

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK  
JULY 12, 2010  
6:30 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

ABSENT: Assistant Attorney Hall and Auditor Kaplan.

**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 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 January 3, 2010.

**SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

10-171 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL LUMISH AS THE HIGHEST RANKING RED BANK SENIOR.”

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

Mayor Menna and Councilwoman Horgan, Liaison to the Education and Technology Committee, present Mr. Lumish with the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

**Presentation by Navesink River Rowing**

Mayor Menna noted the difficult economic times and the high number of tax exempt properties in Red Bank. He said he had had discussions with the Office of Legislative Services to address the situation. He then introduced Kay Vilardi of the Navesink River Rowing Association, and said, unlike some of the larger not for profits, the group was never asked to contribute to make a contribution to the town because of their small size. He added that during these taxing and difficult times, the presentation of a contribution meant so much to the Mayor and Council.

Ms. Vilardi said the group had been operating from the foot of Maple Avenue for a number of years and thanked the town for its generosity and support to run their rowing school and for offering access to the river to not only residents but all members of Monmouth County. She noted that she had brought several board members and participants in their rower program with her to the meeting and that it was their pleasure to donate \$2,000.

Trish Crosby came forward and reviewed the programs offered by the group and she wanted the Council

to know that they believed in giving back noting their participation in the recent Paint the Town Pink event where they raised \$6,000. She said she also wanted to let the Council know about their Reach Out and Row Program which offers opportunities for kids from the Community that don't have access to the water or a sport like rowing and give them the chance to go out on the river. She said David Prown and helped select kids for the program. She said the program serves many purposes including enabling the group to give back to the community while teaching the kids cooperation, commitment and perseverance as they learn to row as a team. She added that those who have an ongoing interest and have shown a commitment are offered a spot in the intermediate or advanced program for a reduced rate.

Councilman DuPont said, as the Finance Committee Chairman, he wanted to personally thank the group for their donation.

Councilman Zipprich congratulated the group on their outreach to the Community, their wonderful team building efforts and for their work with the Pink Bank Regatta.

Councilwoman Lewis also congratulated them on their program and for their efforts to get the kids out on the water.

Councilwoman Horgan, Councilwoman Lee and Councilman Murphy all thanked them for their efforts.

## **RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Lee offered a motion to resume the regular order of business, 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.

## **WORKSHOP**

No Workshop items

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 28, 2010**

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

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

NAYS: None

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

## **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

None.

## **REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman DuPont had no report.

Councilman Zipprich commended the members of the Kaboom Committee, Administrator Sickels, members of the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Department of Public Works for their efforts with the Kaboom Event and the subsequent clean up. He said he wanted to remind residents and friends of Kaboom that the group is still in fundraising mode and gave information on how people can contribute.

He also reported that both the Planning/Zoning and Construction Offices had reported an increase in activity. He said the Shade Tree Committee had met the previous Thursday and members of both their Committee and the Environmental Commission had gone around town and placed water bags and the recently planted trees that could expire during the heat wave. He said the DPW crew had been helpful in making sure the bags were filled. He said the Shade Tree Committee had also completed an inventory of hazardous trees and will issue a report to the Mayor and Council shortly and were also in the process of

soliciting quotes for the Tree Management Plan. He added that Administrator Sickels had been working closely with them to make sure the grant money was secured.

He reported that the Historic Preservation Commission had met on the last day of June to review a proposal for a new townhome development in the Washington Street Historic District. He said they had also finalized their 2009 Annual Report and Inventory Accomplishments. He said the Board of Health had met the previous week where they unanimously approved the 2010 Visiting Nurse Association contract. He said the Board also wanted to remind parents and guardians to be mindful of small children during the hot summer weather keeping them safe around swimming pools. He said the Board also wanted to remind everyone to check on Senior Citizens and make sure they were drinking fluids and keeping cool. He added that he had checked with Jackie Reynolds of the Senior Center and she had reported that a lot of people had come in to take advantage of the air conditioning and the activities offered at the Center. He also reported that rabies clinics will resume in September through the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission.

Councilwoman Lewis reminded everyone that there would be a trash clean-up on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. She said participants would meet at Borough Hall and noted the event was being held in conjunction with the 12<sup>th</sup> District Legislators, the Chief of Police and Red Bank Borough Council. She said she also wanted to remind everyone about the 2010 Summer Series offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. She said Fitness in the Park would be offered Mondays from 6 to 7 pm, Movies in the Park on Tuesdays at dusk, Jazz in the Park on Thursdays at 7 pm and Songwriters in the Park on Fridays at 7 pm. She invited everyone to take advantage of the wonderful programs being offered.

Councilwoman Lewis also reported that, on the previous Thursday, she and Councilwomen Horgan and Lee had attended the Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting where they were presented with a sign to congratulate the town on the Phase I completion of Count Basie Park in 2009. She said they thanked the Freeholders on behalf of the Mayor and Council and all residents, especially the youth, for the funding of the project.

Councilwoman Horgan noted that the sign had been presented by former Red Bank Borough Councilmember and current Freeholder John Curley.

Councilwoman Horgan had no report.

Councilwoman Lee noted that the sign would be visibly placed at Count Basie Field. She also thanked the Department of Public Works for the clean up effort after the Kaboom event and thanked the other members of Council for acknowledging their efforts. She added that, not only did the event occur on a holiday weekend, but it was during extreme temperatures. She also said, as a note to the Shade Tree Commission, that they were aware they were losing some trees and were working on the issue but noted that the heat had been excessive and they were limited in what they could do.

Mayor Menna noted that everyone had done a phenomenal job at Kaboom and he also wanted to thank the members of the Police and Fire departments noting there were almost 200,000 people in town over the weekend and the Borough's record was without parallel. He said Police and Fire did an extraordinary job in crowd control and keeping everyone safe. Also, he continued, he wanted to thank DPW for their efforts also.

Councilman Murphy thanked the Fire Department, First Aid, Fire Police and Ladies Auxiliary for their contribution over the event weekend. He added that, which most people are enjoying the fireworks, these individuals give up time with their families to remain on stand by mode and he thanked them for their service. He commended the staff of Public Works for an outstanding job. He also thanked the Council members and everyone else who attended the retirement dinner for Capt. Peter DeFazio of the Red Bank Police Department. He reported that Liberty Hose Company had held their Car Show the day before and that it had been a successful event.

Councilman DuPont said he wanted to add to his report noting that he had a follow up meeting scheduled for a grant that the Borough had put forth to the Federal Government for the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services. He said he was meeting with Senator Menendez on Saturday and he would have a further report. He noted that the City of Paterson had gotten \$4.5 million for Fire Department centralization.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Menna read a request from the residents of Elm Place to hold a block party on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and to close the street at its intersections with Hudson Avenue, Horace Place and Spring Street, pending approval of the Chief of Police.

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

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 a request from RiverCenter to install “pole banners” on the utility poles in the RiverCenter district west of Maple Avenue, pending approval of JCP&L and Verizon.

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

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 a request from Parks & Recreation to hang a banner on Shrewsbury Avenue for the months of July and August 2010 to advertise Jazz in the Park.

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

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 a request from Gaetano’s to hang a banner on Broad Street from August 4, 2010 to September 4, 2010 to advertise their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DuPont

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

Mayor Menna read a request from Red Bank Catholic High School Booster Club for raffle license.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DuPont

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

Mayor Menna read a request from Michael Altino to film a small video project in various locations in downtown Red Bank on July 26, July 29, July 30 and August 4, 2010.

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.

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

No one appeared.

**ORDINANCES – First Reading**

2010-27 Mayor Menna read, “ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-67 OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.”

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on first 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 first reading.

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for July 26, 2010.

**ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption**

2010-25 Mayor Menna read, “ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING SANDWICH BOARD SIGNS.”

Mayor Menna noted that the Public Hearing for the Ordinance has already been held and that it had been forwarded to the Planning Board for review. He noted that the Planning Board had sent a recommendation dated July 10, 2010 indicating that the Ordinance did not conform with the Master Plan. Mayor Menna noted that, in order for the Ordinance to move forward, it would require an affirmative vote of four members of the Governing Body.

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

Tom Fishkin of RiverCenter and Readies' said he was in favor of the Ordinance.

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.

Councilwoman Lewis asked if the Ordinance was temporary. Mayor Menna confirmed that the Ordinance had a “sunset” provision which meant it would no longer be in force after December 31, 2010 unless extended by the Council.

Councilman Zipprich urged that, the next time the Master Plan Review Committee is gathered, they take a look at some of the less important topics in the Plan. He added that, having sat on the Committee in 2008, he thought there were some things that escaped the committee and he said he was quite sure the Borough’s Director of Planning and Zoning would be happy to revisit some of those smaller components of the Master Plan.

Councilwoman Lee said to Mr. Zipprich that, if he was implying that the Sandwich Board signs were not one of the more important issues, she thought it was a public safety issue. She added that there were so many obstacles on Broad Street. She said she felt everyone knew her position on the issue and said perhaps it should be revisited but asked the Council members to look at how many obstacles there were on the major roadway such as menus and signs among the already established out door seating. She noted that sidewalk travel would be difficult for families with strollers and said she thought they should be careful when they consider passing these ordinances particularly when there was an issue of public safety.

Councilman Zipprich said he respectfully appreciated her comments and noted that when he suggested the Ordinance he proposed that it be done on a trial basis. He said they can see how it goes for the next five months and then make an educated decision as to whether it should be incorporated.

Mayor Menna said he didn't have any problem with anything that had been said. From a historical perspective, he continued, once something is allowed on a temporary basis, it is difficult to take it away. He said that, while there was a sunset provision, he would be shocked if it was exercised.

Councilwoman Horgan said she felt they needed to help the Borough's businesses.

Councilman DuPont noted that there had been a downturn in the economy. He said, while the Mayor appeared against the signs, there were vacancies on Broad Street and the town was trying to attract businesses. He noted that there was a limit to the length of time the signs would be on Broad Street. He said he felt the Mayor had disrespected the Council by saying they would not listed to criticisms or to the fact that it may have been a bad idea when he said he didn't believe the sunset clause would be exercised. He noted other programs they had tried such as the four day work week. He said they needed to attract businesses and they needed to make sure the businesses were promoted and supported. He said he meant no disrespect, but he firmly believed the Council would listen if the idea does not work. He pointed out it was only in effect for five months and they needed to try something new. He added that it would cost anything and if it didn't work or caused safety issues, then they can eliminate it. He asked the Council not to be afraid to be bold and take action.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Horgan, Murphy

NAYS: Lee

There being five ayes and one nay, the ordinance was declared adopted on final reading.

2010-26      Mayor Menna read, "ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE IOF CERTAIN BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTIES TO THE RED BANK AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CEDAR CROSSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT."

Councilman DuPont recused himself from discussion.

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

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

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

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

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

## RESOLUTIONS

10-172 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH FIRE AND FIRST AID COMPANIES FOR STORAGE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.”

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

Councilwoman Horgan asked why the action was being taken this late in the year. Mayor Menna explained that it is traditionally done after the budget is passed.

### ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

10-173 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING PETER J. DEFAZIO ON HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK.”

Councilman Murphy 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.

10-174 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES 2010-2011.”

Councilwoman Lee 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.

10-175 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT OF RESOLUTION OF TENANT COMPLAINT ENTERED BY THE RED BANK RENT LEVELING BOARD ON MARCH 25, 2010.”

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

Councilman DuPont noted that the Mayor had sent out word to the Council that he had had some resolution of the matter. Mayor Menna said that he did but that Councilwoman Horgan believed that the payment agreement between the parties was something that she didn’t want the Borough to get involved in and she wanted to move forward on enforcement.

Councilwoman Horgan noted that it was the Rent Leveling Board that had made a decision against a landlord who had, she thought, made an error in what they were doing to a tenant in raising their rent without good reason. She said the parties had come before the Board and they heard what both sides had to say. The Board decided that a lump sum reimbursement should be made to the tenant and the landlord has not fulfilled that which was why the resolution was being put forward.

Councilman DuPont asked what resolution the Mayor had proposed. Mayor Menna said it was that was saying was that the landlord and his attorney have agreed that the amount due is legitimate and they have already made three payments totaling \$900. He said they have agreed to keep making payments of \$300 a month until it is paid in full. He said he didn’t think the Borough should spend money on an enforcement action on an issue like this. He said he thought they should give it another 30 days because, after speaking to the landlord and his attorney, he felt that it was their intent to make sure that it was paid.

Councilwoman Horgan noted that it was the resolution of the Board that they should pay in one lump sum.

Mayor Menna questioned the practice of using Municipal Offices to collect a judgment for a private person which he didn't think was a good precedent. He noted that the resolution for enforcement was on the agenda because she had asked for it. He said he felt they were going to get compliance but the landlord had asked for a small amount of time and the Mayor felt it should be given. Mayor Menna noted that the case was unusual because normally when a tenant received a rebate order, they were still a tenant. In this case, he continued, the tenant was no longer a tenant.

Councilman Zipprich asked if the Board had assessed a penalty. Mayor Menna said they had and that it had been agreed to by the landlord. He said the landlord had asked to pay in stages and the tenant had been accepting the money.

Councilmember questioned why they were hearing the matter if the parties were in agreement. Councilwoman Horgan noted that that was not what the Rent Leveling Board had decided in their resolution.

Mayor Menna again stated that if the Board wanted the Borough to enforce it in Municipal Court, it would set a difficult precedent for the Borough to enforce every action for collection of debts owed private citizens by landlords.

Administrator Sickels said he thought the issue the Board wanted brought before the Council was the fact that a year had passed after the decision by the Board when there was no compliance. He said the Board had asked the Council to enforce the ordinance and noted that there was a daily penalty for non-payment and not complying with the resolution which was why they had asked the Council to authorize enforcement action.

Councilman Murphy asked why the Court wouldn't enforce it. Administrator Sickels said, as per Municipal Ordinance, the Rent Leveling Board has to submit a resolution requesting the Council to authorize the enforcement action.

Councilman DuPont noted that it called for a refund of \$2,300 and asked how much had been paid. Mayor Menna said \$900 had been paid.

Councilman Murphy asked what building this was concerning. Mayor Menna said it was a four family home on Shrewsbury Avenue. Councilman Murphy asked if the Rent Leveling Ordinance covered four-family units and up. Administrator Sickels said it was three units and up.

Mayor Menna noted that someone had said the issue had been going on for a year, but he had a date of March 25, 2010. Mr. Sickels said that was the date of the decision of the Board. The Mayor said that would mean that it was not a year that the landlord had not paid.

Councilman DuPont asked if the tenant had accepted the arrangement because he was concerned that the Council was going to incur fees to recoup \$1,300. Based on the Mayor's comments, he continued, was accepting of the situation.

Councilwoman Horgan said the issue was that the landlord was to reimburse the former tenant in one lump sum because the landlord would not have accepted a payment plan for the rent increase which the tenant paid.

Mayor Menna suggested the Council adopt the resolution and make it effective in thirty days. He clarified that that would mean the Municipal Prosecutor would not bring action if the entire amount was paid within thirty days.

Councilwoman Horgan said she would accept that.

Councilman Zipprich asked for clarification on when the matter was heard by the Rent Leveling Board. Councilwoman Horgan said it was in March of 2010.

Councilwoman Horgan said her motion would include the amendment.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**NAYS:** None

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

10-176      Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSES 2010-2011.”

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

NAYS:      None

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS**

10-177      Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$2,751,709.37.”

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**

Councilman Zipprich reported that he and Councilman DuPont and Councilwoman Horgan had recently read that the Obama Administration had some solar grant opportunities available and he thought the Borough should look into it. He said he was again urging the Mayor, Engineer and Administrator to pursue the opportunities as well as anything available from the State’s Clean Energy Program.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AUDIENCE**

Cindy Burnham—Harrison Avenue, Fair Haven—said she wanted to propose an event at Maple Cove called Paddle the Navesink River. She said they were looking at a date of Saturday, September 18 and that the Jersey Paddlers organization would come to Maple Cove with different kinds of boats, paddles and life preservers for a demonstration. She said they also wanted to include the Navesink River Rowing Club, the Navesink River Maritime Heritage Association, the Littoral Society and Clean Ocean Action.

Mayor Menna asked her to have the organization that would be sponsoring the event submit a written request with the proposed dates and the participating organizations to the Mayor and Council. He said it would be referred to the Special Events Committee for consideration.

Peter Muller—16 Princeton Ave., Red Bank P.O.—said he had read that the Council was considering revising the Borough’s taxi ordinance and offered some input on some of the problems with the current procedure and difficulties he faces by not having enough cars. He said he was looking to add five new cars to his business and add employees.

Mayor Menna confirmed that a proposed change to the ordinance had been circulated to the Council and asked Attorney Pringle to provide an update. Attorney Pringle said they were close to having it ready for introduction.

Councilman Murphy asked Mr. Muller about his statement that he wanted to add five cars. Mr. Muller said he was told that there would be five new licenses available. Mr. Murphy explained that if the amendment authorized five new licenses, they would not be guaranteed to go to Mr. Muller. He said he understood that.

David Prown—44 Hillside Place—said he thought Memone Crystian was doing a very good job. He noted that he thought it was a tough situation to take over a spot that had been vacant for six months and he was impressed by her work ethic.

Mayor Menna said Ms. Crystian keeps the Council well informed on activities and works very closely with Councilwoman Lewis who serves as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mr. Prown said he also had questions about cardboard pick up in regard to his business. He noted that he was not the property owner of the building but several years ago the Borough had stopped collected garbage for commercial properties and the burden had been shifted to the landlords. He said as a tenant, he had offered to take care of collecting the cardboard and hired someone to come in, bundle it and place it out for collection. He said he recently learned from Public Works that they had done away with collecting all recycling for businesses and he questioned the lack of notification. He said this left him with limited options including throwing it in the dumpster which he admitted was not a good alternative or to call one of his installers off the road to use their pick up to take the cardboard to the recycling center. He questioned the decision making process and the lack of notification.

Councilwoman Lee said the Public Works Committee would be meeting to discuss how the new policies were working. She added that nothing was written in stone and that they were trying different things. She noted that Public Works was a labor intensive department and they had to try a lot of things to see what works for the Borough and for the citizens.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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