

**MINUTES
ORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2002
12 NOON**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

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

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

**SWEARING IN OF – COUNCILMAN THOMAS HINTELmann
COUNCILMAN ROBERT BIFANI**

Judge Nicosia swore in Councilman Hintelmann.

Justice O'Hern swore in Councilman Bifani.

Councilman Hintelmann thanked his family and the Mayor and Council for all of their support throughout the years and said he is proud to be part of the McKenna team. He also thanked the appointed official and all of the volunteers throughout the town.

Councilman Bifani said he would like to echo Councilman Hintelmann's comments. He said he would like to thank the citizens of Red Bank for their support and said in nine years he has run for office four times. He said he is looking forward to serving the Borough for the next three years. He also thanked all of the Borough employees and volunteers who devote so much of their time to the Borough.

INVOCATION – Monsignor Lowery

SWEARING IN OF FIRE OFFICIALS:

Justice O'Hern swore in the following fire officials.

Chief: George Lauterwasser
First Deputy Chief: Frank E. Woods
Second Deputy Chief: Alan Soden, Jr.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2002

**02-1 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION ELECTING COUNCIL
 PRESIDENT FOR 2002”.**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Polonsky

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

02-2 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ENGINEER”.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

02-3 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, Polonsky

Nays: None

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

02-4 Mayor McKenna read a “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY”.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

02-5 Mayor McKenna read a “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS FOR 2002”.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

02-6 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TIME AND PLACE OF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS”.

Mr. Polonsky 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 declared approved.

02-7 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF MEETINGS”.

Ms. Beck 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 declared approved.

02-8 Mayor McKenna read “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2002 TEMPORARY BUDGET”.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

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Nays: None

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

REMARKS OF MAYOR MCKENNA

Mayor McKenna said he would like to congratulate Councilman Hintelmann and Bifani on their reelection. He thanked Judge Nicosia and Justice O’Hern for attending the meeting and said they were the individuals who got him interested in politics. He thanked the families of Councilmen Hintelmann and Bifani who understand how much time is spent away from them while they fulfill the duties of their office. He thanked Monsignor Lowery and Dr. Reverend Warner for their participation in the meeting. He said he would like to give special thanks to Pilgrim Baptist Church for their involvement in the numerous ceremonies for the victims of the September 11th tragedy.

Mayor McKenna said this is a very difficult year to look back at. He said we lost three members of our community at the September 11th tragedy and commented how that day changed all of our lives. He said he would like to thank all of the departments that immediately starting planning for any effects the tragedy would have on our community. He said he would also like to thank Riverview Hospital for calling an emergency and got ready to receive helicopters with wounded individuals from the tragedy, unfortunately this did not happen. He said he would like to commend and thank Frank E. Woods who responded to the tragedy immediately because he is a member of the FEMA Urban Rescue Team. He also said two other Red Bank residents were involved, Michael Moore and Stanley Sickels, he said the experience they received there would be invaluable to the Borough of Red Bank.

Mayor McKenna said we have many things to be thankful for he said we had a wonderful service in Riverside Gardens Park referred to as a day of healing for all of those affected by the September 11th tragedy. He said this is a tremendous facility and has become a memorial. He said our residential neighborhoods keep on getting better and our aggressive road program has been very successful. He also said the zoning and planning boards have been reviewing applications very carefully and when it is appropriate they have been denied. He said there is a major project planned for the Swartz property and the planning board would be reviewing and adopting a new master plan. He thanked all of the Borough officials, professionals and volunteers. He said Red Bank is a great community to live in and the commitment of the residents and volunteers help to make Red Bank the best it can be. He wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

BENEDICTION – Dr. Reverend Warner

ADJOURNMENT

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Vivona