

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK - PUBLIC AGENDA
AGENDA MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014 7:00 PM**

Call To Order:

Reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement:

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that the requirements of the law have been met with the posting of the meeting notice on the Municipal Bulletin Board, filed with the Borough Clerk and forwarded to The Courier News, The Star Ledger and Community Chronicles.

Opening Prayer: Grant us the wisdom to serve the people to the best of our ability

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call –

C. John Paul Levin ___ C. Daniel Wright ___ C. Vinnie Petti ___
C. Lisa Bogart ___ C. Beverly Pranzatelli ___ C. Peter Lazzaro ___

Approval of Minutes:

December 17, Regular Meeting Minutes;

January 1, 2014 Reorganization Minutes

Motion: Second: All in favor:

Engineers Activity Report – T&M Associates – December 1-December 31, 2013

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

- Bound Brook Republican Committee offers 3 names for consideration-
fill vacant Mayoral position.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Advertised hearings or special presentations – none

Opening of bids - none

Introduction of ordinances - FIRST READING

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK ORDINANCE 2014:01

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF
TEMPORARY EASEMENTS OVER MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TO
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FOR THE UNITED STATES
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS GREEN BROOK FLOOD
CONTROL PROJECT**

Motion: Second:

Discussion:

Summary: (3) temporary work area easements and (3) perpetual flood levee protection levee easements for repairs to the Segment T levee.

Roll Call:

C. John Paul Levin___C. Daniel Wright ___C. Vinnie Petti ___
C. Lisa Bogart ___C. Beverly Pranzatelli___C. Peter Lazzaro_____

Introduction of ordinances: - FIRST READING

Presented by Councilperson Vinnie Petti

ORDINANCE NO. 2014:02

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND
SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2-22, "FIRE
DEPARTMENT," OF CHAPTER 2,
ADMINISTRATION, OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH
OF BOUND BROOK**

Motion: Second:

Discussion:

Summary: WHEREAS, the Bound Brook Fire Department has recommended various amendments to Section 2-22, “Fire Department” of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook, and

SECTION 1. That Section 2-22-1, “Qualification for Membership,” be amended and supplemented by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **marked in bold and underlined**, to read as follows:

a. In order to qualify for membership as an exempt firefighter in the Fire Department, a person shall, at the time of application for membership, be not less than eighteen (18) nor more than forty-**five (45)** [(40)] years of age, except that junior members of any Fire Company shall be at least thirteen (13) years old and a citizen of the United States. Members who are admitted after reaching forty-**five (45)** [(40)] years of age shall waive all right to benefits as exempt firefighters unless they qualify by reason of prior membership in another Fire Company. Persons between the ages of forty-**five (45)** [(40)] and fifty (50) years old may become Borough active firefighters, without exempt status, after passing the regular Fire Department physical examination.

b. [No change]

c. [No change]

SECTION 2. That Section 2-22.2, “Application for Membership,” be amended and supplemented by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **marked in bold and underlined**, to read as follows:

Every person seeking to join the Fire Department shall make application to any Fire Company. After **acceptance by the Fire Company, approval by the Fire Chief** [approval by the Fire Chief, acceptance by the Fire Company] and confirmation by the Borough Council, such applicant shall become a probationary member in good standing and his name shall be entered on the role of firefighters kept by the Borough Clerk. After a probationary period of one (1) year, the officers of the company in which such new member is enrolled shall review his record and determine whether he has complied with the standards established by the

rules and regulations of the Fire Department. After such review, the member shall be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of a firefighter unless the company officers determine that the rules and regulations of the Fire Department have not been complied with, in which event the firefighter shall be dismissed.

SECTION 3. That Section 2-22.3, “Officers,” be amended and supplemented by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **marked in bold and underlined**, to read as follows:

The **offices** **[Officers]** of the Fire Department **Board of Engineers** shall consist of a Chief, **Deputy Chief, First Assistant Chief, and Second Assistance Chief,** **[a First Assistant Chief, Second Assistant Chief and a First Deputy Chief]** all of **which** **[whom]** shall be **filled by Fire Department** members **[and] who** shall serve **[on the Board of Engineers, and shall serve]** for a term of two (2) years. **The term of office shall run from January 1 in the year of appointment and continue for two (2) years thereafter and until their successors are sworn in by the Borough.** Each of the four (4) fire companies in the Borough shall be represented by one of the foregoing officers. The Chief shall select a Secretary and Treasurer. The Fire Chief shall be responsible to the Mayor and Borough Council for the training and efficient operation of the Department. The Chief shall keep or cause to be kept an accurate inventory record of all equipment and property of the Department, and shall report monthly to the Mayor and Borough Council regarding the activities and general condition of the Department, including such suggestions or recommendation as may be proper and necessary.

SECTION 4. That Section 2-22.4, “Election of Department Officers,” be amended and supplemented by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **marked in bold and underlined**, to read as follows:

[The Board of Engineers shall be elected biannually by the Captains and Lieutenants of each company at a meeting to be held on the third Thursday of December.] Each company shall report the names of those members running for election to the Board of Engineers at the November Board of Engineers’ meeting. Further, each company

shall report the name of the person elected as their representative to the Board at the December Board of Engineers' meeting.

Upon confirmation thereafter by the Borough Council, they shall assume office commencing on the first day of January after their election and shall hold office for two (2) years. **No person shall be elected or appointed to the Board of Engineers unless they meet the requirements for the position as established by the Bound Brook Fire Department By-Laws.** Residency within the Borough of Bound Brook shall not be a requirement for election to or membership on the Board of Engineers.

SECTION 5. That Section 2-22.6, "Suspension and Dismissal," be amended and supplemented by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **marked in bold and underlined**, to read as follows:

Charges warranting suspension or dismissal may be preferred by the Board or any member of the Department against any member of the Department (except the Chief) or by the Committee on Fire of the Borough Council against any member of the Department, including the Chief. Such charges shall be made in writing, filed with the Borough Clerk, and a copy served upon the alleged offender, who shall be afforded a hearing by the Board of Fire Engineers or, where the charges are preferred by the Committee on Fire of the Borough Council, by the Committee on Fire of [a] the Borough Council. The Board **[of]** **or** the Committee on Fire of the Borough Council, as the case may be, may after a hearing suspend or dismiss a **firefighter** **[fireman]** for good cause upon majority vote. Any member of the Fire Department who shall be suspended or dismissed by the Board or by the Committee on Fire of the Borough Council shall have a right to appeal to the Borough Council within twenty (20) days after such suspension or dismissal and such **firefighter** **[fireman]** shall be suspended as a member of the Fire Department pending hearing of the appeal.

SECTION 6. That Section 2-22-7, "Duties of the Chief," be amended and supplemented by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **marked in bold and underlined**, to read as follows:

The Chief **[in all cases]** shall have sole control over all members of the Fire Department and all of its apparatus. The Chief and his assistant officers shall **attempt to** attend all fire[s] **calls** within the Borough and are

hereby empowered and required to take charge of any building or buildings which may be on fire **or any other location that the Fire Department is dispatched to,** and to admit only so many and such persons not **[firemen]** **firefighters** to the building or buildings as they may think necessary to the extinguishment of the fire and preservation of all goods, and to give orders for and to superintend the removal of all goods and preservation of all endangered property.

SECTION 7. That Section 2-22.8, “Succession,” be amended and supplemented by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **marked in bold and underlined,** to read as follows:

In the event of resignation, death or incapacity of any member of the Board of Engineers **that prevents such member from carrying out his duties during the two-year term of office,** the Fire Company to which that member belonged [shall] **may** select **a qualified Ex-Chief as** a replacement who will **serve for the remainder of the unexpired term 2-year term.** **[nevertheless be junior in seniority to the other members of the Board unless he is an Ex-Chief. Such replacement members shall serve for the balance of the term to which he is appointed and then for one (1) full year.]** **If no qualified Ex-Chief is selected by the Company to fill the balance of the term, then the office shall remain vacant until the end of that term, at which time the Fire Company to which the resigned, deceased or incapacitated member belonged may elect any qualified member to a serve on the Board of Engineers in an office commensurate with the qualifications established by the Fire Department By-Laws. If the office of the resigned, deceased or incapacitated member remains vacant for the balance of the unexpired term, the duties of such office may be fulfilled by a member currently on the Board and next in line for said office.**

SECTION 8. That Section 2-22.9, “Organization,” be amended and supplemented by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **marked in bold and underlined,** to read as follows:

- a. [No change]

b. Each Fire Company shall consist of not more than thirty (30) active **[firemen] firefighters** and not more than five (5) junior members.

Roll Call:

C. John Paul Levin___ C. Daniel Wright ___ C. Vinnie Petti ___
C. Lisa Bogart ___ C. Beverly Pranzatelli____ C. Peter Lazzaro_____

**Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions for the Regular Meeting
January 28, 2014:**

R2014:

Award professional services contract to:

DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP-Municipal Attorney

Suplee, Clooney & Company- Municipal Auditor

T&M Associates-Municipal Engineer

John E. Bruder, Esq.-Municipal Prosecutor

Robert Spengler, Esq.-Municipal Public Defender

DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP-Municipal Labor Counsel

Shain, Schaffer & Rafanelli, P.C.- Municipal Tax Appeal Counsel

R2014:

Authorize agreement between Bound Brook and the County of Somerset
for Certified Recycling Professional to sign annual recycling tonnage report

R2014:

Approve the 2014 Renewal Rates for the Bound Brook Employee Group
Horizon Dental Option Plan

R2014:

Approve the hire of William Boyle as permanent part-time fire sub code
official and John Elichko as permanent part-time electrical sub code official
to the Construction Department

R2014:

Authorize AT&T Corp. to install communications facilities along, under and
over the public right-of-way to provide communication services to the public

R2014:

Approve the hire of a substitute crossing guard

Unfinished Business

Pending Appointments:

Bond Counsel –Appoint DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Wisler, LLP

Motion: Second: All in favor:

Planning Board Council Liaison – C. Beverly Pranzatelli

Motion: Second: All in favor:

Office of Emergency Management Liaison: C. Vinnie Petti

Changes to Council Liaison appointments made on January 1, 2014:

Board of Health Liaison: C. John Paul Levin

Municipal Alliance/Youth Services Commission Liaison: C. Daniel Wright

Parking Commission Liaison: C. Vinnie Petti

Randy Bahr-Administrator: Amendments to Personnel Policy

New Business

Randy Bahr-Administrator:

Bound Brook Library Advisory Board- Amendments to Bylaws

Open to the public for comments

Executive Session:

R2014:

Authorize executive session for (Negotiations; _____)

Motion: Second: All in favor:

Adjournment

Motion: Second: All in favor:

