

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
MARCH 12, 2007
5:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee and DuPont.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Deputy Borough Clerk Borghi, Chief Financial Officer Mason, Assistant Attorney Hall, Engineer Kosenski and Auditor Kaplan.

ABSENT: Borough Clerk Vivona and Attorney Pringle.

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, 2007.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-60 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF THE 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.”

Mayor Menna expressed his gratitude to the Finance Committee, the Auditor and Chief Financial Officer and his staff for their Herculean effort, including meeting with Department Heads and the public, to meet the statutory requirement to introduce the budget. He also noted that the operating budget is substantially less than it was last year despite increases in many mandated costs. He called it a lean, working document that was miraculous and said it was subject to further revisions. He said it included \$400,000 in surplus to cover eventualities such as emergency repairs to our aging infrastructure. He noted that it does not include the Borough application for Extraordinary Aid from the State of New Jersey. He said he was proud of the budget and the work the Finance Committee had done.

Councilman DuPont noted that last year the budget was introduced with a proposed \$91 increase and was finally adopted with an \$87 increase. He added that public meetings were held and they disclosed Department Head requests. This year the Finance Committee reduced the budget from a proposed increase calling for an \$88, or 6.5%, increase down to a \$58 increase. He said this was almost a 40% savings. He noted that operation costs were down, debt was flat and, unlike last year, there were no over-expenditures. He said he was happy with the budget and said it represented an efficient well-managed government. He noted that this was just the introduction and he welcomed Council Members to make recommendations for further cuts. He also thanked Councilwoman Lee and Councilman Bifani for their input as well as Chief Financial Officer Mason and Auditor Kaplan.

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lee.

Mayor Menna invited Auditor Kaplan to comment on the budget. Auditor Kaplan noted that the budget was not only within the four percent spending cap that Governor Corzine had implemented for 2008, it met that goal for 2007.

Councilman Curley thanked Council Members DuPont, Bifani and Lee for the effort they put into the budget. He noted that, as the lone republican, he was not in on any of the discussions for negotiations and felt somewhat left out. He said he stopped by the public meeting and that he received his packet on Friday, but had not been able to review the budget line item by line item. He said he wished, as he did last year, that we could provide a budget earlier, but thanked the committee for their efforts. He also said he wished more members of the public had attended the public meeting since it was mostly attended by employees.

Councilman DuPont noted that the meeting was advertised on the Borough’s website and in newspapers. He also said he thought Councilman Curley had left the public meeting because he was worried about making a quorum, but that he would have loved to have heard his comments during the open forum.

Councilman Curley said he was concerned about the possibility of a quorum, but hadn’t realized there would only have been two council members there if he had stayed. He noted that last year there had been problems with a CFO that had been turned into a political situation. He also requested that meetings be held later in the evening so there would be a greater opportunity for participation. He said he appreciated the committee’s efforts but could not accept the budget at the current increase and would work with them to see what could be done to bring the level down to zero or lower. He also expressed

his concerns about the current reassessment.

Councilman DuPont said he would be happy to sit down with him and he is open to suggestions.

Councilman Bifani noted that there were two items on the agenda for sale of Borough-owned property that could offset this year’s budget.

Mayor Menna noted again that tonight’s introduction was required to meet a state deadline and that the budget presented included proposed figures and should not be considered the final numbers. He noted that Councilman Curley had said he would like to see a budget with no increase and he said he thought everyone would like to see that.

Councilman DuPont noted that this budget included buying two Ford Focus vehicles for Code Enforcement and they would be able to hire three code enforcement officers, but they would only hire one. He said there had also been discussion to hire a part time secretary to assist code enforcement.

Councilman Curley thanked Councilman DuPont and said that he appreciated the fact that he and Administrator Sickels were amenable to accepting a smaller vehicle noting that it is more maneuverable and economical. He added that he was elated that the Borough was going in the right direction by going with smaller vehicles.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: Curley

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

07-61 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2007 BUDGET OF THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK.”

RiverCenter Executive Director Tricia Rumola said that the income from the expansion of the district will be collected as of September 1, so this part of the year will focus on planning and they will be doing more during the holidays for the expanded part of the district. She also noted that RiverCenter has taken on the Visitor’s Center with a \$50,000 contribution and she will be working with them to expand marketing efforts. They have also allocated \$75,000 toward parking or capital improvements. Mayor Menna said it is unbelievable what the organization is able to do within their budget. He also said he had attended events over the weekend with several Westside businesses and they were excited and looking forward to the expansion. He noted that he will be appointing a Westside resident that is also a Westside property/business owner to the RiverCenter board. Ms. Rumola said they had also recently appointed a member from the family that owns the Galleria, a prominent Westside building. Councilwoman Lee asked how many opening they currently had. Ms. Rumola said they had two but were considering someone else from the Westside.

Councilman Curley noted that there is \$31,000 allocated for bench maintenance. He said he has been getting complaints about the cleanliness of the streets and was wondering if more money could be allocated for this. Ms. Rumola said they are aware of the problem. She said complaints regarding the streets should be directed to Public Works, but the sidewalks will be machine cleaned by a new company hopefully by the end of the year.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to resume the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

Administrator Sickels said that there was a Resolution, # 07-63, in tonight’s packet to authorize the sale of property. He said the Assistant Borough Attorney had requested that it be tabled for further consideration before it is presented to the Council. Assistant Attorney Hall said he would be happy to explain further in Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 22, 2007

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Menna appointed Andre Simonson to the Environmental Commission for a three-year term expiring 12/31/08. He noted that Mr. Simonson, a William Street resident, is a graduate student at the Bloustein School of Urban Planning, is getting a PhD in Environmental Science and is very interested in becoming a new member of our Environmental Commission.

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Curley reported that the Human Relations Committee will be meeting on March 28 at 6pm and the public is welcome. He said Parks and Recreation is in full swing and that Director Bob Evans had reported that 50 tons of dirt will be delivered for the ball fields tomorrow. He reported that on Saturday, at the Tri City Basketball League, the Red Bank Girls 7/8 Grade team won the championship and the Boys 7/8 Grade team won the championship. He noted that the league consists of Red Bank, Little Silver, Shrewsbury and Fair Haven. He also noted that the Monmouth/Ocean Soccer league starts this Sunday and Red Bank puts forth four teams. He said Bob Evans has reached out to Red Bank Regional High School and they have agreed to let the older kids use the soccer fields at the high school and there will be softball clinics each Sunday for girls who want to learn to pitch. He also noted that Commerce Bank, through Mr. Evans efforts, has donated \$5,000 to the softball program. Mr. Evans had also asked that thanks be extended to the Red Bank Board of Education for keeping the gymnasiums open over the winter to enable the children to keep their skills sharp in various sports.

Councilman Bifani had no report.

Councilwoman Lee reported that the Technology Committee has had more items posted on the website including this evening's agenda. She said she didn't know how updates would be handled since there were changes from the posted agenda. She said the Mayor and Council and Boards and Committee lists and meeting schedules have been updated. The committee is looking for suggestions on format and style.

Councilman Murphy noted that Frank Woods had been working with Police Chief Fitzgerald on issues of overcrowding.

Councilman DuPont had nothing to add to his report from earlier.

Mayor Menna said he and Councilwoman Lee had attended the Habcore dedication and said it was wonderful that two Red Bank families that had been forced out were able to move back in. He said the enthusiasm was heartwarming. He urged other communities to sponsor similar projects. He said he was grateful to the pioneers of the telecommunications industry and also the 36 kids from Holmdel High School. He expressed his gratitude to the Board of Education for the relationship between their organization, the Charter School and the Mayor and Council. He said he has attended an English/Spanish bingo event at the Primary School and that it was an enormous success. He said the schools were working well.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Menna read a request from RiverCenter to hold the Red Bank Farmers Market on Sundays from May 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Galleria Parking Lot, pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

Ms. Lee offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from RiverCenter to hold the Streetlife program on Saturdays from June 2, 2007 to August 25, 2007 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from RiverCenter to hold the Annual Sidewalk Sale on Friday and Saturday, July 27 & 28, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 29, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from RiverCenter to hold the Santa Express and parade down Monmouth Street to Broad Street to coordinate with the Holiday Tree & Town Lighting at 7 p.m. on November 23, 2007, pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

Mr. Curley offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from RiverCenter to have Holiday Horse & Carriage Rides through downtown on Saturdays and Sundays from November 25, 2007 to December 23, 2007 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from RiverCenter to hold Holiday Harmonies on Saturdays from November 26, 2007 to December 23, 2007 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

Ms. Lee offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna read a request from Kaiser Chiropractic Offices to hold the 13th Annual Kids' Day America/International event on Saturday, May 19, 2007 in the parking lot of 170 Broad Street from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Councilman Bifani noted that the event organizer would be making a donation to Parks and Recreation.

Mayor Menna read a request from Gregory R. Oliva to become an active associate member of Navesink Hook and Ladder Fire Company.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

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

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2007-10 Mayor Menna read “AN TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).”

Chief Financial Officer Mason explained that this is a COLA ordinance. The State allows a 2½ percent increase and this will allow the Borough to go one percent further and will help with next year’s cap bank.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Public hearing and final adoption scheduled for March 26, 2007.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

2007-8 Mayor Menna 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.”

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

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Ms. Lee.

Councilman Curley asked if this ordinance was specifically for new construction. Mayor Menna said yes it was.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

2007-9 Mayor Menna Lee read “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OWNED PROPERTY TO ADJOINING LANDOWNERS.”

Mayor Menna recused himself from discussion on this ordinance and handed the meeting over to Council President Lee. Assistant Attorney Hall explained that a “mini-auction” was conducted among adjoining property owners.

Council President Lee opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak, no one appearing she closed the public hearing.

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna returned to preside over the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

07-62 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS.”

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-64 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH.”

Ms. Lee offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-65 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE POLICE OFFICERS AS TRAFFIC DIRECTORS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT ROUTE 35 RAIL CROSSING.”

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

Councilman Curley asked if the Police Officer rate was \$56/hour and the use of the vehicle was \$5/hour. Mayor Menna said yes, it was the standard rate.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-66 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION REFUNDING TAXES PAID BY LES PROPERTIES, L.L.C. AND SEL PROPERTIES, L.L.C WITH RESPECT TO THE CEDAR CROSSING SITE.”

Ms. Lee offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Bifani

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

07-67 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL 2006 CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION RESERVES.”

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-68 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2007 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-69 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF CURRENT FUND APPROPRIATION RESERVE.”

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-70 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL WARDEN SERVICES WITH THE BOROUGH OF FAIR HAVEN.”

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

07-71 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASES/ EXPENDITURES IN ACCORDANCES WITH RESOLUTION NO. 03-198.”

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna noted that this was regarding the two vehicles for code enforcement at a cost of \$12,481 each which was a significant savings over what had been paid in the past for larger vehicles and that they were more environmentally friendly.

PROCLAMATIONS

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

07-73 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$255,399.20.”

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Menna noted that the Council had received the resignation of Councilwoman Ernst who had moved to Pennsylvania. He said he presumed everyone had received the three resumes submitted by the local Republican County Committee. He suggested that, as a courtesy to the applicants, a special meeting be held this Thursday at noon so that whoever is chosen will have time to notify their family and friends.

Mr. DuPont offered a motion to approve the application, seconded by Ms. Lee.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

NEW BUSINESS

Councilwoman Lee reported that the Borough Library had been scheduled to open in early spring; however, various delays had postponed the opening until late spring. Ms. Lee reported that some services were available at other locations and gave information on those. Councilman Murphy noted that the Senior Center had been busing individuals to and from the Monmouth County Library.

Councilman Murphy asked about the opening of the Westboro Post Office. Mayor Menna gave an update on the project and said he had spoken with the Postmaster and understood the facility should be opening in approximately a month and a half. Mr. Murphy also noted that the Senior Center would be hosting a St. Patrick’s Day party on Wednesday.

AUDIENCE

Alan Hoffman, 17 Leroy Place, appeared to comment on the problem with parking in downtown Red Bank. He spoke in support of a multi-level parking facility at the White Street Lot. Mayor Menna replied that the garage at the location has been discussed for quite some time. He noted that Councilman Murphy had been acting as liaison regarding parking issues and that discussions were continuing with private individuals and joint partnerships. He added that there was a lot of interest and discussions would include residents, local businesses and schools and that it will take a lot of education and planning.

Bridget McCarthy, 54 Leroy Place said she would like to talk more about the Library. She said since there have been major delays, she had talked with library staff that were willing to work in a temporary space to help keep the library open to those who were not able to get to other towns. She noted that the Monmouth County Library would charge Red Bank residents a \$100 membership fee to take out a book. She asked that if the delays were to continue, would the Council consider a temporary location. Councilwoman Lee said she would take Ms. McCarthy’s phone number and follow up with her after she spoke with the Library staff to try to find a solution. Ms. McCarthy noted that currently residents could call and order a book, but would have to go to Aberdeen or Long Branch to pick it up. She said a temporary location could provide minimal service such as offering a place where books could be picked up. She said she was concerned it could take another six to nine months. Administrator Sickels assured her this would not be the case. Mayor Menna asked Ms. McCarthy if she had found that Red Bank residents who wanted to check out a book from the Monmouth County Library during this temporary closure were required to join. She said that is what she understood. Mayor Menna asked Administrator Sickels to meet with the County Library and Freeholder Representative to work on a temporary arrangement. Councilman Curley said he had understood that they would accept a Red Bank Library Card under a reciprocal agreement. Ms. McCarthy said other libraries were working under such an agreement, but not Monmouth County. Councilman Curley said he thought he had seen something in the packet that addressed just that. Mayor Menna said they would look into it.

John Bowers, 288 Route 34, Colts Neck, appeared before the Council to comment on the procedure involved in zoning interpretive questions that must go before the Zoning Board especially regarding more mundane issues and asked if anything could be done to shorten the process. Mayor Menna said he, the Engineer, the Administrator and members of Council had been discussing revisions and it was something they could look at.

Councilman DuPont noted that Councilman Curley was correct and that he had located a letter that said residents could call the Red Bank Library to assure that their card privileges could be used at other libraries and that the Red Bank Library would call ahead to ensure they would be able to use the other library. He said he would pass it on to Ms. McCarthy. The question continued as to whether this was for the county library or a specific library system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

07-74 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel, property acquisition and litigation.

Mr. Murphy offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Bifani to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel, property and litigation. Minutes to be made public in 180 days.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mr. DuPont offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adjourn from executive session.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Mr. Murphy offered a motion to resume the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. DuPont.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

RESOLUTION

07-72 Mayor Menna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CYNTHIA LAUGHLIN.”

Ms. Lee offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DuPont offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Bifani to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Bifani, Curley, Murphy, Lee, DuPont

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy.

Pamela Borghi

Pamela Borghi, Municipal Clerk