BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES -SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

Mayor Robert Fazen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an Opening Prayer.

Roll Call
Mayor Robert Fazen present
C. Vinnie Petti present
C. Abel Gomez present
C. Philip Fiadino present
C. President Anthony Pranzatelli present
C. Diana Manahan absent
C. Nicole Epps absent

Also Present:
Hector Herrera-Borough Administrator
Borough Clerk – Donna Marie Godleski
Borough Attorney- Alexander Hemsley Esq.
Police Chief Vito Bet

Approval of Minutes: August 22, 2017 Regular Meeting

Special Meeting August 30, 2017

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

Engineers Report – T&M Associates – August 1-31-2017

Dale Leubner reported:

Billian Legion Park Parking Lot Permitting – Mid November

Railroad Quiet Zones-

NJ Transit is preparing a cost estimate for their portion. Mr. Herrera will contact NJT to follow-up.
Codrington Park Field Improvements-
Project currently re-advertised; still over budget and formally rejected.
Bid negotiation meeting was held on September 7 with prospective bidders.

2017 Road Improvement Program
Awaiting concurrence of award from NJDOT. A pre-construction meeting will then be scheduled.

2017 NJDOT Local Aid Application
Applications due October 3, 2017. Mr. Leubner recommended the lower portion of Thompson/Second Street.
Open to the public for questions/comments to the engineer.

Bev Pranzatelli- 108 East Maple Avenue
She asked if Maple, Central and VanKeuren will be done this year.
Mr. Leubner replied yes.

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.
>Proclaim Constitution Week September 17-23-2017
Mayor Fazen read proclamation into the record of minutes.

Advertised hearings or special presentations -None

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Michele DeFazio
5K on Sunday – every single block around St. Joseph’s Church was blocked. She complained there are only one or two ways of getting in. She suggested changing the route.
Opening of bids -

Mayor announced a bid was advertised for September 19, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m.- Limited Refurbishment of one (1) 1995 Pierce Lance Pumper

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading –

Ordinance No. 2017-29

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, AND AUTHORIZING A TRUST ACCOUNT FOR CULTURAL ARTS DONATIONS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

Motion: Gomez Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on September 26, 2017 Second: Pranzatelli

Discussion: C. Gomez advised six (6) members to be appointed at the next meeting. The cultural arts group will commission one piece of art each year. The $15,000 that was appropriated for an arts manager will move to the committee.

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti __Y__C. Abel Gomez__Y__C. Philip Fiadino__Y__

C. Anthony Pranzatelli__Y__C. Diana Manahan_____ C. Nicole Epps_____
Ordinance No. 2017-30

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PERMIT REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE A CRANE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Motion: Gomez Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on September 26, 2017 Second: Fiadino

Discussion: none

Roll Call:
C. Vinnie Petti _Y__C. Abel Gomez__Y__C. Philip Fiadino__Y__
C. Anthony Pranzatelli__Y__C. Diana Manahan_____ C. Nicole Epps____

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration-Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-_28
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXI, LAND USE, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, TO INCLUDE AS HISTORIC LANDMARKS, THE OLD STONE ARCH BRIDGE, BROOK THEATER, AND THE BOUND BROOK RAILROAD STATION

Planning Board had no comments/recommendations

Motion to open public comment: Gomez Second: Petti

Public Comment: Michele DeFazio- She asked what this does for Bound Brook.

Motion to close public comment: Pranzatelli Second: Fiadino

Motion: Pranzatelli Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on second reading
9-12-2017

Second: Gomez

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti _Y__C. Abel Gomez_ Y_ Philip Fiadino Y__
C. Anthony Pranzatelli Y C. Diana Manahan____ C. Nicole Epps___

Mayor: Ordinance will be published according to law.

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

R2017:148
Accept resignation of William Boyle part-time fire sub-code official
and approve the hire of Edward Allot IV to fill the position
Motion: Fiadino   Second: Gomez   All in favor: Aye

R2017:149
Approve the hire of Harry T. Frezza Jr. as a crossing guard
Motion: Gomez   Second: Petti   All in favor: Aye

R2017:150
Accept resignation of Natasha Turchan as Acting Tax Collector and approve the appointment of Cynthia Griffith as Tax Collector for the Borough of Bound Brook
Motion:   Gomez   Second: Petti
Discussion: Mr. Herrera thanked Natasha for filling in and Cynthia extends her gratitude to the council for the appointment.   All in favor: Aye
R2017:151

Approve the insertion of items of revenue in the 2017 budget-
Chapter 159-Detective Matthew L. Tarentino Community Policing Grant

Motion: Gomez    Second: Petti    All in favor: Aye

R2017:152

Approve the participation in the second update of the Somerset County Multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan

Motion: Gomez    Second: Fiadino    All in favor: Aye

R2017:153

Authorize Municipal Alliance Grant for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Motion: Fiadino    Second: Gomez    All in favor: Aye

R2017:154

AUTHORIZING A LIEN AGAINST REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 557 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BOUND BROOK, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 1 IN BLOCK 83 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, TO DEFRAY COSTS INCURRED BY THE BOROUGH FOR REMOVAL OF TRASH AND DEBRIS FROM THE SUBJECT PROPERTY

Motion: Gomez    Second: Petti    All in favor: Aye

R2017:155

Authorize municipal auction

Motion: Gomez    Second: Fiadino

Discussion: Mr. Herrera advised the initial auction at our public works site did not go well. The vehicles will be moved to the county where the auction will be held. C. Gomez advised the cultural arts committee needs around ten bikes.
All in favor: Aye

R2017:156

Award professional services contract to Olin Partnership Ltd. For Landscape Architectural Services for the Van Horne Plaza and Hamilton Street Revitalization Concept in the amount of $20,500.00

Motion: Gomez    Second: Fiadino    All in favor: Aye

R2017:157-

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDITIONAL DESIGNATING OF BOUND BROOK INDUSTRIAL PARK, LLC AS REDEVELOPER FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 1, LOT 69, SOUTH MAIN STREET, LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA FOR A SELF STORAGE PROJECT

Motion: Pranzatelli    Second: Fiadino    All in favor: Aye

Discussion: Mayor recommended reducing the extension from 120 days to 60 days.

Motion to withdraw 120 days moved by Pranzatelli; second by Fiadino;

All in favor: Aye

Motion to approve extension to 60 days moved by Pranzatelli; second by Fiadino All in favor: Aye

R2017:158-

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDITIONAL DESIGNATION OF BOUND BROOK LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC AS REDEVELOPER FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 5, LOTS 12 THROUGH 18, 22 & 24 THROUGH 26 BOUNDED BY TALMAGE AVENUE, COLUMBUS PLACE AND WEST MAIN STREET, LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

Motion to amend designation to 60 days moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Pranzatelli    All in favor: Aye
R2017:159-

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDITIONAL DESIGNATING IRONBOUND 600 UNION HOLDINGS, LLC AS REDEVELOPER FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 13.02, LOT 49, ALSO KNOWN AS 600 EAST UNION AVENUE, LOCATED IN A REDEVELOPMENT AREA FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL PROJECT

Motion to amend designation to 60 days moved by C. Gomez

Second: Pranzatelli       All in favor: Aye

Unfinished Business

Mayor Fazen announced he will have a proclamation ready for the next meeting for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

He would like to get as many volunteers together to help tie ribbons to trees around town.

C. Gomez suggested having donations set up at the Food Truck Fest at Billian Park in October.

C. Fiadino suggested promoting awareness at the Food Truck Fest in October.

Mayor Fazen noted we can post to the website on September 29th at 4 PM that we will hang pink ribbons around trees downtown and up on Union Avenue. We will meet at the No. 1 Firehouse.

Mayor Fazen announced at 7 p.m. this evening there was a short ceremony for the placement of a prescription drop box which will be placed at the police dispatch. This area will have a 24/7 camera.
Chief Bet announced there is a big increase in opiates. Residents may now dispose of their unused or expired medicines in this drop box. This box is portable which we can take to homes and also bring to the senior meetings. He noted that Lt. Higazi played a very big part in getting this drop box for Bound Brook. It took almost one year.

C. Gomez suggested a resolution from the borough being sent to our state and federal representatives for a revisit on how the doctors are prescribing opiates. Mayor Fazen advised he would look into this.

New Business

Mayor Fazen announced a dinner will be held at the Mariott in Bridgewater for Freeholder Peter Palmer on October 11, 2017 from 6-9 p.m. Mr. Palmer has served twenty years as Freeholder with a total of fifty-five years in public service. He is a Somerset County icon. He asked for the council’s support in attending this event.

Approve Firemen Membership Application

> Oscar Coria – Watchung Fire Company No. 3
> Nicholas K. Towey- Fire Company No. 1

Motion: Gomez   Second: Pranzatelli    All in favor: Aye

Appointment to the Recreation Commission

Dave Vioreanu – Term – Alt. 2- 2017

Motion: Gomez   Second: Pranzatelli    All in favor: Aye

Appointment to the Economic Development Advisory Committee

Eric Horowitz – Term- 3 year term

Motion: Petti   Second: Gomez    All in favor: Aye
>Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise “2018” Request for Qualifications”

Motion: Gomez    Second: Petti    All in favor: Aye

Approval of Vouchers

R2017: 160

Motion: Gomez    Second: Pranzatelli    All in favor: Aye

Open to the public for comment

R2017: 161

Authorize executive session @ 8:30 p.m. for (Anticipated Litigation)

Motion: Pranzatelli    Second: Gomez    All in favor: Aye

Adjournment @ 9 p.m.

Motion: Gomez    Second: Petti    All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk