

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
MARCH 13, 2003
5:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

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

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 News, 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 10, 2002.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

SAINT JAMES GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Mayor McKenna commended St. James Girls' Varsity Basketball Team for attainment of 1st Place in the Monmouth Ocean County Parochial Basketball League and presented each team member and their coaches with a Certificate of Achievement.

Mayor McKenna read a proclamation proclaiming March, 2003 as YMCA Awareness Month in the Borough of Red Bank and commended all the members of the Community YMCA for their dedicated service to the community.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER - RED

03-61 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1340-33-033-006".

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Bifani

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

INTRODUCTION OF 2003 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

03-63 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH REASON FOR DELAY OF INTRODUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR 2003”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-64 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE DEFERRED SCHOOL TAX AMOUNT FOR THE RED BANK SCHOOL DISTRICT”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-65 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE DEFERRED SCHOOL TAX AMOUNT FOR THE RED BANK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mr. Kaplan said we are ready to introduce the 2003 budget after many hours of hard work by Mayor McKenna, Councilman Curley, Mr. Loversidge and Mr. Sickels. He said with proposed budget cuts by the State we could expect little increase in state aid. He said we are looking at an increase of 4.99 cents and the budget is within the state mandated caps. He said there have been some new revenues added to the budget that will help defray the tax increase. He said we are

also going to have a rate increase in the water and sewer utility, since there has not been an increase in 12 years and we need down payment money for infrastructure repairs.

Mayor McKenna said this is just the introduction of the budget and does not mean it is the final budget. He said that 46 states in the United States have budget deficits and New Jersey is one of them. He said revenues are tight and the Borough is faced with similar circumstances. He thanked Mr. Loversidge, Mr. Sickels, Mr. Kaplan and the members of the Finance Committee for all of the work they did in putting this budget together. He said by introducing the budget tonight we would be able to apply for extraordinary aid and continue to look for funding to get the budget down further. He said we have numerous obligations that must be met, such as salaries, but we are also trying to reduce the staff. He said Mr. Kaplan has told him that Red Bank runs lean and mean and that we get the biggest bang for our buck. He said twelve years ago we had the second highest tax rate in Monmouth County but now we are twenty-fourth. He said we would continue to look for ways to lower the increase.

Councilman Curley said he has been in business many years and was very proud to work with Mr. Loversidge, Mr. Kaplan, Councilman Hintelmann and Councilman Menna. He said one day Mayor McKenna came in and worked with the Committee and worked very hard on reducing the increase of the tax rate, he said they would continue to work on the budget and said it is for introduction only.

03-66 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF THE 2003 MUNICIPAL BUDGET”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mayor McKenna announced that the public hearing would be held on April 22, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING 2003 RIVERCENTER BUDGET

03-69 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2003 BUDGET OF THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK”.

Mayor McKenna opened the public hearing on the RiverCenter budget and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Albert Larotonda – 242 Spring Street- question the role of RiverCenter and asked at what point would the organization not be needed and asked if their budget is available.

Mayor McKenna said the budget is available and said RiverCenter is one of the finest special improvement districts in the state. He said there has been an evolution of RiverCenter and that they have their own mission statement. He said they are now performing a lot of different efforts and have taken on a much more business-orientated role.

Chris Cole – Chairperson of RiverCenter – said we are lucky to be where we are today and are trying to serve the whole community. He said that we question our own existence and noted that RiverCenter is self-funded. He said based upon our own self-funding the businesses within the special improvement district would have to make the decision about the existence of RiverCenter.

Mr. Larotonda asked if an organization like the Chamber of Commerce would be better and serve the same function.

Mayor McKenna said the businesses tried working with the Chamber of Commerce and it did not work because the Chamber serves sixteen towns.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

SEWER SYSTEM REPAIRS

Mr. Kosenski reported that our public works department discovered a sewer leak at a force main on Bodman Place and then we did some exploratory excavating. He said there is no threat of expansion or catastrophic failure. He said that recently we have found all the parts and are putting together the cost of the repair. He said we should have this information late next week and he would continue to meet with the Administrator, Attorney and Councilman Bifani.

WELL REPAIR

Mr. Kosenski reported that he has determined that there are some problems with well#4 located at Chestnut Street. He said he is putting together specifications and expects to get price quotes back on Wednesday or Thursday. He said the water that must be purchased from New Jersey American while the well is being repaired would be purchased at no additional cost because we are just going to substitute the purchase that would normally be purchased in the fall to now. He said once we get the costs involved for both projects we would have to introduce a bond ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISORS

Mr. Sickels said that he has asked the public works supervisors to attend the meeting tonight to commend them for the extraordinary work they have done overseeing the department that has not had a supervisor since January 3, 2003. Mr. Sickels introduced George Lynch, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; Jesse Garrison, Supervisor of Solid Waste; Robert Holiday Jr., Supervisor of Water and Sewer; Jimmy Walker, Supervisor of Streets and Roads; and Rich Hardy, Supervisor of the Garage. He said the supervisors have really taken on the task of

running their divisions during a very busy winter season, logging in extra hours during numerous snowstorms. He said they have all worked as a team and he wants to commend them for their actions.

The Mayor and Council commended and thanked each supervisor for all of their hard work and working together to keep the town running better than ever.

Councilman Bifani said the five individuals up here are the backbone of the department and do not get recognized. He said these individuals have logged in so many hours, as did Mr. Sickels and Joyce Fertig. He said everyone has pitched in and turned the department around and said Mr. Sickels and Mr. Loversidge have ways to save additional money after cutting the budget by \$219,000. He said he is very proud of everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 25, 2003

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor McKenna appointed Miriam McManus as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring 12/31/04.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mayor McKenna appointed Dolores Martin as second alternate member of the Rent Leveling Board for a term expiring 12/31/03.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Menna said that he would like to commend Chief Woods for providing monthly reports and said in February there were 74 fire calls and 60 first aid calls. He also reported that the fire department has five members that are certified in hazmat and with dealing with weapons of mass destruction. He also reported that since the recent tragedy in Marine Park they have recruited five additional members to the scuba team.

Mayor McKenna said he would thank Lt. DeFazio for providing the Borough's emergency management plan on CD. He said this is a very difficult time for all of us and said he has been attending meetings at Fort Monmouth regarding emergency procedures.

Councilman Menna said Tom Welsh is here on behalf of the Fire Marshal's office. He said Tom has been making spot inspections of the various bar/restaurants in Red Bank and making sure all of the fire codes are obeyed. He said the club owners appreciate his advice and thank him for conducting the inspections and addressing problems before there is another tragedy.

Councilman Curly reported that the Historic Preservation Commission membership is complete with the appointment of Miriam McManus and that they have completed the procedure of designating properties and would like to start implementing the ordinance. He said they are going to schedule a meeting with Mr. Sickels and Mrs. Barr about working with the various departments involved and how they will operate regarding the ordinance. He also reported that Human Relations Committee would be meeting on March 26, 2003 at 6 p.m. and the public is invited to attend the meeting.

Mayor McKenna said that there would be a fundraiser held to help pay the deficit from last year's firework display. He said the event would be held at the Monmouth Boat Club on March 27th from 6 to 9 p.m. and everyone is invited to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mayor McKenna read a request from the Arts and Antique District to hold the Red Bank Farmers Market from May 10 through June 15, 2003 and July 13 through October 26, 2003, pending approval of the Special Events Committee.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request from Osteria Dante to place a 13-foot retractable awning on the front of the building for a sidewalk cafe, pending approval of the Construction Official.

Mayor McKenna said that we have received some objections to the awning and would like to see the owners of the businesses continue their discussions and work out some kind of compromise. He asked that the request be tabled.

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to table the request, seconded by Mr. Menna.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Mayor McKenna read a request from the Red Bank Fire Department to hold the Street Fair on September 14, 2003 in the event of rain.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2003-03 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2002-3 ENTITLED “ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 19-10 ‘COLLECTION – GARBAGE, ASHES, ETC.,’ OF CHAPTER XIX ‘STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND SANITATION’ OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK”.

Mr. Bifani offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Menna.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for April 8, 2003.

2003-09 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VI, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, SUBSECTION 6-3.4 LICENSE FEES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES”.

Mr. Menna offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for April 8, 2003.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

2003-06 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XX “WATER AND SEWER”, SECTIONS 20-3 “WATER DEPARTMENT” AND 20-4 “SEWER DEPARTMENT” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK”.

Mayor McKenna said that we have not raised the water rates in twelve years. He said one of the reasons for the increases are plant improvements to the Two River Water Reclamation facility. He said that as a user of the facility we are required by law to pay our portion of the 21 million dollars worth of improvements to upgrade the facility to current standards imposed by the federal and state government. He said another reason for the increases are the upgrades to our sewer system and the replacement of the well at Chestnut Street. He said we should have a state of the art facility when we have completed our repairs and the increase would allow us to do this. He said the average resident would pay less than \$50. a year.

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

2003-07 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE IV “ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES”.

Mayor McKenna said he has received a number of calls regarding this ordinance. He said this ordinance creates the position of Assistant Administrator and as a result of the budget crisis we must take a look at every department and make sure each one is running as efficiently as possible. He said we must also look at all the services the Borough offers and make sure they are being done in a cost efficient manor. He said since he has been a member of the governing body this has become a much more complex town in the last 17 years. He said we have consolidated the jobs of Construction Official, Fire Marshal and Administrator into one position and initially saved over \$50,000 a year. He said the town is a lot more active and we have observed that we function better when we are proactive. He said we always try to provide the best services at the lowest cost to our citizens and now we feel we must look at all services, departments and personnel to make sure everything is running in the most cost efficient manner. Mayor McKenna said he asked Mr. Sickels to prepare a list of his job responsibilities.

Mr. Sickels said four departments in the Borough are under transition and he is in the process of hiring department heads to run them. He said he has 16 departments reporting directly to him and all of these departments have numerous problems. He said when he first assumed the position all departments were running the day-to-day business of their departments. He said that now he has assumed the responsibilities of the water and sewer improvements and is also working on the temporary facility for public works while a new facility is being built. He said there are time consuming meeting regarding personnel and constant meetings with outside agencies, giving one example of meeting with the Department of Justice and implementing all of the required ADA improvements. He said we have implemented a lot of new programs over the years and he cannot be at three or four places at the same time. He said we really need to look at every department and analyze it to see if we can save money.

Mayor McKenna said we want the public to understand that we have had a lot of discussions about creating this position. He said he has to deal with Mr. Sickels on a constant basis and his duties are overwhelming. He said we work much better when we are proactive and feels this ordinance will save us money.

Mayor McKenna asked if anyone would like to speak.

Drew Horgan – 146 Branch Avenue – said that as an observer of local government an effective manager should not have more than four or five people reporting to him. He said the ordinance refers to “him” instead of being gender neutral and should be corrected. He also said the ordinance should be cleaned up in regards to the Acting Administrator and that it is very confusing.

Mayor McKenna said the ordinance reflects that in the absence of Mr. Sickels, Mr. Loversidge, our Chief Financial Officer, is Acting Administrator and when Bruce retires we would amend the ordinance.

Jim Harris – 97 Mechanic Street – commends Mr. Sickels for all of his hard work but feels that \$60,000 should be spent in the department of public works. He said each department head should be capable of handling their departments because we are already looking at an increased tax rate. He said we should not have the position.

Chris Cole – 1 Fisher Place – said he has been privileged to live here since 1996, has a business and home in this town. Said he has seen Mr. Sickels’ responsibilities grow and is in favor of getting him assistance.

Albert Larotondo – 242 Spring Street – does not understand why Mr. Sickels is doing three jobs, should just be administrator, feels that by him holding three jobs this is a conflict of interest, especially with the new rental registration ordinance that was just created.

Mr. Sickels said that the Construction Official forwards the information to the Clerk’s office, and said he is not receiving three salaries and if we were paying three individuals to do his job it would be a lot more.

Mr. Larotondo- said instead of hiring an assistant administrator we should hire a Fire Marshall and Construction Official because when he as Administrator is evaluating the fire and construction office he cannot look at it objectively. He also said that perhaps creating a full time mayor’s position would create more interest in running for mayor because last time there was such a poor turn out.

Mayor McKenna said he gets \$6,000 a year as mayor and puts in 30 to 40 hours a week.

Mr. Larotondo said if the mayor’s position was a paid position with benefits it would attract more people and perhaps it could take some of the workload off the administrator. He said he does not think one person should hold three titles.

Mayor McKenna said that back in 1987 there were three people holding the three positions and back then we were paying approximately \$165,000. He said we are just trying to run the Borough as efficiently as possible and have been doing a good job but feels the growth of the town has brought on added responsibilities in many areas. He also said that having a full time salaried Mayor would not be cost efficient.

Councilman Curley said that he serves on seven committees, spends one-third of his week and usually four evening out involved in borough business. He said he is very fortunate to be employed in a family business and does not have as many responsibilities as Mayor McKenna. He said he absolutely loves what he is doing and the Red Bank community but it is very time consuming.

Mr. Larotondo said he is not denying what they are saying but the Administrator should just stick to that job.

Mary Beth Van Pelt – 18 Worthley St. – asked if position is opened to the public.

Mayor McKenna said he corrected the ordinance to be gender neutral and said the position would be advertised and opened to the public.

Councilman Bifani said Mr. Sickels has a very hectic schedule on a daily basis and is supporting the ordinance.

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

Mr. Hintelmann offered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Thompson.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

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 as amended to be gender neutral, seconded by Mr. Curley.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

RESOLUTIONS

03-67 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION REJECTING LOWEST BIDDER FOR CONTRACT #03-2, ONE MECHANIC MAINTENANCE VEHICLE”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-68 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT #03-2, MECHANIC MAINTENANCE VEHICLE”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

03-70 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 REGARDING THE 2002 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM INVOLVING NO CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE”.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor McKenna read a proclamation proclaiming April, 2003 as Autism Awareness Month in the Borough of Red Bank and urged all employees and residents to participate in the municipality's Autism Awareness Month activities, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

03-62 Mayor McKenna read "A RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS AMOUNTING TO \$2,209,135.95".

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Menna said there is some interest in looking at the ways our schools are funded. He said this has not been changed in 53 years and one of the biggest problems in the state is relying on property taxes for school funding.

Councilman Curley said that 57 percent of our tax bill goes toward funding the schools and 20.5 percent to County government.

Councilman Menna said he would give the information regarding these bills to the Borough Clerk to distribute to the governing body.

AUDIENCE

Harriet Cook – RiverCenter – asked if there were any questions on the ordinance that was tabled regarding RiverCenter.

Mayor McKenna said it would be placed on the agenda for introduction at the next council meeting.

Albert Larotondo – 242 Spring Street – said there was work done at the intersection of Tower Hill Avenue and Branch Avenue with the addition of a handicapped ramp and now there is flooding there.

Councilman Bifani said it is already on the punch list for repairs by the contractor.

Mr. Larotondo said that when we implemented the ban on rollerblading and skateboarding on the streets we said there was a facility that was going to be built at the YMCA. He asked if we knew the status of that project.

Mr. Kosenski said that he had a conversation with the staff of the YMCA and they said the project was put out to bid and the bids came back higher than expected. He said they were going to revise the plans and that he would contact the Y and find out the status of the project.

Jim Harris – 97 Mechanic Street – said that he drove to the state offices to speak about school funding and was told a change would require a constitutional amendment.

Mayor McKenna said there are numerous bills being discussed. He said that he had met with John McCormack, the Secretary of the Treasury and said more freedom is going to be given to municipalities. He said that in 2004 we should receive monies from the hotel tax and have also asked the Governor to pass a payroll tax. He said there are approximately 70,000 employees in Red Bank and if the Borough could implement that tax that could provide a big tax relief.

Joyce Calabro – 38 North Prospect Street – asked about the resolution authorizing aerial mosquito spraying and where the problem was in Red Bank.

Mr. Sickels said the Monmouth County Mosquito Commission would hold a public forum and would inform the Borough when they would be spraying.

Mayor McKenna said they do not know where the problems are and said they usually come with weather.

Councilman Menna said that if you look in the Asbury Park Press they put in ads where they will be spraying.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

03-71 The Attorney read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel, pending litigation and property acquisition.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hintelmann, Menna, Bifani, Thompson, Curley

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona