

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
JUNE 18, 2010
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President Murphy and Council Members Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont and Horgan.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Borghi, Assistant Attorney Hall and Chief Financial Officer Mason.

ABSENT: Mayor Menna, Engineer Ballard, Auditor Kaplan and Attorney Pringle.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Council President Murphy 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 Courier, 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 June 11, 2010.

2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1 PUBLIC HEARING

Council President Murphy 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 Councilwoman Lewis.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Horgan, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

RESOLUTIONS

10-139 Council President Murphy read, “A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Horgan, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

10-143 Council President Murphy read, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Horgan, Murphy

NAYS: None

Councilman DuPont said he would like to make some comments on the budget noting that it had been a long process. He said that the budget called for an increase in taxes for the average resident of \$89 which had been reduced from \$93 when the budget was introduced. He noted there had been a loss of State aid of

approximately \$518,000. He also noted that the budget included three furlough days and spending cuts in excess of \$830,000. He said it also meets the levy and appropriation caps and added that the town still maintains about 16.6 percent of the town as tax exempt property. He also pointed out that the Borough has twelve shared services contracts and that they are growing with the addition of one will Middletown approved at the last meeting. He said they have eliminated three part time positions, two Police Captain positions have been eliminated through attrition and four Public Works positions have remained unfilled.

He credited the efforts of Councilman and Police Commissioner Murphy for the agreement with Police Officers which reduced uniform costs as well as other suggested cuts. He said he thought the budget represented a team effort with the Union from the Borough's perspective. He added that he thought it was a good budget and said he wanted to point out that operating expenses had gone down in excess of \$117,000 and the overall budget had gone down from the previous year by 1.4 percent or approximately \$270,000. He said it was a tough environment and he wanted to personally thank Councilman Zipprich and Councilwoman Lewis for the time and effort they put in to get the budget where it was at. He said he wanted to thank all of the Directors as well as CFO Mason and Administrator Sickels for going to above duty to get the budget where it was at.

Council President Murphy thanked the members of Council and said it had been a long road with all of the different Committees getting together to work out budget issues. He said they sometimes butted heads, but said that was what it took. He thanked the PBA and CWA, all of the Department Heads who gathered several times to work on budget issues. He also thanked CFO Mason and Administrator Sickels for the time they put into the budget as well as the members of the Finance Committee who spent long hours putting everything together so the Council could understand it.

Councilman Zipprich thanked the public who made contributions to the budget process, as well as the Department Heads, CFO Mason and Administrator Sickels who had all made major contributions along with the Union. He said he thought it was a mission that was accomplished well and thought no stone was left unturned. He added that, most importantly, there was a very small reduction in staff which were part time positions and they were able to preserve jobs for the many Borough employees. He said he was grateful to Councilman DuPont for his leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Horgan, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi