

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL – BOROUGH OF RED BANK
FEBRUARY 28, 2018
6:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Menna and Council Members Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, and Horgan.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Administrator DeRoberts, Borough Clerk Borghi, Attorney Cannon and Engineer Neumann

ABSENT: Councilman Ballard, CFO Poulos

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Mayor Menna 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 Two River Times and the Star Ledger and by placing a notice on the bulletin board and filing same with the Borough Clerk on January 1, 2018.

Mayor Menna announced that Ordinance 2018-02 would be removed from the agenda. He said the Council was still deliberating on the terms of the ordinance and said it would be reintroduced on a future agenda.

SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to suspend the regular order of business, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Presentation to Edith Blake—Mayor Menna and Councilman Yngstrom presented Mrs. Blake with a certificate in honor of her 100th Birthday.

State Senator Vin Gopal and Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling also offered a presentation to Ms. Blake in honor of her birthday.

Presentation to Stanley Sickels—Senator Gopal and Assemblyman Houghtaling presented former Administrator Stanley Sickels with a resolution to commend him on his years of service to the Borough of Red Bank.

Mr. Sickels thanked his wife for her support.

Presentation to 2017 Fire Chief Peter DeFazio—Mayor Menna and Councilman Whelan presented a plaque to Fire Chief DeFazio. Mayor Menna reviewed Chief DeFazio's three terms as Fire Chief in 1987, 1993 and 2017. He said a duplicate of the plaque would be hung in Borough Hall. Councilman Whelan commended his volunteerism.

Senator Gopal and Assemblyman Houghtaling also presented Chief DeFazio with a resolution honoring his service.

Chief DeFazio thanked everyone for the recognition and thanked the Council for their support through all three of his terms. He also thanked his wife for her support.

RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to resume the regular order of business, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Ballard, Ballard, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

WORKSHOP

2018 Budget Update –Mayor Menna said, since Councilman and Finance Chair Ballard was not in attendance, that this report would be carried to the meeting of 3/14.

Recommendation to appoint a Health Insurance Broker – Consultant Hartnett reviewed the recommendation by the Finance and Personnel Committee for the award of the contract for a Health Insurance Broker.

Mayor Menna said there was a resolution was on the agenda to award the contract.

Request to issue RFP for Grants Consultant—Mayor Menna reviewed the need for a Grants Consultant noting that the service had often been done by the Engineer in the past. He said, while the Engineers had done a great job over the years, they focused mostly on grants for engineering projects. He said there were numerous grants available and said a professional consultant might find more opportunities. He said a resolution to go out for a Request for Proposals would be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 14, 2018

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

None.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Zipprich reported that the Historic Preservation Commission had met with Planning/Zoning Director Carter to review the Historic Preservation Ordinance. He said the DPW Committee had met the previous week including all supervisors, Consultant Hartnett and the Engineer. He said they had discussed various projects including the Road Program, the ongoing Well Project, the Water Meter Project and the DPW facility improvements. He said he and Councilman Ballard had participated in a reading at the Library as part of Black History Month.

Councilwoman Horgan had no report.

Councilman Yngstrom reported that there would be a series of public meetings for input regarding plans for Marine Park. He said the first meeting would be held in two sessions on March 21; one from 4:30 to 6:30pm and one from 7 to 9pm. He said the meetings would be facilitated by Kimley Horn. He noted there would be a CPR class held in conjunction with the Red Bank Fire Department on March 10 at the First Aid Building. He reported on several other Parks & Recreation events including the Spring Egg Hunt at 2pm on March 24 at Count Basie Park and a Spring Break trip to Jenkinsen's Aquarium on April 4. He said the Parking Study RFP submissions were due on April 3 at 11 am. He also reported on the efforts of the Shade Tree Committee and thanked them for their hard work. He said he particularly wanted to thank Bill Brooks for his assistance with identifying hazardous trees.

Councilman Whelan thanked Councilman Yngstrom for his information on the CPR class and said the Fire and Recreation committees had worked together to make the event happen. He asked the Fire Chief and Executive Council President to review Ordinance 2018-06 when it came up on the agenda.

Councilman Taylor said the Code Committee had met and discussed several items. He said the sign ordinance was close to being finalized. He said the Environmental Commission had held a joint meeting with their Green Team and Creative Team subcommittees. He reported that the Commission was focusing on an Earth Day celebration scheduled for April 21 and that they were working on an informational flyer. He also said the application for the grant to purchase water coolers had been submitted and he was hopeful. He said they had been approved for another application they had submitted which would bring about 20 volunteers from The College of New Jersey to help revitalize Eastside Park and the Community Garden on March 24.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ordinances on First Reading and Resolutions Only

Mayor Menna opened the public comment portion of the meeting and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Cindy Burnham – 71 Wallace Street—asked about resolution 18-56 authorizing the Borough Engineer to redesign Mohawk Pond and Eastside Park. She questioned why the work was being done.

Mayor Menna said they were making improvements to the parks.

Councilman Yngstrom said the scope of the design work was for the stabilization of Mohawk Pond because the retaining walls were failing. He said the work at Eastside Park included the addition of bathrooms, a path and concrete work around the ball fields.

Ms. Burnham said she was not in favor of installing the bathrooms in a public park. She also criticized the amount of money that had been spent on various park designs over the years. She said she was concerned about the cost of engineering fees. She also criticized park maintenance. She said she felt the money should have been used for a better purpose such as waterfront access.

Mayor Menna said he agreed that more waterfront access was needed. He thanked her for her support of Sunset Park while she had been on Council. He pointed out that, when completed, this proposed park would offer more water from access. He agreed that a lot of money had been spent but noted all of it was State funded. He said, if Red Bank had not taken the money, it would have gone to another municipality. He said he thought that was a positive decision.

She noted the Borough had reapplied for funds regarding Bellhaven but had been denied.

Mayor Menna said the Council was watching the project closely and would not repeat past history.

Councilman Zipprich said, during her time on Council, Ms. Burnham had questioned the engineering costs in going out for grants. He said that was one of the reasons they had introduced the idea of hiring a grants consultant.

Ms. Burnham said she thought that was a good idea. She asked for a definition of the position.

Mayor Menna explained that a grants consultant, unlike an engineer, would know where to look for Federal, State, not-for-profit foundations, etc. that had monies available for all sorts of different projects.

Ms. Burnham asked if that meant they would not be using the engineers as much.

Mayor Menna said the whole purpose was that it was not specifically for engineering issues.

Ms. Burnham again said she thought it was a good idea.

Suzanne Viscomi—25 Cedar Place—asked about Resolution 16-56. She said she did not see an estimated dollar amount or range. She asked if they would be going out for a bond for the expense.

Councilman Yngstrom said they had bonded for the project last year and said the estimated fees were about \$84,000.

Ben Forest—16 Locust Avenue—said he felt it was a good idea to have bathrooms in the parks considering people who visited the parks for extended events might have a need for a restroom.

No one else appearing, Mayor Menna called for a motion to close the public comment portion.

Councilman Whelan made a motion to close the public comment, Councilman Yngstrom seconded.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

ORDINANCES – First Reading

2018-06 Mayor Menna read, “An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement the Code of the Borough of Red Bank to Revise Chapter 64, “Fire Department.”

Fire Chief Jensen reviewed prior consolidation measures within the Department. He said they were looking for a way to recognize the members of Relief Engine Company and their generations of service and make allowances for the members to join other companies. He said they were seeking to create the Relief Historical Company. He said while the members of Relief could join other existing active companies but the members of other active companies could join the historical company also.

Fire Department Executive Council President Oliva said the Chief had covered the issue and added that the consolidation would save costs and streamline and unify services which he felt was the best for the department.

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Mayor Menna reviewed the issues facing Fire Departments but said Red Bank still have an active, vibrant and committee department.

Councilman Whelan thanked the members of Relief Engine Company for their understanding of the goals of the department.

Public Hearing and final adoption scheduled for March 14, 2018.

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and Final Adoption

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTIONS

By Consent Agenda:

Mayor Menna called for a vote on the following resolutions by Consent Agenda:

- 18-51 A Resolution Opposing the Proposal to Allow Offshore Oil Drilling
- 18-52 A Resolution Authorizing the County of Monmouth Mosquito Control Division to Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control Operations within the Borough of Red Bank.
- 18-53 A Resolution Requesting Approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Donations for the Red Bank Fire Department in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-54 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement Regarding MPI Holdings, Inc., 80-110 Riverside Avenue, Block 7, Lot 5.03 and 5.04, Red Bank, New Jersey.”

Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-55 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing Tax Appeal Settlement Regarding OPI Holdings, Inc., 146 Bodman Place, Block 7, Lot 1.07, Red Bank, New Jersey.”

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-56 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing the Borough Engineer to Design Mohawk Pond and Eastside Park Improvements.”

Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-57 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Awarding Contract to Fairview Insurance for Health Insurance Brokerage Services.”

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Taylor.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

18-58 Mayor Menna read, “A Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement for Requests for Proposals for a Grants Consultant.”

Councilman Yngstrom offered a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Councilman Zipprich.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

PROCLAMATIONS

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS

18-59 Mayor Menna read, "A Resolution for Payment of Bills Amounting to \$4,950,551.53."

Councilman Whelan offered a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Yngstrom asked that a resolution be added to authorize the issuance of an RFP for a Parking

AUDIENCE

No one appearing, Councilman Whelan offered a motion to close the audience portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Yngstrom.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18-60 Mayor Menna read a resolution to adjourn to executive session to discuss potential litigation; no action will be taken.

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to adjourn to executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Horgan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Councilwoman Horgan offered a motion to adjourn from executive session and return to regular business, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Zipprich offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Whelan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Taylor, Whelan, Yngstrom, Zipprich, Horgan

NAYS: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Borghi