

Borough of Bound Brook
Regular Meeting Agenda- March 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: March 12, 2019 Agenda Minutes

Executive Session March 12, 2019 w/changes

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

Advertised hearings

Mayor announced the purpose of the hearing is 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).

Mr. Herrera Administrator provided a brief summary.

Public comments:

Linda Brnicevic-20 Talmage Avenue

Ms. Brnicevic asked what the enhancements were for the park, the grant amount, purchase price, timeline and if other properties would be impacted. Mr. Herrera and Councilman Gomez provided summaries.

Kelly Harabin-282 West Main Street

Ms. Harabin asked why the West Main Street Properties are not part of this grant. Councilman Gomez advised that they are not part of the actual acquisition of the specific lot.

Public Comment closed.

Special Presentation

Louis Reynolds-Reynolds Asset Management-Concept for 17-19 West Main Street- Bl 7 Lot 29

Mr. Reynolds presented this concept for the governing body's consideration for 16 units 2 bedroom and 16 units 1 bedroom 1 bath at the corner of Drake Street. This would be Phase 3 of his redevelopment projects downtown. Phase I is the Bar and Grill and Phase II is the auto dealership.

The concept will be referred to the Planning Board.

Presentation concluded.

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. – none

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Linda Brnicevic-20 Talmage Avenue

She asked several questions about the concept which were addressed by Mr. Reynolds.

Opening of bids -none

Engineers Report-Dale Leubner- Project Manager

Mr. Leubner gave a brief summary of project activities.

2017 Road Program and CDBG Project.

Committee reports

Finance- Chair- C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

Liaison Committees: /Historic Preservation

Council reported the budget is being introduced this evening. The proposed tax rate is down. There was nothing to report for Historic. C. Gomez announced the Battle of Bound Brook event will be held April 13 and 14. A meeting was held with South Bound Brook on the event.

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

Liaison Committees: Board of Education/Library Advisory/Shade Tree/Recreation

Council gave the activity report for public works and thanked them for helping out with Recreation. The computer room is starting at the library. The Shade Tree has their laptops. On April 27 there is a tree planting at the library at 10 a.m. There is a bug that is destroying Ash Trees and asked if a communication could be posted at town hall and the website.

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

Liaison Committees: Board of Education/Cultural Arts/Office of Emergency Management/Parking Commission/Rescue Squad

Council recognized Officer Boytosh for achieving aquatic training to help out with the many pools in town. The department stopped 8 drunk drivers from leaving Bound Brook. Going over school related issues with the police chief.

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

Liaison Committees: Green Team/Municipal Alliance/Special Improvement District Council reported the town is looking at switching our e-mail over to google. Town volunteers will have a bound brook e-mail address/shared drive. The finance department will be hiring a part time finance clerk. An ad will be placed in the summer for a laborer. A policy will be set for employees to respond to an e-mail from boards within 24 hours with a yes or no and 72 hours with an action plan. The SID will be sponsoring a flea market, movies in the park and a farmers market. The fence is up at the Community Garden. No report on the Green Team. The Municipal Alliance will have a seminar on June 6 on mental health. Also working with Manville on a drunk driving program.

Economic Development- Chair- C. Anthony Pranzatelli

Liaison Committees: Architectural Review Board/Planning Board/Senior Citizens Council reported a status letter was sent to all developers on their schedules. The BBArms Project hired a new construction team. Phase II is closing. The BB Hotel construction has begun again. Talmage Commons in negotiations on Friday. Meridia Self Storage demolition permit. Meridia II is starting construction.

Mr. Herrera reported that the governing body will be meeting at 6 p.m. for a dedication at the Community Garden on April 9, 2019.

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

Liaison Committees: Board of Health Council gave the monthly activity report for code enforcement. No report for the board of health. C. Gomez reported that Somerset County Board of Health inspected all establishments in town. There is one closure.

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading – None

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration - Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2019-14

Calendar year 2019

Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget appropriation

Motion to open public comment: Gomez Second: Dixon

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public comment: Gomez Second: Dixon

Motion to adopt: Gomez Second: Dixon

Roll Call: Aye-Unanimous

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Ordinance will be advertised and published according to law.

Ordinance No. 2019-15

An ordinance amending and supplementing Chapter VIII, administrative fees, of the general revised ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to create section 2-64, service charge for returned checks

Motion to open public comment: Gomez Second: Dixon

Public Comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Pranzatelli Second: Gomez

Motion to adopt: Pranzatelli Second: Gomez

Roll Call: Aye- Unanimous

Ordinance will be advertised and published according to law.

Bond Ordinance No. B2019-16

Bond Ordinance providing for various capital improvements in and by the Borough of Bound Brook in the County of Somerset New Jersey appropriating \$1,400,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$1,330,000 bonds or notes of the Borough to finance part of the cost thereof.

Motion to open public comment: Gomez Second: Dixon

Public Comment: Linda Brnicevic-20 Talmage Avenue

Motion to close public comment: Pranzatelli Second: Gomez

Motion to adopt: Pranzatelli Second: Gomez

Roll Call: Aye-Unanimous

Ordinance will be advertised and published 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.

Resolutions No. 65 and 69 and 73 were removed for separate discussion.

Motion to approve all except those removed was moved by C. Galeta; second by C.Gomez

All in favor: Aye

65-

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Resolution to introduce the 2019 municipal budget – \$15,532,632.01

Motion: Gomez

Second: Dixon

Discussion:

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_Aye___C. Vinnie Petti_Aye___C. Brad Galeta__Aye__

C. Anthony Pranzatelli_Aye___C. Robert Dixon_Aye___C. Abel Gomez_Aye___

The clerk announced a hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held on May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers.

66-

Authorize emergency appropriations in the 2019 temporary budget in the amount of \$3,771,964.42

67-

Approve transfer in the 2018 Budget Appropriation Reserves in the amount of \$31,230.00

68 -

Approve certification of compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commissions

69-

Approve State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres enabling resolution for funding in the amount of \$193,250 for the project of acquisition of 432 Talmage Avenue

Motion moved by C. Pranzatelli; second by C. Dixon

Discussion;

All in favor: Aye C. Petti- Nay

70-

Authorize the finance department to waive the requirement for claimant's certification for the purchase order below 15% of the bid threshold pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16 (c) (3)

71-

Approve the hire of Lisa Brandi as a crossing guard

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72-

Urge legislators to restore the one seat ride to NY Penn Station

73-

Authorize the establishment of a change fund for Recreation Trust in the amount of \$100.00

Unfinished Business

R-2019-61- second reading

Amend the by-laws to include an education requirement for all elected officials

Motion: Gomez Second: Dixon Discussion: none

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi _Aye___ C. Vinnie Petti _Nay___ C. Brad Galeta __Aye__

C. Anthony Pranzatelli _Aye___ C. Robert Dixon _Aye___ C. Abel Gomez _Aye___

Resolution passed to amend the by-laws.

New Business

Board of Health Appointment

Lisa Hansen- Alternate No. 1 – term expires 12/31/2019

Pat O'Reily – Alternate No. 2 – term expires 12/31/2019

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

C. Gomez announced that both appointees are nurses.

Mr. Herrera announced that Christopher Czuba Fire Marshal has given his resignation effective April 5, 2019. He has been with the borough thirteen (13) years. We thank him for his service and wish him luck.

A resolution was moved to accept his resignation by C. Gomez; second by C. Dixon

All in favor: Aye

Mr. Herrera announced the upcoming special events.

April 6 Coin Toss Fire Co. No. 4

April 20 Coin Toss Fire Co. No. 1

Battle of Bound Brook April 13

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Approval of Vouchers

R2019: 73

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

Open to the public for comment-

Linda B- 20 Talmage Avenue

She questioned the grant amount on Resolution No. 69. She complained about all the liter under the bridge that needs to be cleaned up before the Battle of Bound Brook Event. She asked about the street sweeping schedule.

R2019: 74- Executive session- none

Adjournment

Motion moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Pranzatelli; all in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie  Godleski, Borough Clerk