

**MINUTES  
ORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2004  
12 NOON**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor McKenna and Council Members Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy and Curley.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Vivona, Attorney O'Connor and Engineer Kosenski

ABSENT: Councilman Bifani, Chief Financial Officer Loversidge.

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT**

Mayor McKenna 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 December 18, 2003.

**INVOCATION – Monsignor Lowery**

**SWEARING IN OF – COUNCILMAN MENNA  
COUNCILMAN MURPHY**

Retired Justice O'Hern issued the Oath of Office to Councilmen Menna and Murphy.

Councilman Menna wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked his family and his friends for attending the meeting. He also thanked the residents of Red Bank for allowing him the pleasure of serving the Borough for the past 15 years. He said his friend Justice O'Hern had encouraged him to get involved in public life. He thanked Monsignor Lowery, Reverend Dr. Warner and all of the elected officials in attendance. He said as he looks back on the last 15 years, he has seen dramatic changes for the good. He said that he wanted to thank Jon Bon Jovi and all the individuals connected with the Parker Clinic for offering free medical care to those in need and said this is a wonderful example of what this town has been able to do. He said we have all seen wonderful accomplishments over the last 15 years but need to recommit ourselves to do the best we can possibly do, during the good times and the bad times. He said that he wanted to thank the Mayor, Council and his running mate, for deciding to join the Council.

Councilman Murphy said that he wanted to thank Justice O'Hern for issuing the Oath of Office to him. He said as a child he remembers attending Democratic parties on the lawn of Katherine White with his parents and family. He said it is an honor to be elected to serve on the Council and said he feels privileged to serve on the governing body of the Borough of Red Bank. He said he has a big heart for Red Bank and he is here to support it and give back everything it has given to him and his family. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked his family for all of their support. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**SWEARING IN OF FIRE OFFICIALS:**

Justice O'Hern issued the Oath of Office to the following fire officials.

Chief:	Alan Soden, Jr.
First Deputy Chief:	Joshua Schmidt
Second Deputy Chief:	Larry Brooks

## **RESOLUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2004**

**04-01      Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION ELECTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2004.”**

Ms. Beck offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:              Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS:              None

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

**04-02      Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENGINEER.”**

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Menna.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:              Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS:              None

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

**04-03      Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH AUDITOR.”**

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES:              Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS:              None

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

**04-04      Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY.”**

Mr. Menna offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:              Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS:              None

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

**04-05      Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2004.”**

Councilwoman Beck asked if she could make a motion to vote on the Zoning Board appointments separately.

Mayor McKenna said that we would vote on the Zoning Board appointments separately.

Councilman Curley said that he would like a separate vote on the Administrator's position, the Fire Marshal, the Construction Official, the Deputy Administrator and the Parking Coordinator. He said that the Borough does not do business in an efficient manner and that we could be served better with one administrator and that would help us do away with some of the other positions.

Mayor McKenna suggested that we vote on all of the appointments that we have agreed upon, with the exception of all of the ones mentioned.

Mr. Menna offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

## ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

**04-09      Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.”**

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

## ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: Beck

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

Councilwoman Beck said that she would like to make one comment. She said she does not oppose all of the people but one particular individual that has not dealt with the residents of Red Bank well at a time when it was important that he should have done so.

Mayor McKenna said that he checked with all of the Board members and many of the applicants and they were not only satisfied with this individual but supported his reappointment.

**04-10 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR, FIRE MARSHAL, CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR AND PARKING COORDINATOR.”**

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

## ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy

NAYS: Beck, Curley

There being three ayes and two nays, the resolution was declared approved.

**04-06 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS.”**

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

**04-07        Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2004 TEMPORARY BUDGET.”**

Mr. Menna offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

**04-08        Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2004 TEMPORARY BUDGET.”**

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

**REMARKS OF MAYOR MCKENNA**

Mayor McKenna said that he would like to thank Monsignor Lowery and Reverend Dr. Warner who are here today to join us for our festivities and offered special congratulations to Councilman Murphy and Menna. He said that he was lucky enough to be born in Red Bank and has known the Murphy family from Hudson Avenue his entire life and said Councilman Murphy is a remarkable human being and the Borough is very lucky to have him serve on Council and said that he is part of the fabric of Red Bank. He offered his sincere congratulations to Councilmen Menna and Murphy and said that Councilman Menna cares a lot about this town and that he is a great friend and a great person to work with. He also thanked the families and the friends of the incoming Council Members for attending the meeting. Mayor McKenna said that since he has taken office the governing body had a list of 15 projects that they would like to accomplish and have accomplished 13 of them. He said it is a very special time for us in Red Bank and we are very proud of what we have done. He thanked all of the department heads, professionals, volunteers that sit on the Boards, the members of the Fire Department and First Aid Squad and the employees at the Red Bank Housing Authority. He said that we have wonderful volunteers that devote so much of their time to this community. He said that in his recent travels he had met people from New Jersey and all they talked about is what a great community we live in. He said that 2003 started out with a lot of snow and it was one of the worst winters we had in a while and then we were advised by the State that there was going to be a freeze in our state aid and aid to the schools and that was the way we started out the year and despite all of that we made out pretty good. He said it was a year of transition with the retirement of Fred Richart and James Clayton. He said we were worried about the transition but agreed to join the Monmouth County Regional Board of Health and he said that was a wise decision. He also said that the new Police Chief, Mark Fitzgerald has done a wonderful job with the transition in the Police Department with the assistance of Deputy Chief Ernie VanPelt and that there professionalism is really something we should be very proud of. He said we also had a transition in the Public Works Department when Mr. Buonacquista left but T & M Associates

came in and helped us and then we were able to lure Gary Watson back to Red Bank and he has helped to reorganize that department and we are making huge strides there and saving money. He also said that we have seen our residential neighborhoods during the past year remain at the highest level that anyone could ask for and we have seen our property values soar. He said we also had some very interesting things happen this year with the opening of the Parker Health Clinic, construction beginning at the Two River Theatre site, the Hovnanian Corporate Center, new residential units on Chapin Avenue and the Locust Avenue Nature Area. He thanked everyone involved with the Environmental Commission, the Jazz in the Park series at our beautiful Riverside Gardens Park, Margaret Mass and the Red Bank Visitor's Center, the Wayfinding program and the Neighborhood Preservation Program. He said that 2004 will be even greater with the implementation of many new programs and a new public works facility for the Borough. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and also thanked everyone that helped the Borough throughout the year. He said that we have a great community and wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

**BENEDICTION** – Reverend Dr. Warner

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Menna.

**ROLL CALL:**

AYES: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

There being five ayes and no nays, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona