

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
AUGUST 22, 2002
5:00 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Sickels, Deputy Clerk Pamela L. Hughes, Chief Financial Officer Loversidge.

ABSENT: Attorney O'Connor, Engineer Kosenski

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing & Final Adoption

2002-25 Mayor McKenna read “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAMS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST AID SQUAD MEMBERS”.

Mayor McKenna opened the public hearing and 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. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

Councilman Menna thanked members of the Fire Department, many of whom were in the audience, for their work on this program. He noted that they had reviewed the history of the ordinance with the state and with other municipalities. He called the program a reward and acknowledgement for the hundreds of hours our volunteers put in. He noted that our emergency services would come to a standstill without volunteers and that in order to continue attracting volunteers, we need to have incentives. He said the program would allow for \$1,150 per person per year for a maximum total of \$115,000. He reminded everyone that our Department currently has no paid drivers or staff and that the amount planned to be spent per year would not cover more than two paid drivers. He said the program is a small token of appreciation for a job well done.

Mayor McKenna offered his sincere congratulations to the members of the Department and called the proposed awards program a just recognition of the tremendous efforts the volunteers make for their community. He said Red Bank is lucky to have the people we have and called it the finest Department he knew.

Mr. Menna offered a motion to adopt the ordinance on final reading, seconded by Mr. Hintelmann.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

RESOLUTIONS

02-187 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK REQUESTING THE PLACEMENT OF A REFRENDUM QUESTION ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2002”.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

ADJOURMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela L. Hughes
Deputy Borough Clerk