

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert Fazen with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement following by the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer.

Roll Call

Mayor Robert Fazen	present
Councilman Vinnie Petti	present
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli	present
Councilman Abel Gomez	present
Councilwoman Elizabeth Jannuzzi	present
Councilman Robert Dixon	present
Councilman Brad Galeta	present

Also Present:

Hector Herrera, Administrator
Borough Clerk – Donna Marie Godleski
Attorney- Andy Acebo, Esq. DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin

Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting
Special Meeting February 15, 2019

Motion moved by C. Dixon second by C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

Advertised hearings or special presentations-none

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. –none

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Ed Zuccarelli- Resident- Talmage Avenue

Mr. Zuccarelli informed that he lives next to the Moose Lodge on Talmage Avenue. He complained that the music is too loud. He asked what the current noise ordinance is and if it is being enforced.

Mayor Fazen informed that the borough has contracted with Somerset County Health Department effective this Friday. The county has a decibel meter which is used to measure within 100 feet from the outside of the building. The noise complaint will be looked into. The borough attorney advised what is being enforced is the state ordinance. The borough attorney advised that the town can also use other resources to enforce.

Council comments.

Opening of bids -none

Engineers Report- Project Manager Dale Leubner

Mr. Leubner reported –
2019 CDBG Application- submitted for West Second Street from Vosseller Avenue to Van Keuren Avenue.

Billian Legion Park Parking Lot Permitting-Work is tentatively scheduled to commence March 2019.

2017 Road Improvement Program-Project has been substantially completed. Several deficiencies remain. Once completed, remaining portion of NJDOT funding will be requested.

Reconstruction of East Second Street- Project closeout is complete. Remaining portion of CDBG funding has been requested.

Reconstruction of Grove Avenue and Thompson Avenue- Project constructed in Spring of 2019 completion date on or about July 4, 2019.

Committee Reports

Finance: Finance Committee

Liaison Committees: /Historic Preservation/

Council President Gomez offered to give the finance report noting that the finance chair has been unable to attend several committee meetings.

C. Gomez reported the tax rate is down. The school has reduced their budget.

The committee met with all departments on their budgets. All departments were very cooperative in compromising their budgets.

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-Chair- C. Robert Dixon

Liaison Committees: Library Advisory/Recreation/ Shade Tree/

C. Dixon gave the monthly public works activity report noting the potholes are being addressed.

Library: Reported security guard left; the computer room is being renovated.

Shade Tree: A computer was ordered for the commission. There is an appointment on the agenda for an alternate member to the commission.

Recreation: Busy with basketball and wrestling. We are short two coaches for baseball and soccer. Codrington Park will be used for practice.

C. Pranzatelli noted that the public works department is still short one person.

Public Safety (Police & Fire)- Chair- C. Abel Gomez

Liaison Committees: Board of Education/Cultural Arts/OEM/Parking Commission/Rescue Squad/

C. Gomez gave the monthly activity report. Three officers Klein, Gilroy and Morris were recognized for top DWI. A meeting was held with the Fire Dept. to discuss strengthening, consolidation, equipment and recruiting.

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- Chair- C. Brad Galeta

Liaison Committees: Green Team/Municipal Alliance/Special Improvement District

There is a retirement in the public works department along with a promotion of a seasonal hire to laborer. In May there will be another retirement along with an opening.

Finance Dept. – a part time position offer

Municipal Alliance- programs will be opening in the Spring. Cops for Kids all year long events; free seminars, wellness fair and camp.

C. Pranzatelli advised that the SID has a Somerset County Freeholder on board.

Economic Development- Chair- C. Anthony Pranzatelli

Liaison Committees: Architectural Review Board/Planning Board/Senior Citizens

C. Pranzatelli reported committee met with DeMattheis Real Estate again to show plans for a proposed 4 story 31 unit apartment building on the site of what is now Mohrinsings auto parking lot and the home directly to the east. They are also doing an environmental study on the site. They are also looking at other properties in the west end.

Committee met a second time with Ken Worden who represents Coldwell Bank. They are interested in purchasing properties or taking over existing approved projects. The committee delegated to members the responsibility of getting the information the bank is requesting.

Last week the Mayor asked for a progress report on the projects per their agreements. With the exception of Meridia 2 everyone is behind the timelines. The borough is sending out letters to all the developers asking them to document their progress and if they are behind to give reasons.

Mayor Fazen advised he is looking for the dates from the pilot agreements.

Cameras are going up in the tunnel. A fence is up in the community garden.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- Chair- C. Vinnie Petti

Liaison Committees: Board of Health

C. Petti asked for an update on the train station rehabilitation. Mr. Herrera gave a summary.

He gave the monthly activity zoning report.

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading –

Ordinance No. 2019- 10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XVII, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO ADD SECTION REQUIRING THAT ALL VACANT COMMERCIAL UNITS BE REGISTERED WITH THE BOROUGH AND ALL VACANT COMMERCIAL UNITS BE PRESERVED AND MAINTAINED

Motion moved by C. Gomez Second: Dixon Discussion: Summary

Roll Call: Aye-Unanimous

Ordinance will be advertised according to law and second reading held on March 12, 2019

Ordinance No. 2019-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XV, HOUSING, OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO INCREASE HOUSING FEES

Motion moved by C. Gomez Second: Pranzatelli Discussion: Summary

Roll Call: Aye-Unanimous

Ordinance will be advertised according to law and second reading held on March 12, 2019

Ordinance No. 2019-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEWER USER CHARGES FOR THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Motion moved by C. Gomez Second: Jannuzzi Discussion: Summary
Roll Call: Aye- Unanimous
Ordinance will be advertised according to law and second reading held on March 12, 2019

Ordinance No. 2019-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-17, RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Motion moved by C. Gomez Second: Dixon Discussion: Summary
Roll Call: Aye- Unanimous
Ordinance will be advertised according to law and second reading held on March 12, 2019

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration - Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2019- 01

AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE – OEM COORDINATOR

Motion to open public comment: Pranzatelli Second: Dixon All in favor: Aye

Public comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Dixon Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Motion to adopt: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli Discussion: Summary

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_Aye___C. Vinnie Petti_Aye___C. Brad Galeta_Nay___

C. Anthony Pranzatelli_Aye___C. Robert Dixon_Aye___C. Abel Gomez_Aye___

Ordinance will be advertised according to law.

Ordinance No. 2019-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER III POLICE REGULATIONS, OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO REFLECT THAT THE HANDLING OF LANDSCAPE DEBRIS ITEMS SUCH AS LEAVES AND TREE LIMB PICK UP WILL BE DETAILED IN CHAPTER XXVI STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Motion to open public comment: Gomez Second: Dixon All in favor: Aye

Public comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Pranzatelli Second: Gomez All in favor: Aye

Motion to adopt: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli Discussion: Summary

Roll Call:

Aye- Unanimous

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Ordinance will be advertised according to law.

Ordinance No. 2019-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXVI, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Motion to open public comment: Gomez Second: Dixon All in favor: Aye

Public comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Gomez Second:Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

Motion to adopt:Dixon Second: Pranzatelli Discussion: Summary

Roll Call:

Aye- Unanimous

Ordinance will be advertised according to law.

Ordinance No. 2019-06

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE GEAR BY THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$35,000 THEREFOR FROM MONEYS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Motion to open public comment: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

Public comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Gomez Second:Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

Motion to adopt: Dixon Second: Pranzatelli Discussion: Summary

Roll Call:

Aye-Unanimous

Ordinance will be advertised according to law.

Ordinance No. 2019-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXVIII OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK ENTITLED “WATER AND SEWER” SECTION 28-1.18 USE OF SEWER SYSTEM FOR NON-SANITARY SEWAGE

Motion to open public comment: Pranzatelli Second: Dixon All in favor: Aye

Public comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Dixon Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

Motion to adopt: Pranzatelli Second: Dixon Discussion: Summary

Roll Call:

Aye-Unanimous

Ordinance will be advertised according to law.

Ordinance No. 2019-08- TABLED

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XVII, OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SECTION 17-12.5-GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Motion to table moved by C. Pranzatelli, second by C. Gomez

Discussion: Mr. Costa, Director of Code Enforcement advised he will have a reverbage of the Chapter prepared for introduction at the next meeting.

Roll Call: Aye- Unanimous

Ordinance No. 2019-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XVII, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT THAT VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION BE RENEWED EVERY SIX MONTHS AND REGISTRATION FEE PROGRESSION SCHEDULE DOES NOT RESET WHEN PROPERTY OWNERSHIP IS CHANGED

Motion to open public comment: Pranzatelli Second: Gomez All in favor:Aye

Public comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Gomez Second:Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

Motion to adopt: Dixon Second: Gomez Discussion: Summary

Roll Call: Aye- Unanimous

Ordinance will be advertised according to law.

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

The resolutions listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed by council action.

Motion to remove No. 39 for discussion moved by C. Petti

Motion to remove No. 48 for discussion moved by C. Gomez

Motion to adopt resolutions moved by C. Dixon, Second by C. Pranzatelli

All in favor: Aye

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Adopt an amendment to the By-Laws of the Council to include a requirement for newly elected officials to complete educational courses

Motion: C. Pranzatelli Second: Dixon

Discussion: C. Petti asked if the town pays for the courses. Mr. Herrera informed that the borough pays for the educational courses.

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Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_Nay___C. Vinnie Petti_Nay___C. Brad Galeta_Aye___
C. Anthony Pranzatelli_Aye___C. Robert Dixon_Aye___C. Abel Gomez_Aye___
Resolution passed on first reading.

40

Approve amendments to the Personnel Policy

41

Adopt a Nepotism Policy

42

Adopt a Purchasing Policies and Procedures Manual for the Borough of Bound Brook

43

Approve Corrective Action Plan for year ended December 31, 2017

44

Approve Recycling Agreement between the County of Somerset and the Borough of Bound Brook for Year 2019

45

Approve Certified Recycling Professional Services Agreement for 2019 tonnage report

46

Authorize application in connection with the Somerset County Improvement Authority's Somerset Municipal Banc Program

47

Approve the promotion of Robert Timpano to a full time laborer D in the Public Works Department Effective March 1, 2019

48- NOT APPROVED

Approve 2019 Pool Table License for LFR t/a Torpedo's -224-228 East Main Street

Motion to remove moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Dixon

Discussion: A requirement to be able to see inside the establishment was discussed.

Roll Call: Unanimous

49

Approve a refund to Corelogic Tax Service, LLC in the amount of \$2,260.00 for overpayment of 2019 1st qtr tax Blk 19 Lot 15 327A Talmage Avenue

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Approve a refund to Lereta, LLC in the amount of \$3,837.00 for overpayment of 2019 1st qtr tax Lot 42.02 171 West High Street

51

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTON NO. 2019-34 ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 22, 2019 TO ADD A PROPERTY TO THOSE PROPERITES IDENTIFIED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2019-34 TO EXAMINE WHETHER ALL OF THE PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED HEREIN, LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, NEW JERSEY, SHOULD BE DETERMINED TO BE A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

Unfinished Business

New Business

>CDBG Project Application – Application was discussed under engineers report by Mr. Leubner Project Manager.

>Mayor Fazen announced a public hearing will be held on March 12, 2019 to obtain public comment on a grant application to be submitted by the Borough of Bound Brook to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection’s Green Acres Land Acquisition and Park Development Program. This application is for the acquisition of 432 Talmage Avenue (Block 3, Lot 1). A brief presentation will be made followed by a question and answer period. All residents are encouraged to attend and participate.

Approve Firemen’s Membership Applications-

>Shawn M. Gerva – America Hose & Engine Company No. 2
>Beka Barnabishuill- America Hose & Engine Company No. 2
>Brayan J. Alvarado-America Hose & Engine Company No. 2
Motion to approve moved by C. Gomez second by C. Petti
All in favor: Aye

Bound Brook Fire Department-

Request to Appoint Two (2) Assistant Fire Chiefs to 12/31/2019
>Richard Colombaroni-1st Assistant Chief
>George Seabolt-2nd Assistant Chief
Motion to approve moved by C. Pranzatelli second by C. Dixon
All in favor: Aye

Appointment to Shade Tree Commission

>Diana L Romero-Alternate No. 1 – 1 year term
Motion to approve moved by C. Dixon second by C. Gomez
All in favor: Aye

R2019: 52- Approval of Vouchers

Motion: moved by C. Dixon second by C. Gomez
All in favor: Aye Recuse: C. Pranzatelli

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Open to the public for comment- no comments

R2019: 53-Authorize executive session –no session

Adjournment @ 8:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Dixon

All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk