

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
AUGUST 25, 2008
5:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee and Murphy.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Vivona, Chief Financial Officer Mason, Attorney Pringle, Assistant Attorney Hall and Engineer Kosenski.

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 1, 2008.

Mayor Menna said that he would like to formally, warmly and officially welcome James Giannell as our newest Councilperson and he needs no introduction and said he is a life long Red Bank resident and that it is good to have him and look forward to his contributions to the Council.

Mayor Menna said that he knows our agenda does reflect a public hearing on Ordinance #2008-20, which is known as the plastic bag ordinance. He said this ordinance has been introduced and was to be finally adopted this evening and said there has been some very good discussion by interested residents, stakeholders, businesses, environmental groups and Members of the Council and because of the comments, as well as the number of ideas and suggestions which Members of the Council have received, the Council will not be taking any action on this ordinance this evening, but is merely on the agenda for calendar control. He said the discussion of this ordinance will be carried for further discussion by the Committee and because there are going to be some substantial changes in the actual ordinance that, both from a legal standpoint as well as a public policy standpoint, it would be reintroduced and we expect it to be reintroduced in a variated form in the foreseeable future because the changes are going to be rather substantial. He said it is very good because we have had really great dialogue with everyone involved and by introducing it, it did serve its public purpose and made people sit down together and see if we could come up with a workable ordinance that achieves its' goal and at the same time protects the interests of all parties. He said we will not be taking any action on this ordinance this evening and in some form it will be reintroduced in the future.

WORKSHOP

Shade Tree Commission and Road Program

Councilwoman Cangemi said that the Shade Tree Commission has been working with T&M and our Department of Public Utilities on the Road Program and there were some questions about the widening of the planting strips on Linden Place and Wallace Street and they were responded to beautifully and they would be increased by at least a foot in most places which will allow for us to put some decent size trees back on those streets and said she wanted to thank everyone that was involved in this project.

Councilwoman Lee said she would also like to thank Mr. Watson because he worked with the contractor and the Shade Tree Commission communicated with everyone to make the project a success.

Community Center Committee

Councilman DuPont said that the Community Center Committee has met and we hope to have our findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Council some time in the month of September.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 22, 2007

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, DuPont, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Horgan, Giannell

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2008

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Giannell

There being five ayes, no nays and one abstention, the minutes were declared approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 11, 2008

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, 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 said there is a resolution on the agenda to authorize the purchase of certain equipment for the Fire Department and it is money from the Monmouth County Improvement Authority budget.

Councilwoman Lee said the Road Program is moving forward and they are currently working on Waverly Place and have passed out the notices to the residents on Throckmorton Avenue informing them that their street will be paved soon and Linden Place and Wallace Street are almost completed.

Mayor Menna said that since Councilman Giannell has been appointed to replace Councilman Curley he would like Councilman Giannell to serve as the Council Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee since that was his Committee and the only other Committee appointment that Councilman Curley had was liaison to the Human Relations Committee but since Councilwoman Horgan had already served on that committee as member she has agreed to serve as Council Liaison for the next couple of months.

Councilwoman Cangemi said that Councilman Curley was also on the Code Enforcement Committee.

Mayor Menna said that the Borough Clerk would give Councilman Giannell a list of all other Committees that Councilman Curley served on with the exception of the Human Relations Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Menna read a request from Learning Tree Preschool to hang a banner on Broad Street from January 12, 2009 to February 8, 2009 to promote their open house and registration for their non-profit preschool.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from the Jersey Shore Jazz & Blues Foundation for use of Marine Park on May 31, June 1 and June 2, 2009 to hold the 2009 Red Bank Jazz and Blues Festival, pending approval of the Special Improvement District and the Special Events Committee.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from The Count the Children Movement and Pneuma for use of Count Basie Park for the “I-Build, U-Build, We-Build” community Family Day on Saturday, September 20, 2008 with a rain date of Sunday, September 21, 2008 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m., pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from The Community YMCA to hold food and wine tasting at the Two River Theater Company on November 3, 2008 to benefit the Strong Kids Campaign, pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from the Red Bank Volunteer Fire Department to host the annual Fire Prevention Expo in the east end of the White Street Parking Lot on Sunday, October 12, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a rain date of October 19, 2008, pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, 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

Peter Morfogenis – 46 Manor Drive – said that he is concerned about the parking permit ordinance and informed everyone that a handicapped sticker is exempt from all parking spaces and asked if that includes reserved parking spaces.

Mr. Hall asked if he was talking about Ordinance #2008-19.

Mr. Morfogenis said that in the ordinance there is no mention of handicapped parking.

Mayor Menna said that by State Law and Federal Regulations under the Americans with Disabilities Act the individuals with certain challenges that are given a handicapped sticker are exempt.

Mr. Morfogenis asked if he could park in any parking space if needed.

Councilman Murphy said that he thinks he is asking if he could park in a permit parking space in the municipal parking lots.

Mr. Morfogenis said that is exactly what he is asking.

Mayor Menna said that this ordinance is not addressing that issue.

Mr. Morfogenis asked why not.

Mayor Menna said that in all of the Borough lots there are spaces for handicapped individuals.

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2008-21 Mayor Menna read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY DETERMINING POSITIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, 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 September 8, 2008.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

2008-19 Mayor Menna read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII, “TRAFFIC,” SECTION 7-3.9, “PERMIT PARKING IN DESIGNATED AREAS.”

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

Peter Morfogenis – 46 Manor Drive – asked if he would be able to park in designated areas because of his handicapped status.

Mayor Menna said that this ordinance deals with street parking and anyone with challenges would still be able to park on any street even if it is residential parking only.

Mayor Menna asked if anyone else would like to speak, no one appearing he closed the public hearing.

Councilman DuPont offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, 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 Councilwoman Lee.

Councilman Giannell said that not being familiar with this ordinance he asked for an explanation.

Mr. Hall said that under the residential parking zones there was a requirement in the past that to get one of the permits you had to demonstrate that you had no on-site parking which meant a driveway or parking lot. He said that we were looking at the ordinances and we discovered that this was not being enforced so there was no point in having it in the books and the other point of it to would be to expand the number of residential parking permits and more people could get them and we want to try and encourage people to improve the quality of life.

Councilman Giannell asked if we are talking about the parking permits where you can park overnight on the street because you do not have on-site parking and now we are looking to expand that even if they have on-site parking

Mr. Hall said that this is correct.

Councilman Giannell said that he agrees that this should be done and asked Mr. Hall to explain the rest of the ordinance.

Mr. Hall said that this encourages the residents to get a permit and what we are trying to do is to expand that pool and this way more people will take advantage of getting a permit.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Giannell

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

2008-20 Mayor Menna read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IXX, “STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND SANITATION,” BY ADDING NEW SECTION 19-14, “MANDATORY USE OF RECYCLABLE OR REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS.”

Mayor Menna said that he announced earlier Ordinance #2008-20 would not be acted on this evening and there will be a motion to table the ordinance for further discussion notwithstanding that since it is

advertised as a public hearing date for the ordinance and asked if any of the members of the public would like to comment on it realizing that we would not be taking action on it because there is going to be a motion to table the ordinance.

Peter Morfogenis – 46 Manor Drive – said that he is a handicapped person and wanted to know if walking in Red Bank with a plastic bag would be an unlawful action.

Mayor Menna said it would not.

Andrew Mencinsky – 754 Ocean Avenue – Sea Bright – said he is Executive Director of Surfers Environmental Alliance and also a member of Clean Ocean Action. He said he did want to speak about the plastic bag ordinance and said that it is a great step in the right direction for a town like Red Bank because many of the towns in the area look to Red Bank for direction. He said that many of the bags that are used in the supermarkets and other establishments end up in the rivers, oceans and are being ingested by marine life. He said that we have dolphins in the river right up from Red Bank and those are exactly the kinds of things that they can accidentally ingest mistaking it for food. He said that Whole Foods has eliminated all of their plastic bags and said that he spent a couple of dollars to use canvass bags and have them permanently and said that it is great for the Borough to really look at this and obviously there are some issues for the businesses because they will have to find alternative bag usage but he thinks this is a great step for Monmouth County and great that the Borough is showing leadership on this and urges the Council to pass this quickly and work with the business community to make it work for them so they can phase out their plastic bags.

Councilwoman Cangemi offered a motion to table the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Giannell.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

RESOLUTIONS

Councilwoman Cangemi said that she has to abstain on Echo and the Melting Pot.

Mayor Menna suggested that they list each one on a separate resolution.

08-169 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES 2008/2009 – ECHO RESTAURANT.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Cangemi

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

08-180 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES 2008/2009 – THE MELTING POT.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Cangemi

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

08-181 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSES 2008/2009 – ASHES CIGAR CLUB.”

Councilman DuPont said that it is his understanding that currently the Borough is having some issues with Ashes and he is not sure if those issues have been cleared up and said that he is not quite sure if it is the right time to speak about this. He said he is wondering if we should be tabling this until the issues that the Borough is confronting with Ashes are complete.

Mayor Menna said that he has been advised to move on this particular administrative action since the actions that may be under investigation are still under investigation for due process considerations.

Councilman DuPont asked even if there are issues that may be affecting the quality of life in Red Bank.

Mayor Menna said everything is still under investigation.

Mr. Hall said he would be moving on this matter shortly.

Councilman Giannell said that he is not familiar with the issues.

Mayor Menna said that Councilman Giannell should abstain.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Lee

NAYS: DuPont, Horgan, Murphy

ABSTAIN: Giannell

There being two ayes, three nays and one abstention, the resolution was declared defeated.

Mayor Menna said the renewal fails.

08-170 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1340-33-015-007 – ASHES CIGAR CLUB.”

The Borough Clerk said this resolution was just changing the corporate name because they were paying taxes on the wrong corporation and this was mandated by the State of New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Division of Taxation and there were no changes in ownership.

Mayor Menna said that this was a moot point because we did not renew the license.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Murphy said he would like to make a comment about Ashes and said that he has had several issues down there himself. He said that he has had the Building Department and Code Enforcement there on a number of issues and received complaints from RiverCenter that the tables being left out on the sidewalk and the type of regulations that we lay down so people keep their areas clean are not being followed at this establishment. He said there were approximately 100 discarded cigarettes on the streets and said that he has had our Code Enforcement Officer at their sidewalk café on Sunday morning and they leave discarded drinks and cigar and cigarette butts on the table overnight and said we have a lot of people that go downtown early in the morning to have coffee and said Ashes leaves their place in shambles. He said that all the other businesses that have sidewalk cafes have respect for the town and Ashes has to be put on notice about this problem.

Mayor Menna asked the Borough Attorney if it was appropriate to table the resolution.

Mr. Pringle said that it is and the motion failed and asked when the license expires.

The Borough Clerk said that the license expires at the end of the month because they had an Ad Interim Permit.

Mayor Menna said they would have to go to the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control if they want to continue business.

08-171 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

08-172 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND INSPECTION ESCROW REGARDING RANN REALTY II, 210-214 BROAD STREET, BLOCK 102, LOTS 21 AND 22."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

08-173 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 Councilman DuPont.

Councilwoman Cangemi asked for an explanation on this resolution.

Mr. Sickels said that four of the buildings the Fire Department utilizes are owned privately by the different Fire Companies, so the Borough pays a lease payment to those Fire Companies for the storage and use of those buildings for the Fire Department purposes. He said that it is far below market rates but the Borough takes care of the utility costs and things of that nature and this is the annual lease agreement for Union Hose Company, Westside Hose Company, Navesink Hook and Ladder Company and the Red Bank First Aid and Rescue Squad.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

08-174 Mayor Menna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH K. HOVNANIAN PROPERTIES OF RED BANK, INC. FOR THE K. HOVNANIAN CORPORATE CENTER, RIVERSIDE AND MAPLE AVENUES, BLOCK 7, LOT 17.02."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

08-175 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MAINTENANCE GUARANTEES AND RELEASING PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES POSTED BY K. HOVNANIAN PROPERTIES OF RED BANK INC., K. HOVNANIAN CORPORATE CENTER, RIVERSIDE AND MAPLE AVENUES, BLOCK 7, LOT 17.02.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

08-176 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTED SEWER AND WATER BILLS INCURRED BY THE PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

08-177 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT WITH 20 WHITE STREET, L.L.C. FOR 20 WHITE STREET, BLOCK 30.01, LOT 38.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Giannell

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

08-178 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE REGARDING 20 WHITE STREET, L.L.C. FOR 20 WHITE STREET, BLOCK 30.01, LOT 38.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Giannell

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

08-179 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.”

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

Councilwoman Cangemi said that she is not thrilled with an expenditure of \$50,000 turning up on the agenda the night of the Council Meeting and said she would like to have a little more notice on these expenditures.

Mayor Menna said that it has been budgeted for through the Monmouth County Improvement Authority and said he is sympathetic to what she has said and will speak to the Administrator about this.

Councilman DuPont asked Councilman Murphy if these are purchases of fire equipment.

Councilman Murphy said some of the money is to purchase pants and boots and equipment for new guys coming in. He said the other item is a thermal imaging camera and this helps the firemen see through the fire and enhances the light for them so they can see where they are going and said he has been to two demonstrations with Mr. Sickels and Fire Chief Blackwood and it is something that is a necessity and was recently used in a fire and is new technology for the future.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

08-182 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$1,713,793.62.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

AUDIENCE

Peter Morfogenis – 46 Manor Drive – said that he sees these blue and white evacuation signs in other municipalities and asked if Red Bank has an evacuation center.

Mayor Menna said the evacuation center, according to the Department of Homeland Security and the State Emergency Preparedness, is Red Bank Regional High School.

Mr. Sickels said the blue and white signs designate the coastal evacuation route and it is part of a Federal Plan to move people out of potential hurricane flood zones and lead people away from the coast.

Mr. Morfogenis asked if Red Bank Regional High School would be big enough to hold everyone and suggested that the Armory be used.

Mr. Sickels said that the Armory is not suited for an evacuation center and said that we are still trying to come up with some better facilities for evacuation centers, mainly facilities that have generators and kitchen facilities so that people could be taken care of.

Mr. Morfogenis suggested this be looked into as soon as possible.

Judy Hathaway – 44 Ambassador Drive – asked if there is anyway to get the door to the Council Chambers to close quietly so it does not disturb the meeting.

Mr. Sickels said that he would look into this matter.

Keith Rella – 208 East Bergen Avenue – said that he is the publisher of the Red Bank Monitor, a new newspaper here in Red Bank, and he would like to thank everyone for their support and said that we are here as a public service entity. He said that he is also here to introduce the person that will be covering the issues in Red Bank and said that he is lucky to have Layli Whyte covering the issues in Red Bank because so many people know her.

Stephen Hecht – 135 Branch Avenue - said that when the town-wide yard sale was first discussed there was going to be a bulk pick up after the yard sale and now that he has received information it says that the bulk pick up would be before the yard sale and if you look at the bulk pick up schedule the next bulk pick up is almost a month after the yard sale.

Mayor Menna said that there is going to be a pick up before the yard sale and those items that are not sold by individuals that participate in the yard sale can be taken to the reclamation center or wait until the next available bulk pick up.

Ben Forest – 16 Locust Avenue – said that he thinks we should continue to look at the Middle School as a possible emergency center because it is located right in the middle of town and is not in a flood zone and there are kitchen facilities there and the Board of Education has just invested in the building and it is in very good shape. He said that the only problem he sees is that there is not a generator there and it would have to be big enough to run the air conditioning if there is an emergency in the summer. He said he thinks it would be an ideal location for an emergency center.

David Prown – 44 Hillside Place – said that he would like to introduce a concept, or a movement on his part, and that he wants everyone to be a part of this. He said that he believes that this is the most receptive Council to the idea of children and families and understanding our residents. He said that what he is talking about specifically is the disadvantage our kids have when entering Red Bank Regional High School and said that we are sending 33% of our kids to the High School. He said that he had made a presentation about 5 or 6 years ago about the percentage of our kids playing Varsity, Junior Varsity or Freshman sports at the High School level is far lower than that 33%. He said that this is nothing that the High School is doing wrong but our kids are not prepared when they enter the High School and said 5 or 6 years ago he presented the numbers of Red Bank kids playing sports and it was around 10 to 13% and he has been tracking this since he first started to study this and said that now the numbers are below 10 % and the number of females playing sports is almost invisible. He said that recently he started to look at all other programs besides sports and those numbers are also monumentally low. He said that he does not know what we are not doing enough of and no doubt it is along social economic lines but this is our town and that is why we love it. He said that he just wants to introduce that concept and said he would be making some presentations of more numbers and said that he is bringing this up again today because so many Members of the Governing Body have long term involvement in Red Bank and the Red Bank Schools and you know kids that just disappear off the radar, take that wrong turn and when they get to the High School and the competition from the neighboring towns our kids are not ready academically, socially, athletically and leadership wise and between this Council and the leadership by the two schools it just might be the right time to change this tide and try to save some of our kids.

Ed Zipprich – 229 River Road – said that he has been speaking to a number of residents on Chapin Avenue and parents are concerned about the speed of vehicles on their street and some of the residents would like to know if it would be possible to install a 3-way stop sign on Knight Street to slow the traffic down. He said that he has also talked to a number of members of the Chapin Hill Staff who said that most people come around the bend very fast and some of the residents there like to cross the street there and sit on the benches to look at Swimming River. He said that there are two concerns there and that is the children playing in the neighborhood and the Senior Citizens crossing the street to sit in the park.

Mayor Menna said that for certain roads you need approval from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, but there is an exception for certain other types of roads and said that he thinks the suggestion is something we should look into and if it is one of the roads that does not need D.O.T. approval we will look into it and see what we can do and we would also have to survey the residents in the neighborhood to make sure they want this. He said that he has also been walking around town and heard a lot of complaints from the residents of Pinckney Road that they are concerned about the speed of vehicles on their street and said there are a lot of different neighborhoods that have concerns about traffic and it is something we will take a look at.

Mr. Zipprich said that several members of the Chapin Hill Staff had commented about the kayakers who launch their boats in Swimming River on the weekend and they are leaving trash behind that is cleaned up by the staff and is unsightly for the neighborhood.

Request to Use Municipal Building

Mayor Menna said that there was a request from Senator Beck and Assembly Members O'Scanlon and Casagrande to use the Municipal Building to hold a meeting with our residents regarding the Council on Affordable Housing regulations on October 8, 2008 from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

Councilman DuPont offered a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cangemi to grant the request.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Cangemi, Giannell, DuPont, Horgan, Lee, Murphy

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona