

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
APRIL 26, 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, Borough 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 Lee.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Presentation of People's Choice Award Best Downtown by Tourism NJ to Red Bank

Mayor Menna said the Borough Red Bank had recently been awarded the People's Choice Award by the residents of the State of New Jersey as well as the State of New York and the tri-State area for being the best downtown in New Jersey. He said it was an award that they were all understandable proud of and said they had worked hard with the Borough's partners RiverCenter, the business community and the arts community. He said the contest was done by poll and the Borough faced still competition from areas like Princeton, Montclair, Newark and Jersey City. He said Red Bank was a great down and said that was only possible with a wonderful forward thinking citizenry that was supportive of the arts and the downtown. He asked Mary Eileen Fournatt of the Monmouth County Arts Council and Margaret Mass of the Visitors Center to come forward and present the award. Ms. Fournatt noted that Red Bank also beat out New Brunswick, which was last year's winner. She said she was presenting the award to the Council on behalf of RiverCenter, the Visitors Center, the Monmouth County Arts Council and the Borough's various arts groups. She noted the many activities that were offered in the downtown.

Mayor Menna said he believed cultural tourism meant an infusion of cash for the Borough's economy in the form of both shoppers and home buyers.

Lets Talk Trash – Earth Day Community Clean Up

Councilwoman Horgan introduced Kathleen Gasienica whom she said was an avid environmentalist that had been working with the Environmental Commission and was a member of the Borough's Green Team. Councilwoman Horgan reviewed Ms. Gasienica's background and volunteer activities. Ms. Gasienica gave a detailed presentation which she said was in honor of Earth Day and the 25 year anniversary of Clean Ocean Action's (COA) Beach Sweeps. She reviewed the efforts and successes of COA and the environmental issues facing our local waters. She specifically addressed issues of overflowing trash and plastics. She offered suggestions on how people can help to avoid the problem. She reported that she had conducted a sweep of a three block area and was amazed by the amount of trash she collected. She went into great detail regarding the problem of single use plastics and the threats they pose to the food chain, marine animals and humans in particular. She highlighted some of the ways companies, and the Borough in particular, have already taken steps to improve the situation.

10-105 Mayor Menna read, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION."

Councilwoman Lewis said that after many months it was the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee to appoint Memone Crystian. She reviewed Ms. Crystian's credentials and background.

Councilwoman Lewis 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 motion declared approved.

Ms. Crystian thanked the Mayor and Council for believing in her vision for Parks and Recreation and encouraged residents to reach out to her.

2010 Proposed Budget Presentation

Administrator Sickels made a presentation detailing the various elements of the 2010 budget including losses of aid and revenue and increases in expenses over 2009. He noted the undue burden placed on the Borough by the high number of non-profits located within the municipality which were tax exempt but large users of Borough services. He noted the Borough history with shared services, consolidation of jobs and explained the Council's plans to overcome the challenges presented including cuts in various Departments and the possibility of layoffs or furloughs of employees. He reminded those in attendance that there would be a meeting of the Finance Committee with Department Heads in attendance on the following Wednesday at 7 pm.

Mayor Menna thanked Mr. Sickels for his comprehensive presentation and also thanked Councilman DuPont and the members of the Finance Committee, CFO Mason, the Borough Auditor and all of the Department Heads noting that it was an extraordinarily difficult year. He said the Council would welcome suggestions from the public on Wednesday evening and added that further adjustments would be made to the budget.

Councilman DuPont thanked all of the taxpayers who had provided comments and suggestions and said that they would be addressed individually on Wednesday night. He encouraged everyone to attend and stressed that the budget was a work in progress.

10-93 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH REASON FOR DELAY OF INTRODUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR 2010."

Councilman DuPont 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 motion declared approved.

10-94 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF 2010 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 motion declared approved.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to resume 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 declared approved.

WORKSHOP

Shade Tree Ordinance

Councilman Zipprich described the ordinance that was currently on the books and noted that, according to that ordinance, the Borough arborist was responsible for overseeing the management program. He added that the arborist had been retained through a shared services agreement and had recently retired so the line item was removed from the budget. He asked Council members to consider alternative ways to manage the Forestry Program and noted that there would also have to be a modification to the ordinance.

Councilwoman Lee asked if they had reached out to the County Freeholders. Councilman Zipprich said they had but the County was also spread very thin.

Mayor Menna noted that a proposed amended ordinance had been distributed and he encouraged Council members to review the proposed changes that would set discernable standards. Secondly, he said, they would have to consider what they would do for an alternative to the arborist and said he would make some inquiries before the next meeting.

No Knock Ordinance

Mayor Menna noted that a draft had been distributed and noted that it would exclude not for profits, religious institutions and other constitutional protected types of institutions. He said the goal was to give the citizen of degree of privacy as well as security. He noted that there was already an ordinance in place requiring solicitors to register and pass a background check. He said this would just establish a list of people who did not want to be bother and if there was a violation, they could call the Police Department. Councilman DuPont said there should be a time because he felt a blanket prohibition would be unconstitutional. Council members suggested various times and settled on 9 am to 7 pm. Attorney Pringle said he thought that might be too early and the Borough could be challenged. He also suggested they limit the time frame of the permit, such as 30 to 45 days, so they would have to renew and receive an updated list. Councilman Zipprich asked how it would affect school children and scouts doing fundraising. Mayor Menna said they would be exempt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 12, 2010

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

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

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Murphy announced that the 10th Anniversary Celebration for the Source would held on be May 7th from 7 to 10 pm at his home.

Councilwoman Lee gave the library's website address and noted that it could be accessed through the Borough's website also. She reviewed up coming programs and events in the month of May and noted they were all free. She asked for support for the library noting that the State had threatened to cut funding.

Mayor Menna commended the Library Board for their reenergized leadership and noted that the library had been opened up to a lot of new individuals. He said he especially wanted to commend the group "Friends of the Library."

Councilwoman Horgan said Red Bank's Green Team was looking for more members and invited anyone interested to join the Environmental Commission the next night at 7 pm. She also noted that the Environmental Commission had instituted a new program called Student Ambassador for the Environment which will recognize Red Bank students in grades K through 8 who have shown a genuine commitment, care and concern for the environment. She said the students would be nominated by their teachers for their active participation in a school or community project that promotes or improves the well being of the earth. She said the Primary, Middle and Charter schools were involved and gave details on the program. She said the Human Relations Advisory Committee had reported that Red Bank had a 68 percent response rate for the census. She said the next step will be for door to door census takers to go to non-responding residences.

Councilwoman Lewis reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee had held their regular meeting on April 14 and the items on their agenda included a status report from the acting director, park maintenance, summer camp planning, Count Basie Turf project and Marine Park.

Councilman Zipprich reported that the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission was reminding everyone that free H1N1 vaccinations were still being given at their office on Wednesdays in April and May and were open to all Monmouth County residents. He also reviewed the tree planting ceremony held at the

Red Bank Charter School in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day and thanked the Mayor for his proclamation. He noted that the school had received a Tree City USA flag in recognition of their accomplishments. He also reported that Preservation New Jersey would be recognizing George Bowden and the Red Bank Historic Preservation Commission for their contribution to the Historic Preservation achievements in New Jersey with a Vision Award for their work on the Washington Street Historic District and Historic Element of the Master Plan. He also reported that the Monmouth County Transportation Council would be holding a summit on May 4 at Monmouth University and Red Bank resident Jim Willis would be speaking on the local initiative for safe bike routes.

Mayor Menna said he felt the program the Charter School Children held was enormously positive when they took Arbor Day to their neighbors by taking flowers to their neighbors on Chestnut and Oakland streets. He added that a lot of the residents told him they were very impressed.

Councilwoman Horgan reported that the Primary School had also held an Expo.

Councilman DuPont said the hearing on the failed budget for Red Bank Regional High School would be the following Thursday and he would be attending. He also congratulated Councilwoman Lewis on her induction into the Red Bank Regional Distinguished Alumni and Councilman Zipprich on his recent birthday.

Mayor Menna said he and Fire Commissioner Murphy as well as other member of the Council had recently attended the funeral service for ex-Fire Chief Alex Rogel. He noted that Chief Rogel was chief out of the Union Hose Company in 1968 and called him a legendary figure and continuing presence on the west side of Red Bank. He also reported that he and Council President Murphy had dedicated a tree at the Red Bank Senior Center in memory of Ethel Frankel, first Senior Services Director for the Borough noting that at the time of appointment she worked without salary. He said it was wonderful to see so many Senior Center participants at the ceremony with her family to honor her memory with the living memorial. He also noted that former Councilman Hintelmann, who served as the first liaison to the Center 30 years ago, was in attendance. He also reported that the following Friday would another milestone for the Borough and credited Superintendent of Schools Laura Morana for efforts to set up a meeting at the Primary School where a new pilot program called Seniors for Kids, sponsored by Generations United, would be announced. He said the program came about due to a number of cooperative efforts groups in the State and would partner individuals 50 and over who were law enforcement officials and education leaders with students to build a competitive and healthier society and to merge the interests of those who have experience with those just coming into life.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Menna read a request from Michael Very for membership to Independent Engine Company and Donald Lynch for membership to the First Aid and Rescue Squad of the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department.

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

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 requests from Tinton Falls Foundation for Excellence in Education and Red Bank Catholic High School PTA for raffle licenses.

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 a request from Jersey Shore Ghost Tours to hold walking tours of Red Bank throughout the year starting in May of 2010, pending approval of the Special Events Committee and the Chief of Police.

Councilwoman Horgan noted that they had requested a police presence and asked if the event organizer would be paying for it. Mayor Menna said it would be referred to the Special Events Committee and, if it was determined that they needed a police presence, they would have to pay for it.

Councilman Zipprich 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 a request from Monmouth Day Care Center to hold “Touch a Truck” in the Middle School parking lot on Saturday, September 25, 2010 with a rain date of Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

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 a request from Stokaboka Surf & Skate to hold beach chair movie nights in the back parking lot of 32 Monmouth Street on May 29th, June 26th, July 31st, August 28th and September 25th starting at dusk and lasting approximately two hours, pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

Councilwoman Lewis 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 a request from Jazz Arts Project, Inc. to hang a banner on Broad Street from June 30, 2010 to August 3, 2010 to promote Jazz performances on Friday evenings at the Two River Theater.

Administrator Sickels and Mayor Menna said they thought there may be a conflict with another event and asked that the calendar be checked.

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to table 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 tabled.

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

No one appeared.

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2010-16 Mayor Menna read “CALENDAR YEAR 2010 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND 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 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 May 10, 2010.

2010-17 Mayor Menna read “REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS AND/OR REFUNDING NOTES BY THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING AMOUNTS OWED TO TAXPAYERS FROM TAX APPEAL JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS TO SUCH PURPOSE.”

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 May 10, 2010.

2010-18 Mayor Menna read “ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A SEWER EASEMENT UPON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE CEDAR CROSSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, BLOCK 75.03, LOTS 50.01 AND 69; BLOCK 75.01, LOTS 83, 84 AND 85, FROM THE RED BANK AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DuPont

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

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for May 10, 2010.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

None.

RESOLUTIONS

10-95 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BUSINESS STIMULUS FUND (BSF) GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN.”

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.

10-96 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR THE HIRING OF A QUALIFIED EXPERT TO ASSIST THE BOROUGH IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN.”

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.

10-97 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE REGARDING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 255 HARDING ROAD, BLOCK 110, LOT 10.01."

Councilwoman Horgan 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.

10-98 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY."

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.

10-99 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION TO ESTABLISH A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE ON RIVERSIDE AVENUE (ROUTE 35)."

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.

10-100 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW JERSEY HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY AND THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK FOR THE LIVE WHERE YOU WORK PROGRAM."

Mayor Menna said this was an extraordinarily positive program from the New Jersey Mortgage Finance Agency and the Borough would one of the few towns in New Jersey where the mortgage agency would provide up to 100 percent financing for qualified purchases of moderate income units and also cover closing costs. He said it was positive because it would encourage people to be first time home buyers would mesh with the Borough's vision for the redevelopment of Monmouth Street.

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.

10-101 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE RED BANK AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK.”

Councilman Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, 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 resolution was declared approved.

10-102 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF SIDEWALK CAFES.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DuPont

Councilwoman Horgan asked all sidewalk café participants to be aware of the cigarette issue. Mayor Menna said that was more of an enforcement issue because there was an ordinance in place that the restaurants have a disposal container within so many feet of their entrance. He said he would ask Code Enforcement to look into it.

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

10-103 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:2-55 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TAX APPEAL REFUNDING BONDS AND/OR REFUNDING NOTES.”

He said this would enable the Borough to spread payment tax appeal settlements over five years instead of one year.

Councilman DuPont 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.

10-104 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT WITH RW @ RIVER’S EDGE, BLOCK 82, LOT 17; BLOCK 83, LOTS 5, 6.01 AND 6.02, PHASE I.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, Horgan, Murphy

NAYS: Lee

ABSTAIN: DuPont

There being four ayes, one nay and one abstention, the resolution was declared approved.

10-106 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION BY RED BANK AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION FOR TITLE 39 DESIGNATION.”

Mayor Menna explained that this would allow for the enforcement of motor vehicle laws on the roadways and driveways of the property.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Lewis, Zipprich, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DuPont

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

Administrator Sickels noted that this resolution would be followed up with an appropriate ordinance.

PROCLAMATIONS

Councilwoman Lee asked that the Council consider a proclamation for Joseph Azzolina who was a huge supporter to the Borough and its Recreation, Police and Fire Departments and well as the children of Red Bank.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

10-107 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$2,358,520.23.”

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Zipprich announced that the Red Bank Education Foundation would be holding an Art Gala on Friday, May 21 at the Atrium.

AUDIENCE

Steven Hecht—135 Branch Avenue—asked what period of time would the bond ordinance covering tax appeal settlements represent. CFO Mason said 2007, 2008 and 2009. Mayor Menna clarified that previous practice was to just write a check, but with the state of the economy State law permits, with the approval of the DCA, to authorize a payment over five years which he said he thought was a good policy. Mr. Hecht asked if there was some way the public could see the settlements. CFO Mason said he had copies of the judgments in his office.

Ben Forrest—16 Locust Avenue—said he was very happy the Council had hired a new Recreation Director and also glad that the budget cuts to that Department were minimal. He said he thought Recreation services were very important especially with the Board of Education removing their Recreation Program. He said he appreciated the Council’s hard work on the budget and said he knew first hand how difficult it was. He also said he was glad they were having the budget presentation and that he planned to attend and said he thought some of the ideas presented had merit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10-108 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel.

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis. Minutes to be made public in 180 days.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: None

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

Councilwoman Lee offered a motion to adjourn from executive session, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Lee offered a motion, seconded by Councilman DuPont 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