

**MINUTES
ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2003
12 NOON**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

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

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

INVOCATION – Dr. Reverend Warner

**SWEARING IN OF – COUNCILWOMAN BECK
COUNCILMAN CURLEY
MAYOR MCKENNA**

State Senator John Bennett issued the oath of office to Councilwoman Beck.

Judge Nicosia issued the oath of office to Councilman Curley and Mayor McKenna.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE OFFICIALS:

Judge Nicosia issued the oath of office to the following fire officials.

Chief:	Frank E. Woods
First Deputy Chief:	Alan Soden, Jr.
Second Deputy Chief:	Joshua Schmidt

Chief Woods said speaking for himself and his deputies they could not be prouder to be serving as officers for the best Fire Department in the state.

Councilwoman Beck said she would like to thank everyone and said she is honored to serve. She thanked Senator Bennett, her husband and all of her friends and congratulated Councilman Curly and Mayor McKenna.

Councilman Curly said it is an extreme pleasure to serve on a governing body that has done so much for the redevelopment of Red Bank and that he offers his friendship to his former opponent, Jennifer Beck. He thanked Judge Nicosia for issuing the oath of office and his niece Elizabeth for holding the bible. He said it is a great honor to be here and said he will work very hard and hopes he can develop trust from everyone including those who did not support him. He spoke about campaigning door-to-door and said he would strive to make Red Bank the best place to live, work and to play.

Mayor McKenna said he looks forward to working with Councilman Curly and congratulated Councilwoman Beck and Councilman Curly on their election. He thanked Alan Soden and his family for their involvement in the election. He said while campaigning with Mr. Soden and Mr. Curly at Warwick Gardens they knocked on a door and Mr. Soden detected an odor of gas coming from the apartment. Mr. Soden called the fire department and they found a very bad gas leak and found out the woman was starting to have adverse effects from the leak. He said that is what Red Bank is all about, people helping each other. He said he was sworn into office for the first time in 1990 and said he would not run for a second or third term, he said this is fourth term and he will not run for a fifth term. He said it is an honor and a privilege to serve in such a great community. He said he has traveled extensively and was recently appointed to the State Planning Commission and people are always asking about our great community. He thanked his family, all of the dedicated campaign workers, Dan Waldman and all of the members of the governing body. He thanked Councilman Polonsky for serving as a truly dedicated member of the governing body and said he will be missed very much.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2003

03-01 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION ELECTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR 2003”.

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

Nays: None

Abstain: Menna

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

03-02 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, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

Nays: None

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

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

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

Nays: None

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

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

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

Nays: None

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

03-06 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS".

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

Nays: None

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

03-07 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2003 TEMPORARY BUDGET".

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

Nays: None

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

03-08 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION CANCELING A REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN".

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

Nays: None

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

03-05 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2003".

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

Nays: None

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

REMARKS OF MAYOR MCKENNA

Mayor McKenna thanked all of the borough officials, professionals and the volunteers. He thanked George Lauterwasser for serving as fire chief and welcomed the new Chiefs for 2003. He thanked Chief Clayton and the entire police department and commented on the tragic loss of Deputy Chief Peter DePonte. He thanked all the members of the fire and first aid department and the many residents who volunteer as members of the various boards and give so much of

their time to this community. He said he is sorry to see three long-time employees retire, Fred Richart, Sue Meyers and Pat Satter. He said we are dealing with difficult times nationwide with 42 states suffering with budget crisis.

He said we plan to move forward with our road improvements and will be working on improving waterfront access. He said we are working on upgrading our parks and said our Parks and Recreation Department will take on a new focus. He said Councilman Curley would be serving as Chairperson of the Finance Department. He said that since he took office in 1990 the municipal portion of our taxes have gone up less than 3 percent a year. He said in 1990 we had the second highest tax rate in Monmouth County, now we are twenty-third. He said it has been a very difficult year for the retail community and the community is very upset about the closing of Prown's.

Mayor McKenna said that in 2003 we are planning on working on quality of life issues, including code enforcement, overcrowding and implementation of the new rental registration ordinance and continuation of improvements to our infrastructure. He said it is an honor and privilege to live and work in this wonderful community. He said we have some of the finest people in our community and we are truly blessed. He said things are only going to get better and better and thanked everyone for their continued support. He wished everyone a happy and healthy new year and said, "you ain't seen nothing yet".

BENEDICTION – Monsignor Lowery

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Beck, Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

Nays: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona