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Borough of Bound Brook
April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call

Mayor Robert Fazen	absent
Councilman Vinnie Petti	present
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli	absent
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- April 9-2019 Agenda
Motion moved by C. Dixon, second by C. Galeta, all in favor-aye

Advertised hearings or special presentations- none

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

Arbor Day Proclamation – April 29, 2019 – Council President Gomez announced the proclamation into the record of minutes.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Ed Zuccarelli- Resident- Talmage Avenue

Mr. Zuccarelli stated he was at the February 26 meeting and expressed his concerns about the noise coming from an establishment on Talmage Avenue. He informed the council that the minutes of that meeting indicated the noise was coming from the Moose Lodge which was not correct. He stated he never specifically said any particular business but our subsequent conversation was about the Imperial Restaurant where the noise was coming from. He asked if there were any provisions made since the complaint was made. After being assured that it would not happen, I am back because it happened again.

I did not call the police because they are not for chronic problems. The Imperial should know not to turn their music up, but they did it anyway. We still have a music problem on Talmage Avenue. I was told at the council meeting that this was not going to happen again. There have been provisions made to prevent this and I am back now because it has happened again.

C. Gomez indicated that he advised Mr. Zuccarelli the town changed over to Somerset County March 1st. and if there was a complaint the police had to be called. Mr. Zuccarelli stated that we

were not told to do anything else. We were told that this was not going to happen again. We were not told to call the police.

He stated that this is happening Friday and Saturday nights.

C. Gomez said he contacted the Chief and the Lieutenants that they were to contact the County Health Department when they respond to a noise ordinance complaint.

Mr. Zuccarelli stated that a response to his complaint should come from someone other than the police department.

C. Gomez apologized to Mr. Zuccarelli if he misunderstood what was said at the meeting.

Lt. Mazuera was present at the meeting and advised Mr. Zuccarelli moving forward to call the police department and we will take care of it.

Professor Roxanne Brennan -216 Talmage Avenue

Ms. Brennan indicated she was also at the meeting Mr. Zuccarelli attended on February 26. Her first concern was that minutes accidentally named the noise coming from the Moose Lodge and that the decibel meter issue has been measured from the Moose which is not the problem. We did not want to specifically mention the Imperial at that meeting. Whether it is a public or private function the music is too loud. It shakes the foundation of the apartment building. We pay rent and pay taxes. She expressed her concerns about being misled. We were told not to call the police and that this would be taken care of.

Pat O'Reilly -745 Schoolhouse Lane

Ms. O'Reilly indicated that in 2017 the town was advised we would have two bulk pickups along with a charge of \$50.00. We only had one in 2018. She asked for clarification.

Mr. Herrera indicated that the price has gone up for collection fees. The town is looking at the next contract maybe including this in the bid specifications. We have to figure out the best way. He indicated that the town will have a bulk pickup this year.

C. Jannuzzi recommended something should go out to the residents explaining this.

Ms. O'Reilly asked if the meetings could be videotaped. C. Gomez indicated that we have been looking at the costs to do this. All meetings are recorded and you can request a copy from the Clerk's office.

Opening of bids

Council Gomez announced bids are advertised for April 26 2019 at 10 a.m. for the 2018 Road Program.

Engineers Report-Dale Leubner- Project Manager

Mr. Leubner reported on-

Billian Legion Park Parking Lot Permitting, 2017 Road Improvement Program, Reconstruction East Second Street, Reconstruction of Grove Avenue and Thompson Avenue, 2019 CDBG Application, Annual Tier A NJDEP Storm water Permit, 2018 Road Program Phase II and the Borough Hall Parking Lot.

Committee reports

Finance: Chair- C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

Liaison Committees: /Historic Preservation/

Council Jannuzzi reported -

Finance: The hearing on the budget is scheduled for May 14, 2019. Mr. Herrera advised that the State indicated they are behind in reviewing budgets. We will still move forward with the hearing on May 14 but will not adopt if they have not reviewed.

Historic: Battle of Bound Brook Event was successful. Assignments for nominations of Landmark designations. Marking of W3RNJ Trail Mountain Avenue, Main Street, Queens Bridge, entire Somerset County signage has been moving along rapidly now due to the help of the National Parks System 250th Anniversary.

C. Gomez advised we are working with the County on the Stone Arc Bridge; a proposal to buy the property along with Middlesex County as a joint grant.

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

Liaison Committees: Library Advisory/Shade Tree/ Recreation Commission

Council Dixon reported-

Public Works: The public works activity report was read and he thanked the public works department for their help with recreation.

Recreation: Tea Street Day/volunteers. Baseball has started. DPW taking down the playground at Billian Park and replacing with a new one. Member appointments are on the agenda.

Shade Tree: Flag ceremony in June, received their laptops, getting the word out on the spotted lantern fly and Arbor Day is scheduled 4/27.

Library: May 2-11 computer room not available, new equipment coming in.

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

Liaison Committees: Board of Education/Cultural Arts/Parking Commission/

Office of Emergency Management/Rescue Squad

Council Gomez reported –

Public Safety: Read the activity report. Recognize police officers publicly next month at our council meeting.

Fire Dept.: Read the activity report.

Board of Ed: The last meeting was missed and asked council if they would be available to attend the next several meetings. They meet on the second and fourth Monday.

Cultural Arts: 2019 Arts Project –plan presented for the park at West Main/Vosseller- Student Ambassadors have selected a butterfly along with a story trail. Local artists will submit an art plan for 12 butterflies.

Parking: Did not attend; had a conflict with the Board of Health. C. Gomez asked if a councilmember would consider attending the parking meetings. The commission is looking at the enforcement of no vehicles to be parked on front lawns.

OEM: Upgrading radios according to state mandates.

Rescue Squad- The squad is looking at purchasing automated lift beds with a cost of \$12,000.

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

Liaison Committees: Green Team/Municipal Alliance/Special Improvement District Council Galeta reported:

There is a resolution on the agenda to hire a property maintenance inspector. His prior position was property maintenance at Queens Gate. The position of Fire Marshal was opened up to the public. The Acting Fire Marshal has recommended a person that we are considering.

On the agenda is the salary ordinance which we will be increasing the non-union employees 2%. We are holding off the hire of a part-time TACO.

The DPW is hiring two laborers. The cameras at the train station are being wired.

SID: The Battle of Bound Brook Event and the Brew Tours were very successful.

Two free seminars for business owners on May 6 and May 22.

A new member was nominated to the committee.

Municipal Alliance: Presentation on child intervention mental health and substance abuse at Bernards High School. A vaping demonstration will be held at the Bernards High School on April 24 at 7 p.m. Somerset County is hosting how to deal with depression/anxiety at the Hillsborough High School. On May 29 is Challenge Day for 8th grade students on an anti-bullying program.

Green Team: The team was called to help clean up the Tea Street Fields but we do not have a team in place. Mayor Fazen is working on the point system for the team.

Economic Development- Chair- C. Anthony Pranzatelli – Absent

Liaison Committees: Architectural Review Board/Planning Board/Senior Citizens
C. Gomez reported on Meridia II, Lou Reynolds Redevelopment, Talmage Commons, and Meridia Self Storage.

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

Liaison Committees: Board of Health
Council Petti read the March activity report.

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading

Ordinance No. 2019-18

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SALARY RANGES FOR YEAR 2019

Motion: Galeta Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on May 14, 2019

Second: Dixon Discussion: Mr. Herrera announced a 2% adjustment.

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_Y___C. Vinnie Petti__Y__C. Brad Galeta__Y__

C. Anthony Pranzatelli_absent___C. Robert Dixon_Y___C. Abel Gomez__Y__

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration - Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2019-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII- ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES SECTION 2-55.3 “PROPERTY INVOLVED”, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK.

Motion to open public comment: Dixon Second: Jannuzzi

Public Comment: Michele DeFazio asked for a summary which the attorney provided.

Motion to close public comment: Dixon Second: Jannuzzi

Motion to adopt: Dixon Second: Jannuzzi

Discussion:

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi__Y__C. Vinnie Petti__Y__C. Brad Galeta__Y__

C. Anthony Pranzatelli_absent__C. Robert Dixon_Y__C. Abel Gomez__Y__

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 adopt moved by C. Dixon, second by C. Galeta, all in favor- aye

2019-

85-

Approve Change Order No. 5 Payment Certificate No. 3 & Final to CFM Construction, Inc. – Pool Filter Demolition and Installation in the amount of \$13,995.00

86-

Approve refund 3rd qtr. tax overpayment Blk 01 Lot 10 272 West Main Street in the amount of \$2,803.44

87-

Approve the hire of Jose Nieves –full time property maintenance/housing inspector

Unfinished Business

New Business

Accept resignation from Recreation Commission Regular Member Domingos Silva

Motion moved by C. Dixon, second by C. Galeta, all in favor-aye

Appoint Omar Hernandez to Recreation as Regular Member – Term 2023

Motion moved by C. Dixon, second by C. Galeta, all in favor-aye

Appoint Leslie M. Truelove to Recreation as Alternate No. 1 – Term 2019

Motion moved by C. Dixon; second by C. Galeta, all in favor-aye

Appoint Patricia S. Carole-O'Reilly to Board of Health as Regular Member-Term 2021

Motion moved by C. Galeta, second by C. Dixon, all in favor-aye

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Appoint Lisa Hanson to Board of Health as Regular Member- Term 2019
Motion moved by C. Dixon; second by C. Galeta, all in favor-aye

Motion to request the Planning Board conduct a public hearing to review the addition of Block 1, Lot 3 (338 W. Main Street) as part of the rehabilitation area.
Motion moved by C. Dixon, second by C. Galeta, all in favor-aye
C. Gomez noted that this piece was missed which is behind the tracks.

Mr. Herrera announced Community Grants & Planning – BB Home Improvement Program-qualified bid for BB18-76- 534 Wheatland Ave. for the award amount of \$17,970.00.

Council President Gomez presented a resolution to declare LGBT pride month in June and accept donation of a Rainbow Pride Flag in celebration of.
Motion to approve moved by C. Dixon, second by C. Galeta, all in favor-aye

Mr. Herrera gave a summary of the May events scheduled for the town.
May 4- Bound Brook Community Garden-Flea Market
May 27-Memorial Day parade
May 25-Bike Races -7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Approval of Vouchers
Motion moved by C. Dixon, second by C. Galeta, all in favor-aye

Open to the public for comment-

Sam Todaro -302 West Maple Avenue –

Mr. Todaro expressed concerns about his sewer bill going up.
C. Gomez provided an explanation.
The council suggested having the home checked for leaks in regards to the high amount of his bill.

Michele DeFazio-

Ms. DeFazio asked for a clarification on the \$50.00 increase and the bulk pick-ups.
C. Gomez provided a summary. Mr. Herrera advised that collection rates have gone up and we will have a bulk pick-up this year.

R2019: 89

Authorize executive session – no session

Adjournment @ 8:30 p.m.

Motion moved by C. Dixon, second by C. Petti, all in favor-aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk

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