

BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
RESOLUTION NO. 15-265

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE MONMOUTH COUNTY
ASSESSMENT DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM (ADP)**

Councilman Zipprich offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, as a result of an act of the NJ State Legislature, the Monmouth County Board of Taxation has instituted a pilot program for the management of Tax Assessments in the County and thereafter mandated a methodology for the implementation by local municipalities of a Monmouth County Assessment Demonstration Program (ADP); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Red Bank was mandated by the County Board of Taxation to implement the ADP program and has, in reliance on that mandate, been compelled to expend large sums of moneys for reassessment and review by contractors who met the bid qualifications for services under the ADP program promulgated by the County; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of a broad range and thorough review of the implementation and management of the ADP program by the Asbury Park Press, it has come to the attention of the general public that the ADP program is resulting in gross inequalities in the reassessment process and the implementation of safeguards that were granted to property owners by statute and practice in the Tax Courts and procedures for appeals; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the same investigation, it has become a matter of public record of the troubling interlocking relationships between the County Tax Board and contractors and subcontractors who have a familial, and local tax assessment responsibilities and business relationships that were not disclosed to the general public in a transparent manner of the time that the ADP was adopted; and,

WHEREAS these troubling revelations cast the pall of interlocking familial, professional and business interests that are to be avoided in public policy initiatives and has caused the public to express its dissatisfaction with the legitimacy of the mandate from the County Tax Board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Red Bank resolves the following:

1. Requests the County Tax Board to exercise its authority in suspending the implementation of the program immediately.
2. Request that Senator Beck and Assemblypersons Casagrande and Angelini support legislative efforts to terminate the program immediately.
3. Request that the State Attorney General investigate the adoption and implementation of the program and its execution of same and allotment of contracts to participating entities.
4. The Borough will immediately withhold its participation under the ADP program until a determination is made by the Office of the Attorney General.
5. Authorize the Borough Attorney to advise all contractors under the ADP program that it will withhold any participation until further direction from the Attorney General's Office.

Seconded by Councilwoman Horgan and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Lee	()	()	()	(x)
Councilwoman Burnham	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Schwabenbauer	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman DuPont	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: October 14, 2015