Sloan—154 Bay Avenue, Highlands—said he worked with Master Gardeners and would be doing the design and installation. He said the Master Gardeners would supervise the garden and it would be maintainable by mower and weed eater and would need nothing else. He said he would do maintenance and mowing.

Mayor Menna asked Mr. Sloan if he had checked the other locations. Mr. Sloan said every Community Garden administered by Master Gardeners had visible accounting and the money went mostly to water and soil treatments. He said vandalism wasn't an issue because gardeners were in and out of the property. He said installing the first garden would be easy and a second location would depend on demographics.

William Poku—90 Bank Street—said the Community Garden group had contact the NAACP and they were supporting the project because of the Clean Air Initiative. He said he thought Kaboom seating was a factor and asked the Council not to give them a reason to fail. He said they were asking for a choice piece of property and he urged the Council to give it to them. He said costs could be worked out. He reviewed the positive aspects of a garden.

Sarah Klempner—135 Shrewsbury Avenue—spoke of the need to localize food production and noted the property would have easy access from the downtown. She said it would be a showpiece and would show that Red Bank was a more resilient community with food grown locally. She said the Library was close to hundreds of people without yards. She said she had reached out to teenagers that hang out nearby to let them know what it was about in an effort to deter vandalism. She again stressed the need for locally grown food and they need to lessen our dependence on fossil fuels.

Kenton Seydell—158 Chestnut Street—said he had helped the Navesink Garden Club put in a rain garden in front of the Library. He said it was done at very little cost and suggested rain barrels off the roof. He said they may also want to consider having the garden in the area by the pump house on Tower Hill.

Laura Dardi—63 Oakland Street—said she had a letter along with a copy of her resume to present to the Mayor in regard to a position on the Environmental Commission. She also said she was favor of front yard gardening. She said she would appreciate it if the Council would give the garden a chance.

Cindy Burnham—146 Harrison Avenue, Fair Haven—said she hoped all of the Council's questions had been answered. She noted that the experts were on hand and asked how the project would go forward. Councilman Murphy said the Council would have to discuss it. Ms. Burnham noted that they had donations pledged for a fence.

Mayor Menna said the issues included cost, water usage, and organization. He added that if they could determine how costs would be covered and find the appropriate location, he was in favor.

Ms. Burnham said that is what the committee had been doing and they had looked at the other areas. She discussed the downside of alternate locations noting that Count Basie Field was on the edge of town. Councilwoman Lee noted that Front Street is also on the edge of town.

Mayor Menna noted that the Council was not going to make a decision at this meeting. Ms. Burnham asked them to act as soon as possible.

Recreation Fee Schedule

Administrator Sickels noted that the Recreation Fee Scheduled had not been updated since 2005 and there was a need to move on the issue because spring and summer programs were scheduled to begin registration. He reviewed the proposed changes including a staggered fee for Boat Slip rentals. He said the suggestion was to charge different rates for resident and non residents. He said they reviewed the matter with the Borough Attorney because the slips are in a Green Acres funded park which places certain restrictions on the Borough. Mr. Sickels said the Attorney believed it was okay to charge different rates as long as the registration did not exclude non-residents.

Councilman Murphy said he would have preferred to give Red Bank residents the first option at the slips but understood because of the Green Acres funding that was not an option.

Councilwoman Lee asked if the fees were comparable to other marinas. Mr. Sickels noted that some marinas charged higher fees but the Marine Park site did not offer security and other amenities that the marinas did.

New Business Attraction

Councilman DuPont said there had been several businesses that had opened recently and a common complaint was that Red Bank was not business friendly. He said he would like to see an "Open For Business Committee" to review the process including the issuance of permits and to look for ways to streamline. He asked the Mayor to create the committee to produce a recommendation in 30 days. He also said he knew that RiverCenter was going to create a sub committee to address the same issue.

Councilman Murphy asked what people had made the comments. Councilman DuPont said it was tenants and business owners. Councilman Murphy questioned their knowledge of the permit requirements. Mayor Menna said he agreed that the regulations could be burdensome and it should be addressed. He said they needed to whittle out a lot of things that could be handled by the Building Department. Councilman Murphy suggested the problem was the lack of direction given to the Planning Board and suggested they look at the appointees to that Board. Councilman DuPont said the genesis of the idea was to create some simple steps to open a business that are currently cumbersome. He said he would like to see a committee to come up with recommendations on ways to open a business without costly red tape. He said he would submit a list of recommended appointees. Mayor Menna said they would consider it at the next meeting and suggested Councilwoman Lee chair the committee as the head of the Code Enforcement Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 28, 2011

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the minutes with correction, seconded by Councilman DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the minutes were declared approved with correction.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Menna appointed Susan Frieri to the Shade Tree Committee for an unexpired term expiring 12/31/11.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Murphy had no report.

Councilwoman Lee had no report.

Councilwoman Horgan said she wanted to announce the newly organized Red Bank Middle School Sports Foundation which was created because there was a lack of funding for sports. She said they would be having a pancake fundraiser at the Middle School the following weekend.

Councilwoman Lewis said Baseball and Softball was about to begin. She said the parks were open and thanked the Department of Public Works for their efforts. She said a soccer program was underway and Lacrosse would be coming soon. She noted that the members of the Red Bank boy's team were the Champions of the Two River Basketball League and would be invited to a Council meeting in the near future. She also reported there would be an increase in programming in Parks and Recreation. In regard to the Vision Committee, she continued, the group had identified a couple of projects and more were in the works. She said one idea was for a "Yappy Hour" for pets and another was for a Mambo on Monmouth event with dancing, music and refreshments. She said the idea was to bring people into town and to the business community.

Councilman Zipprich reported that on June 10th the Red Bank Borough Education Foundation would be hosting a gala and the group of currently seeking donations of original works of art. He said, in regard to Public Works, the fields had been aerated and lined. He said he was proud of the DPW staff in getting the fields ready in time and noted they would be seeding in the next few weeks. He said the DPW Committee had met with the Engineer Ballard regarding the road program and noted that Ms. Ballard had also met with the County Engineer and Administrator Sickels regarding the Hubbard Bridge project. He said he had also discussed with Mr. Watson how to make parking cards more available and more customer friendly.

He also reported that the Historic Preservation Committee was meeting at the same time as the Council meeting and noted that the County was accepting nominations for Preservation Awards for local buildings and structures. He said the deadline for nominations was April 1. He also noted that work on the NJ Transit Station was scheduled to start in May of this year.

Councilman DuPont said he wanted to publicly thank the Mayor and members of Council for changing the meeting dates.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Menna read a request from the Sandy Hookers Tri Club to hang a banner on Shrewsbury Avenue from March 17, 2011 to April 10, 2011 to promote the 2nd Annual Red Bank Triathlon.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read requests from Red Bank Charter School CCO, Inc., Navesink Hook & Ladder and Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge for raffle licenses.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the requests were declared approved.

Mayor Menna read a request from the Two River Theater Company to hold their annual gala fundraiser on Saturday, June 25, 2011, pending final approval of the Special Events Committee.

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA AND ORDINANCES ON THE AGENDA ON FIRST READING

No one appeared.

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2011-4 Mayor Menna read “ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 4, GENERAL LICENSING, SECTION 4-6, GAMES OF CHANCE ON SUNDAYS.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the ordinance was declared adopted on first reading.

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled to be held March 30, 2011.

2011-5 Mayor Menna read “CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the ordinance was declared adopted on first reading.

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled to be held March 30, 2011.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

2011-3 Mayor Menna read “REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RETIREMENT OF UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITIES OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER AN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$575,000 OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.”

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the public hearing was declared closed.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

There being six ayes and no nays, the ordinance was declared adopted on final reading.

RESOLUTIONS

11-57 Mayor Menna read “RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO EXEMPT THE RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES FROM THE 2% CAP.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

11-58 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RED BANK BOROUGH COUNCIL 2011 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS.”

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

11-59 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

11-60 Mayor Menna read "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ITS TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2011; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH FURTHER ACTIONS AND MAKING SUCH DETERMINATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO EFFECTUATE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BONDS."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

11-61 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL 2011 CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION RESERVES."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

11-62 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SNOW REMOVAL."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

11-64 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION REAUTHORIZING THE GREEN TEAM."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

11-65 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION FIXING FEES AND CHARGES UNDER CHAPTER XVIII "PARKS AND RECREATION" SECTION 18-6 "FEES AND CHARGES" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Menna read a proclamation proclaiming March 2011 as Women's History Month in the Borough of Red Bank.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

11-66 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$2,929,838.32."

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIENCE

Adam Sobel—150 Chestnut Street—said he was appearing in regard to his previous request for a space to provide mobile vending. Mayor Menna reviewed the history of Mr. Sobel's request and said Mr. Sobel had met with Administrator Sickels. It was suggested that there were spaces on Oakland Street near the train station that would be appropriate for the use and could be put out to bid for use by mobile vendors. Mr. Sickels said the idea was to avoid imposing on established businesses or causing pedestrian problems. He spoke of the benefits of the idea. Councilman DuPont said he thought it was an excellent idea and was aware of other towns that had similar bid packages. Administrator Sickels said he would develop criteria and bring it back to the Council. Mayor Menna said the Attorney and Mr. Sickels should meet on the matter.

Pat Hussey—14 Catherine Street—asked assistance with street issues noting that his street was in serious need of repair. Councilman Zipprich said they had discussed the matter at the recent DPW meeting and it would be addressed. Councilman Murphy noted that there was a project underway at the opposite end of Catherine Street and the developer would be required to pave the entire street. He agreed that the street needed temporary relief. Councilman Zipprich said he had visited the site and was aware of the problem. Engineer Ballard explained the issues with funding that had led to the problem. She said the contractor would be doing base paving shortly.

Jim Willis—Harrison Avenue
Jenny Rossano—Waverly Place
Boris Kaufman—Riverside Avenue

Mr. Willis said the recent Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Project suggested that the plan be included in the Master Plan and it also suggested the creation of a dedicated Pedestrian Coordinator. He said he would like to suggest Ms. Rossano for the position.

Mayor Menna said they would have to formally adopt the report and it should be put on for action at the next meeting.

Councilman Zipprich said the matter had been discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting and he would like to bring it to the Planning Board. Engineer Ballard agreed that the process should start with the Planning Board. She said she wanted to the Council to look at it first and make sure they were in agreement. She said the next step would be to forward it to the Planning Board for review and approval and then it would come back to the Mayor and Council for formal approval. She said she agreed it was a great plan and noted that it would bring more points for grant applications.

Mayor Menna said he thought certain parts were impractical and the plan needed to be looked at to determine what was doable. Councilman Zipprich said that was why it would be referred to the Planning Board and commended the committee's volunteers for their efforts. Councilman Murphy said he thought choices would have to be made and agreed the Planning Board should make those choices.

Administrator Sickels noted that the Council would have to initiate the process by sending the report to the Planning Board and added that the Council would not be bound by the recommendation of the Planning Board. Councilman DuPont asked if there was a timing issue. Mr. Willis said there no time issue. Mayor Menna reminded everyone that if the Planning Board adopts, a super majority of the Governing Body would be needed to reject it.

Mayor Menna said Ms. Rossano would be appointed at the next meeting. Ms. Rossano asked who she should coordinate with. Mayor Menna recommended she attend the next Planning Board meeting. Councilman Zipprich said he would follow up with her.

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

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

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi