

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
NOVEMBER 12, 2003
5:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Borough Clerk Vivona, Chief Financial Officer Loversidge, Engineer Kosenski, and Attorney O'Connor.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Beck.

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 October 28, 2003.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Menna offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Bifani.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-231 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION POSTHUMOUSLY HONORING DREW HORGAN."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mayor McKenna presented the resolution to Kathy Horgan and said that Drew was a remarkable human being and became involved in the community very quickly. He said that Drew was a great advisor and very perceptive and said that everyone would miss him. He thanked the Horgan family for coming to the meeting.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Menna offered a motion to resume the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

Oakland Street Transportation Trust Fund

Councilman Bifani said the Borough is the recipient of a grant for \$150,000 that would be used for improvements to Oakland Street as part of the 2004 Road Program. He said that Mayor McKenna is responsible for the Borough receiving this grant and should be recognized. He also thanked T & M Associates for the work that they did to apply for the grant.

High Level Platform at Train Station

Mr. Sickels said that he had attended a meeting with New Jersey Transit regarding the construction of a high level platform at the Red Bank Train Station. He said that he hopes to have plans by the next Council Meeting but New Jersey Transit is still working with various agencies. He said New Jersey Transit is asking that we adopt a resolution supporting the project at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor McKenna said that he attended the meeting and it was very enlightening. He said that he is looking forward to the project and said that he thinks everyone would be pleased with the project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 14, 2003 October 28, 2003

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Hintelmann reported on the purchase of the television and system that is in the Council Chambers for use by the Judge to hear prisoners that are in the jail in Freehold that have to be heard in Municipal Court. He said this technology would save the Borough a lot of money because we do not have to have two police officers go to Freehold to pick them up and then return them after they are heard in Court. Councilman Hintelmann also reported that the Police Department went online with the New Jersey tracking system commonly known as Amber Alert.

Councilman Menna said that the Code Enforcement Office is doing a great job and that Liberty Hose Company wants to start the process of looking for a new fire truck because their truck would be 20 years old in 2 years. He said they would like to start an Exploratory Committee and need Council approval. He also reported that the Council would be receiving a preliminary report on repairs that are necessary for all of the Borough owned Fire Houses.

Councilman Murphy reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee has started an e-mail list so they could send out mass e-mails about on going programs. He also reported that the Tri-City Basketball League has started and that the Elks Lodge would be holding a hoop-shoot on December 7, 2003.

Councilman Curley reported that the Human Relations Committee has created bylaws and they were submitted to the governing body in their packet tonight for review. He also said that he would like to commend Councilman Murphy for all the work he has done in the Parks and Recreation Committee in a short period of time and said there would be a meeting held tomorrow at 6 p.m. to discuss the naming of the park at the end of Locust Avenue. He also reported that Mayor McKenna was honored by the ALS Association for all the work he has done for this association and that he knows the charity is dear to the Mayor's heart.

Mayor McKenna said that his mother suffered from this disease and he was honored to receive the recognition.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor McKenna read a request from the George Sheehan Classic to hold event on June 18-19, 2004, pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request for membership to Navesink Hook & Ladder from Michael J. Farrell.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

Mayor McKenna said we would be introducing the ordinance creating a Shade Tree Commission at the next Council Meeting.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

RESOLUTIONS

03-232 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING PURCHASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 03-198.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-233 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION SUPPROTING PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL S-838 AMENDING THE NEW JERSEY TORT CLAIMS ACT.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Menna

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

03-234 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AWARING CONTRACT #03-8 ONE (1) 2004 MODEL ROLL-OFF TRUCK & EQUIPMENT.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-235 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, AWARING PURCHASE UNDER STATE CONTRACT.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-236 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AWARING PURCHASE UNDER STATE CONTRACT.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-237 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ASSESSING LIEN ON PROPERTY DESIGNATED ON THE TAX RECORDS AS BLOCK 86, LOT 4 AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS 71 W. WESTSIDE AVENUE.”

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-238 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK, MONMOUTH COUNTY AWARING CONTRACT TO PETER SALWEN FOR EXTRAORDINARY UNSPECIFIABLE SERVICES REGARDING WAYFINDING SIGNAGE INTERPRETIVE MATERIAL.”

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

Councilman Menna said that this project is years behind schedule and the governing body had brought their concerns to the Administrator about the compliance with the ADA requirements. He said that he does not understand why we have hired someone from New York City to write about the history of Red

Bank. He said there are a lot of talented college students, members of Preservation Red Bank and members of the Monmouth County Historical Society that would be able to do this so the taxpayers would not have to pay for this.

Councilman Curley asked if anyone was asked to work on this project from this area instead of hiring someone from out of the state.

Mayor McKenna asked Gail O'Reilly to explain the project to the governing body.

Mrs. O'Reilly said the ADA issues are being addressed and the Borough Engineers are working with the contractor. She said that we have received numerous quotes from various individuals to work on this project and feels that we would be getting a lot of work on this project from Mr. Salwen and that the money to pay him is coming from a grant.

Mayor McKenna said that he thinks we are required to spend the grant money for this purpose. He said that after the initial work is completed we would be seeking the input of volunteers.

Mr. Kosenski said that as soon as the ADA requirements are addressed they would be meeting with the County to get the necessary approvals for signs on the County roadways.

Mayor McKenna said that we have an obligation to comply with the grant so this project can move forward.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: Menna

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

PROCLAMATION

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

03-239 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$2,316,503.29."

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Curley said that he would like to give special mention to Mike Arnone because he has worn a lot of hats over the years and been a public official that he has looked up to for many years. He said that Preservation Red Bank is honoring him and Assemblyman Arnone.

AUDIENCE

David Prown – 44 Hillside Place – said there has been a lot of media in Freehold about the Latino community looking for work at their train station. He said we have a similar situation in the vicinity of our train station and said Councilman Menna and Councilman Murphy said that they are looking for a way to improve this situation. He said these are hard working people that are just looking for work.

Councilman Hintelmann said that Chief Fitzgerald is working on a way to centralize the location where these individuals wait to get picked up for work. He said there have been some complaints from property owners in the area but the Chief has some ideas. He said these are individuals that want good honest work.

Councilman Curley said the Human Relations Committee attempted to find a centralized location but it was very difficult in finding a community leader to represent the diverse Latino population and the Human Relations Committee had developed relations with three individuals who moved from the area.

Mr. Prown said that these individuals are paying taxes, paying rent and spending money in the community. He said the Parks and Recreation Committee have been sending out notices in English and Spanish and Mrs. Sharkey has been very supportive. He also said there are 180 people listed to receive e-mail notifications as a secondary way to communicate with the Parks and Recreation Department. He said that last year there were not any children from Red Bank participating in the Elks' Hoop Shoot and he thanked the governing body for putting him on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mayor McKenna said that he would like to extend his congratulations to Councilman Menna and Councilman Murphy on their recent victory in the general election. He said they ran a very clean and honest campaign.

Councilmen Menna and Murphy thanked everyone for their help and support during the election.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

03-240 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss property acquisition and pending litigation.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Curley offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Murphy, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona