

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
AUGUST 23, 2010
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council President Murphy and Council Members Zipprich, DuPont and Lee.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Municipal Clerk Borghi, Assistant Attorney Hall, Engineer Ballard and Auditor Kaplan.

ABSENT: Mayor Menna, Council Members Lewis and Horgan, Attorney Pringle and Chief Financial Officer Mason.

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 January 3, 2010.

WORKSHOP

No workshop items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 9, 2010

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman DuPont had no report.

Councilman Zipprich congratulated the Count the Children Movement for their family day event at Count Basie Park. He offered kudos to organizer Linda Clark for her commitment and the work of her committee. He also reported that he had been working with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safe Routes Project and said it was gaining momentum. He said the group is looking for residents to join and added that the County Planning Department was interested in seeing the project succeed and that it had come to the attention of the County Transportation Council as well. He also said that, in Councilwoman Horgan's absence, she had asked him to remind residents to fill out a brief survey for the project that has been posted on the Borough's website. He said he had also attended the Energy Audit Exit Interview with Administrator Sickels last week. He said Mr. Sickels had the financial report and implementation plan both of which he said Councilwoman Horgan was anxious to see move forward as liaison to the Environmental Commission.

Councilwoman Lee reported that the Borough had gone out to bid on the 2010 Road Program and noted that there had been some concern with one of the bidders.

Assistant Attorney Hall said the issue had been resolved and a recommendation had been made to award the bid.

Councilwoman Lee said the Engineer had indicated that the Marine Park bulkhead/marina was just about ready for Red Bank citizens to enjoy. She also reported on the Count Basie Park improvements, which she acknowledged were actually Councilwoman Lewis' project, adding that the new turf field was down and it was extremely beautiful. She said she believed there would be a grand opening on September 4. She also reviewed programs at the Red Bank Public Library.

Councilman DuPont congratulated the Library on its new sign.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Council President Murphy read a request from Lunch Break to hang a banner on Shrewsbury Avenue from September 4 to October 4, 2010 to advertise their 2010 Fall Gala.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Council President Murphy read a request from The Community YMCA for raffle licenses.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DuPont

There being three ayes, no nays and one abstention, the requests were declared approved.

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

Council President Murphy opened the public comment portion and asked if anyone would like to speak.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2010-29 Council President Murphy read, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, AMENDING CHAPTER XX, “WATER AND SEWER,” SECTION 20-8, “SEWER CONNECTION FEES” AND SECTION 20-9, “WATER CONNECTION FEES.”

Auditor Kaplan explained that, pursuant to statute, the Borough must recompute its connection fees annually.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for September 13, 2010.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

2010-22 Council President Murphy read, “ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CHAPTER XXV, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS SECTION 25-5.32, “TRAIN STATION DESIGN DISTRICT REGULATIONS,” SECTION 10.14, "REGULATIONS CONTROLLING BUSINESS RESIDENTIAL-1 DISTRICT" SECTION 10.19, "REGULATIONS CONTROLLING BUSINESS RESIDENTIAL-2 DISTRICT" SECTION 10.22, "REGULATIONS CONTROLLING THE TRAIN STATION OVERLAY DISTRICT.”

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 Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Zipprich said he had questions regarding changes from the word “shall” to “should” under the section regarding design standards which covers to properties using colors in accordance with Federal Standards. He compared the area to the downtown district which required owners to comply with a historical color standard and said he wanted to know why the ordinance was being changed from a requirement to a recommendation.

Engineer Ballard noted that the downtown area had been designated as a historic district and the Borough could require that certain colors be used. She said the overlay zone in the ordinance being discussed had not been designated as a historic district so it was written that the Borough would prefer applicants to use the same colors. Councilman Zipprich asked it that meant the Borough had no ability to enforce it. Assistant Attorney Hall noted that the Borough cannot compel because it was not a designated historical district like the downtown. He said the Council would either have to create a historic district to compel design work or declare it an area in need of rehabilitation. Without taking that step, he continued, the town could not compel, but could only ask.

Councilwoman Lee asked if that would apply if the building had a historic designation. Mr. Hall said it would have to be designated and said the Council could designate a building or an entire district. Councilman Zipprich asked specifically about the train station building. Engineer Ballard said the train station was on the National Register of Historic Places so it was already protected. Councilman Zipprich clarified that, in that case, they would have to use historic colors. Ms. Ballard confirmed that was the case. Councilwoman Lee said if someone were to read the ordinance, they would assume they could use colors other than historic colors based on the Council’s ruling but, in fact would be required to use historic colors because it is on the National Register.

Councilman Zipprich said he had another question in the section regarding unoccupied open space and public art where the language was being changed to “encouraged to include” from “shall include.” He asked what the point was because it would not mean that a developer would have to comply. Assistant Attorney Hall said it was basically the same answer which was that the Council would have to declare it an area in need of rehabilitation.

Councilwoman Lee said the members of the Planning Board had had extensive discussions about the shalls and shall nots and suggested the Council hold the ordinance to review the language. Councilman Zipprich said his concern was that if the Borough was encouraging redevelopment in the train station overlay district, which he said he thought was one of the original objectives, if they were going to modify the language, he wanted to know what the major objective was. He said he wanted to make sure they did it correctly.

Administrator Sickels said he thought the problem with the language of “shall” and “should” was that some of the properties were land locked and if they said “shall” they would eliminate the artistic or open space improvements to that site, whereas, if they said “should” it allow them to be more creative in achieving those improvements such as adding to a public space.

Councilwoman Lee said she thought they should table the ordinance until they clarified how they wanted the language to read. Administrator Sickels said that the version before the Council was the Planning Board’s version. Borough Clerk Borghi said she had received the report from the Planning Board, incorporated the changes and asked Planning and Zoning Director Barr to proofread it for accuracy. Ms. Barr said it was correct. Councilwoman Lee acknowledged that she was at the Planning Board meetings and that there had been a lot of discussion on the issue. She said she wanted to table the matter so she could review with Ms.

Barr and the Planning Board Attorney.

Councilwoman Lewis arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Councilman Murphy asked if this ordinance had not been back and forth to the Planning Board already and if the present ordinance represented the Board's final recommendation. Mr. Sickels confirmed that that was the case and it had been discussed by the Board at at least two meetings. Councilwoman Lee said she attended those meetings and she was not comfortable that the "shoulds" and "shalls" were clarified. Councilman Murphy asked how it would have left the Planning Board and found its way back before the Council if it had not been resolved. Borough Clerk Borghi clarified the Planning and Zoning Director Barr had forwarded a report with the changes that were approved by the Planning Board and she had incorporated them into the document before the Council. She said she had then given the document back to Ms. Barr so she could verify that it accurately incorporated the changes and Ms. Barr confirmed that it was correct. Mr. Sickels added that it would not come back before the Council until the Planning Board had reviewed and approved it. Councilwoman Lee agreed and noted that there had been a lot of discussion on where the "shoulds" and "shalls" would fall.

Councilman Zipprich said he was bringing the questions up because the Council had the final say on the matter and, while the Planning Board had done their review, he wanted to make sure all of the members of the Council were in agreement with their recommendation. Assistant Attorney Hall said that he and Attorney Pringle had had issues with the ordinance and the "shoulds" and "shalls" and it was their position that the Council would have to designate the area as a historic zone or an area in need of rehabilitation in order to give the Council the power to compel. Councilwoman Lee said there had been a lengthy discussion with the Planning Board Attorney on the issue and it was her impression that they left the meeting with "shalls" rather than the optional "shoulds" in the ordinance because the Board was not interested in give them an option. She added that it was part of the discussion regarding public art and open space. Mr. Hall suggested they table it so they could sit down with the Planning Board.

Councilwoman Lee offered a motion to table the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: DuPont

There being four ayes and one nay, the ordinance was declared tabled on final reading.

Council President Murphy suggested the Councilwoman Lee and Councilman Zipprich meet with Planning and Zoning Director Barr to discuss the matter.

Councilman Zipprich said he knew the Engineer had put a lot of time into the matter and Councilwoman Lee noted that it had been before the Planning Board twice. Councilman DuPont agreed and noted there had been changes made and approved by the Planning Board. Councilwoman Lee said she had been at those meetings and she knew what they accepted but she wanted to clarify it.

RESOLUTIONS

10-194 Council President Murphy read "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JULIA BURTON AS DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

10-198 Council President Murphy read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE REGARDING MATRIXX II LLC, 224 BRIDGE AVENUE, BLOCK 77, LOT 17.01."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna arrived at 6:55 p.m.

10-199 Mayor Menna read "MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND ENABLING RESOLUTION COUNT BASIE PARK."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

10-201 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO
EXECUTE A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH MONMOUTH COUNTY FOR
PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY OF FY 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

10-202 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A
CERTIFICATION PROHIBITING THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AND A
CERTIFICATION PROHIBITING THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LOBBYING."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

10-203 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS FOR 2010 ROAD PROGRAM."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

10-204 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN
APPROVED STATE CONTRACT VENDORS FOR CONTRACTING UNITS PURSUANT
TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a (POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES)."

Councilwoman Lee asked how many vehicles were being purchased. Councilman Murphy said there were two.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Menna said it thought it was wonderful that a municipality such as Red Bank had achieved the degree of equality and diversity that it had noting that fifty percent of the Council was of the female sex. He said it was a wonderful testament to the intelligence and vitality of Red Bank as a place to live.

Mayor Menna read a proclamation proclaiming August 26, 2010 as Women's Equality Day.

Mayor Menna said he wanted to note that the members of the Council that they should be proud of something else. He said while women have been fighting for equality, Red Bank women have been attaining equality, even when they couldn't vote. He said they should honor and be proud of a woman from the Westside who was the first female firefighter in the State of New Jersey and she came out of Westside Hose Company. He added that she is remembered on a plaque on the grounds of the Westside Hose firehouse again stressing that she was the first female firefighter in the entire State of New Jersey and she came from Red Bank and it was before women could vote.

Councilwoman Lee said she believed that Westside Hose had several female firefighters. Mayor Menna said it did and it also had the first African American Fire Chief and he hoped it would also have the first female Fire Chief.

Councilman Zipprich also noted that Westside Hose Company had just celebrated its 100th Anniversary.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

10-205 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$1,136,486.50."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Zipprich said he knew that the Mayor had been working with Administrator Sickels on the Solar Panel Feasibility Project and asked for a progress report. Mayor Menna said that Mr. Sickels had had appointments with professionals in the field and should be issuing a report in the next two weeks. Mr. Sickels said he had met with a local architect who was familiar with solar projects and had been doing some with local municipalities and school districts. He added that he was meeting the following Thursday with school officials, a solar provider and an engineering firm that was offering to do free assessments to municipal and school facilities. He said they were looking into doing a shared service agreement for power purchasing where they would come and install solar equipment at their expense with no cost to the Borough.

Councilman Zipprich reported that he had stood in for the Mayor that morning to welcome the Borough's new teachers. He said they were a fine lot and it should be a good school year. Mayor Menna thanked Councilman Zipprich and noted that Councilwoman Horgan was also unable to make it. He added that he told the Superintendent he would try to be there but was unable to clear his schedule.

AUDIENCE

Carl Colmorgen—67 Oakland Street—discussed issues he was having with the Public Works Department in regard to brush pick up. He said he had called for an appointment for brush pick up, which he noted was once a month. He was told to leave it out any day that week and it would be picked up by the end of the week. He said a full week later it was still there so he put it in trash bags. When he called to again request that it be

picked up, he was told they won't pick it up in trash bags and that he could put it out again the following month. He said he was also asked if he had called to report that it hadn't been picked up. He said he had not called. He also said he spoke to one of his neighbors who also hadn't had her brush picked up. He said the neighbor told him she had called to report it but it wasn't picked up. He said the original pick up date was the 12th and it was now the 23rd. He noted that another property had put items out that exceeded what was allowed and he knew it wouldn't be picked up but asked if something could be done about it. He offered photographs and said it was a rental house on Oakland Street, next to the Charter School which he pointed out would be opening in the next two weeks. He said the items have been in front of the house for the last two weeks.

Councilwoman Lee said she would take the photographs and would follow up with Public Works Director Watson. Mr. Colmorgen said he had hoped to see Mr. Watson before the meeting rather than bring the matter before the Council.

Freddie Boynton—365 Shrewsbury Avenue—thanked the Mayor and Administrator for their support in regard to his daughter. Mayor Menna thanked him and said it was a tragedy and their hearts went out to him and the immediate and extended family.

He said his father, his uncle and he, himself, had all worked for the Borough. He noted that he was also a Golden Gloves winner and he reviewed his career noting that he represented the Borough. He said his son had applied for a job with the Borough last year and had never even got a call back. He said his son came and questioned why, after all Mr. Boynton had done for Red Bank, why he wasn't even called for an interview. He said he looks at the employees from the Public Works Division and says they are from out of town and the Council has no knowledge of their background. He questioned the way applications were handled. He also expressed concern over the fact that the errors of Public Works employees were publicized more than those of other Departments such as the Police.

Adrian Bilaal—266 South Pearl—said she wanted to speak about Count Basie Park saying that she had exercised there just about every day very early in the morning including while the construction was going on. She acknowledged that the field was beautiful but said people could no longer get into it. She asked when it would be opened and what the hours would be. She said, during construction, there were no signs saying "keep out" or noting when construction would be complete. She said, now that it has been completed, it was all locked up. She said she thought there should have been information to let people know about the construction and when it would be done. She said that there were a lot of people who used it during construction and now they all walk around the baseball fields and they are starting to cut a path. She said she had called and notified the Parks and Recreation Director that there was a two foot hole in the middle of the field which she noted had been filled. She also reported that there were a lot of young men who play soccer on the field and that side of the field was full of water bottles. She suggested placing a trash can in the area, acknowledging that it may not solve the problem. She asked what the public usage would be for the field.

Administrator Sickels said there were signs posted that the field was closed during construction. Ms. Bilaal challenged that and Mr. Sickels said they were posted at all four entrances and he had photos of them. However, he continued, as they got closer to the completion of the construction, they kept finding things that were in need of repair and the contractor questioned his responsibility. Mr. Sickels said until the final punch list is completed, it is considered a construction site. He also noted that the Borough had made a commitment to the Pop Warner Organization and had to educate the coaches about what could and could not be done in regard to the field. He also said there were currently overlapping insurance issues and the Borough needed to post signs for the rules of use of the field which he said would be in English and Spanish. He said once those signs were up and the final punch list was done, they would post hours and the park would be open.

Councilwoman Lee said she wanted to address some of Ms. Bilaal's concerns regarding the public using the field. She said there were several items that were not in the front of the Committee members' minds when making decisions regarding the field including issues such as security. She said they made a major investment in the field and they had to protect that investment noting that certain items, if spilled on the field, could damage it. She said she had participated in a lengthy Parks and Recreation meeting where they discussed those that used the field for walking and had mapped out a tentative plan. She said it was important to the Committee to provide a citizen walkway and possibly a bike path. She said they had discussed the option of having it run around the other fields and include Mohawk Pond so it would snake around the entire park. She added that they did not plan for the fact the people used the park every day but were focused on getting the advantage of getting the work done and the project completed. She again noted that the Committee did not consider the amount of security the field would require. She reassured Ms. Bilaal that the Committee was working on a plan for the people who walked at the park and pledged to make it better than it was. She said they were under a renovation plan for the entire park and hoped to have the path started by next Spring.

Councilwoman Lewis asked for Ms. Bilaal's patience adding that they are working on getting something comparable there for the walkers. She said she agreed with Councilwoman Lee that the Committee didn't anticipate everything. She again asked for patience and urged her to continue to use the park.

David Prown—44 Hillside Place—said he had also had concerns about access to the track and thanked the Council members for the information. He said he also questions about public bathrooms at the Borough parks. He acknowledged that it was a difficult situation and said he was aware of problems such as maintenance and damages but added that if the access wasn't there, people would go in public. Mr. Sickels noted that not all of

the parks had bathrooms adding that the Borough puts Port-a-Johns out to provide accommodations during the season and pays a company to maintain them. He said, for the parks that do have bathrooms, they were opened during scheduled activities when someone would be there to attend them. He said often, within a few minutes of when they are opened, the paper goods would be gone. He noted that they were also short on manpower. Mr. Prown said it was also a health issue when people were using bushes in the park. Mr. Sickels said at one time there was a plan to put remote bathrooms at Count Basie Park but, after the bids exceed the estimates, they were cut. He said there had been talk about revisiting that and looking at other parks as well. He said the Borough was looking for more grant money to get it done.

Mr. Prown said he understood it was a health versus cost issue. He noted that it was especially needed at Marine Park which was heavily used. He said when the tennis courts were in use, the bathrooms were open but otherwise none were available. Councilman Murphy asked if the bathrooms at Marine Park worked because he knew the Borough had Port-a-Johns there. Mr. Sickels said they worked but the Port-a-Johns were there as a supplement for the hours that it wasn't open. A discussion arose as to whether a Port-a-John had been available at Marine Park for this summer.

Mr. Prown noted that the train station was another area that needed public restrooms available. Councilwoman Lewis thanked Mr. Prown for his input and said that the issue was a concern.

Mayor Menna said train station lavatories was an issue he had raised with NJTransit for the past seven years and he said often their response was that the bathrooms were available on the trains. He added that it didn't look like they would be investing in that at least until the major renovations of the station.

Mr. Prown asked about the permit system to use the parks and asked if it was being enforced, what the process was and if someone had to be a sanctioned league with insurance or can one get a permit for a pick up game. Mr. Sickels said he wasn't sure. Mr. Prown handed out a photo collage of the kids that had participated in the Future Bucs Basketball and Soccer Leagues to thank the Council for their support.

Nate Bilaal—266 South Pearl Street—said the end of his street had been turned into a “truck stop” and asked about an ordinance that would ban parking 18-wheelers overnight. He said there were three or four trucks there every day and night for the last two to three months. He said he went to the Police about it but they said they were not aware of any ordinance and that they would check.

Mayor Menna said the Borough had a general ordinance that dealt with banning overnight parking on Borough Streets which had been on the books for time immemorial. He said it was his understanding that it applied to every street. He noted that some Borough streets had developed to such an extent that some houses did not have driveways so it was not enforced on some streets except in snow emergencies and cited specific examples.

Councilman DuPont asked if there was a tonnage limitation. Councilman Murphy said it was only on certain streets. Mayor Menna said he did remember that when he was a Councilman they had passed an ordinance limiting a tonnage amount on Pearl Street but he couldn't recall the exact details. Mayor Menna asked Mr. Sickels to look into the matter and get back to him. Councilman Murphy said he wanted to clarify that the trucks weren't actually parked on Pearl Street but were on Mohawk Lane. Mr. Bilaal confirmed that and added that parking was also an issue in the area every time there was a game at the field despite the fact that there were signs stating “no parking at any time.” He had called but enforcement was sporadic. Mayor Menna again said they would look into it to see what they could do.

Adrian Bilaal—266 South Pearl Street—said there was a section near the parking lot of the park where there were two big bushes near the sidewalk that needed to be cut back. She said it is difficult to see people coming out from the area and also suggesting putting yellow lines down to indicate a walkway. She noted that the trucks parked in the area added to the visibility problem. Mayor Menna asked Councilwomen Lee and Lewis to follow up.

Freddie Boynton—365 Shrewsbury Avenue—stated that the trucks in question belonged to him and his brother and that they parked there because similar trucks go in and out of the junk yard at that location all day. He said he was trying to avoid parking in an area like Shrewsbury Avenue where he would block traffic and said he chose the area being discussed to be nice.

Councilwoman Lewis said she wanted to bring up an item she forgot to mention earlier which was the huge success of the Red Bank Family Reunion day. She said she was unable to attend but heard that many families had attended and some came from as far as Hawaii and Virgin Islands. She congratulated the committee that put the event together. She said she also wanted to congratulate the Count the Children Committee Day that took place the previous Saturday noting that it was another event full of young people and older people that celebrated Red Bank. She said she also wanted to announce the ribbon cutting on Sept. 4 at Count Basie Field at 5 pm and invited everyone to come out and celebrate the turf field.

Councilwoman Lee said she wanted to add that the Count the Children Movement had passed out backpacks filled with school and personal hygiene supplies to the children at the end of the event. She said the children were very appreciative and asked people to look through their cabinets for extra supplies and think of those that didn't have those items for their children.

Councilwoman Lewis said she also wanted to note that this year's "Home Town Hero" that was celebrated by the Count Children Movement was John Franklin Moses.

Mayor Menna noted that it was announced at the event that Mr. Moses was the first African American teacher in the Red Bank Schools but noted that he recalled that, when he was a student and before Mr. Moses got there, that there was another African American gentleman already teaching. Administrator Sickels he believe that Mr. Moses had taught from 1951 to 1970.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi