

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
REORGANIZATION MINUTES
THURSDAY JANUARY 2, 2020

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

SENATOR MICHAEL DOHERTY ADMINISTERED THE OATHS OF OFFICE TO

ROBERT FAZEN	4 year term
RICHARD JANNUZZI	3 year term
JAKE HARDIN	3 year term

MAYOR FAZEN READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the Courier News and the Star Ledger by way of annual notice.

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Opening Prayer.

The Borough Clerk called the roll:

Mayor Robert Fazen
Councilman Jake Hardin
Councilman Richard Jannuzzi
Councilwoman Elizabeth Jannuzzi
Councilman Brad Galeta
Councilman Abel Gomez
Councilman Vinnie Petti

Present:

Hector Herrera Administrator
Jasmine Mathis Assistant Administrator
Donna Marie Godleski Borough Clerk
Project Manager Dale Leubner
Police Chief Vito Bet

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mayor Fazen recognized the public present:
Senator Michael Doherty
Freeholder Shanel Robinson
Manville Borough Mayor Onderko
Al Gabora Somerset County Republican Party Chair
Lynn Fazen

MAYOR ROBERT P. FAZEN NEW YEARS MESSAGE

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and would especially like to thank all those who serve and have served the Borough, the County, the State and the Nation as elected officials. It is a thankless but rewarding task and we must support those who choose to serve.

The newly elected administration is committed to creating a Cleaner, Greener Bound Brook that has an iconic cultural arts venue, expanded recreation settings and redevelopment that benefits the residents of our Borough.

CLEANER: Residents and businesses in Bound Brook must take pride in our Borough, maintaining their property and setting a shining example for all municipalities to follow.

GREENER: We must take care of our environment and invest in technology and growth that will provide clean air and water for those who live, work and visit Bound Brook. A major goal will be to plant enough trees in the Borough to become carbon neutral.

CULTURAL ARTS: We must make the Brook Theatre a cultural arts destination for the region. Improving the programming, seating and acoustics of the theatre is a start and improved train station platforms with clean, well-lit access to parking will make Bound Brook a welcoming destination for visitors, businesses and residents.

RECREATION: We have plans to create more open-space parks and recreation facilities that will improve the quality of life for all who live or visit the Borough.

REDEVELOPMENT: All redevelopment projects in Bound Brook must achieve three goals; reduce property taxes, increase property values and improve the quality of life.

To paraphrase one of our great presidents, Bound Brook will become a “shining city on the river.”

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT - C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

Motion: C. Hardin Second: C. Petti All in favor: Aye

ADOPT BY-LAWS current to 12/31/2019

Motion: C. Gomez Second: C. Galeta All in favor: Aye

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

2020 COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council President C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

FINANCE

Chairperson C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi
Alternate 1 C. Vinnie Petti
Alternate 2 C. Richard Jannuzzi

PUBLIC WORKS, BLDGS., GROUNDS & UTILITIES Chairman-

Chairperson C. Abel Gomez
Alternate 1 C. Jake Hardin
Alternate 2 C. Vinnie Petti

PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)

Chairperson C. Vinnie Petti
Alternate 1 C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi
Alternate 2 C. Jake Hardin

PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATION & ORDINANCES

Chairperson C. Brad Galeta
Alternate 1 C. Richard Jannuzzi
Alternate 2 C. Abel Gomez

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman C. Jake Hardin
Alternate 1 C. Brad Galeta
Alternate 2 C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

ZONING, CONST. & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Chairperson C. Richard Jannuzzi
Alternate 1 C. Abel Gomez
Alternate 2 C. Brad Galeta

Motion to approve moved by C. Galeta, second by C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi
All in favor: Aye

2020 COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

C. Jake Hardin

BOARD OF HEALTH

C. Richard Jannuzzi

BOARD OF ENGINEERS-FIRE DEPARTMENT

C. Vinnie Petti

BOARD OF EDUCATION

C. Jake Hardin

BB/SBB MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE/YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION

C. Brad Galeta

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Abel Gomez

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

C. Richard Jannuzzi

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

C. Vinnie Petti

PARKING COMMISSION

C. Vinnie Petti

PLANNING BOARD

Jake Hardin

RECREATION COMMISSION

C. Brad Galeta

RESCUE SQUAD

C. Vinnie Petti

BOUND BROOK SENIORS

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

C. Abel Gomez

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (Bound Brook Revitalization Commission)

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

Motion: C. Gomez, second by C. Galeta, All in favor: Aye

Resolution No. 2020-01 –Appointment of Borough Professionals – 1 year term

ATTORNEY

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ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR

Eric Bernstein, Esq. Warren, NJ

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Robert D. Spengler, Esq. Bound Brook, NJ

TAX APPEAL COUNSEL

Grace Marmero & Associates

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

Resolution No. 2020-02- Appointment of Municipal Officials

Assistant Borough Administrator	Jasmine Mathis	1 year term
Assistant Chief Financial Officer	Carolyn Masino	1 year term
Deputy Borough Clerk	Jasmine Mathis	1 year term
Tax Search Officer	Cynthia Griffith	1 year term
Assessment Search Officer	Donna Marie Godleski	1 year term

Motion moved by C. Gomez, second by C. Petti All in favor: Aye

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD OF ENGINEERS- 1 year term

1 st Assistant	Richard Colombaroni
2 nd Assistant	Matt Smith

BOUND BROOK/SOUTH BOUND BROOK MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE/
YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION- 1 year term

Maria Strada
Frances Mauro-Waller
Nicole Epps
Margaret Draghi
Antonio Munoz

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE-

Maria Estrada	term ending 2022
Kate Knowles-Brindle	term ending 2022
Bonnie Grub	term ending 2022
Chris Shaffner	term ending 2021
Anna Shaffner	term ending 2021
Michael Allongo	term ending 2020
Kelly Clark	term ending 2020

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
TO BE DETERMINED

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Donna Benz	term ending 2023
Justin Carlino	term ending 2023
Mayor Robert P. Fazen	term ending 2023
Judith Bailey	term ending 2022
Ed Custy	term ending 2021
Beverly Pranzatelli	term ending 2021

PARKING COMMISSION

Anthony Gaglia term ending 2022

PLANNING BOARD

Linda Brnicevic Cl 4 term ending 2022

Keith Krauser Alt. 1 term ending 2021

Erick Chandler Alt. 2 term ending 2020

James Ayotte Cl 2 term ending 2020

RECREATION COMMISSION

Dave Morris term ending 2024

Robert Dixon term ending 2021

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Mary Patten term ending 2025

Xue Du term ending 2025

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

SOMERSET COUNTY COMMITTEES – 1 year appointment

Somerset County Community Development Committee

Administrator Hector Herrera

Dale Leubner Project Manager

Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Committee

Administrator Hector Herrera

Somerset County Solid Waste Advisory Council

Administrator Hector Herrera

Somerset County/Municipal Wastewater Management Planning Committee

Administrator Hector Herrera

Motion moved by C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi; second by C. Hardin

All in favor: Aye

RESOLUTIONS

- R03: Adopt 2020 Meeting Schedule
- R04: Adopt Official Newspapers
- R05: Adopt designation of official depositories for borough funds
- R06: Adopt designation of check signatures
- R07: Authorize Tax Collector to cancel any tax refund or delinquency for less than \$10.00 or any refuse or sewer fee or delinquency for less than \$2.00 at the end of the year
- R08: Authorize Tax Collector to set interest rates for delinquent taxes
- R09: Authorize Tax Collector to conduct a Tax Sale
- R10: Authorize Tax Collector to charge a returned check fee for insufficient funds
- R11: Authorize tax collector to issue a duplicate tax sale certificate
- R12: Authorize Tax Assessor to correct erroneous assessments
- R13: Approve Appointment of Police Matrons
- R14: Adopt Police Department Rules and Regulations
- R15: Approve 2020 Cash Management Plan
- R16: Appoint Public Agency Compliance Officer

Motion moved by C. Hardin, second by C. Richard Jannuzzi
All in favor: Aye

COUNCIL COMMENTS

C. Brad Galeta wished everyone a happy New Year.

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi wished everyone a happy New Year and is looking forward to working with both parties.

C. Vinnie Petti wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming out and is hoping we have a good council this year to get things done in a professional manner.

C. Richard Jannuzzi wished everyone a happy New Year and is hoping he can contribute to the council.

C. Abel Gomez wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked everyone for coming out. He welcomed the new council and is looking forward to working with them in the New Year.

C. Jake Hardin wished everyone a happy New Year and is looking forward to working on the council. We all love our town and we all have different opinions so we should all work together.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Fazen addressed his amendments to the adopted by-laws.

A resolution is proposed to the Council President to consider forming a subcommittee to review the current by-laws and make a recommendation to the council on the amendments to the by-laws.

Motion moved by C. Richard Jannuzzi, second by C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi,

Discussion: Mayor Fazen advised that the by-laws are outdated. I have asked the Council President to designate a committee of three council, mixed parties. Also going outside the council is okay too. C. President Elizabeth Jannuzzi advised she would have it ready for the next meeting. All in favor: Aye

PUBLIC PORTION

Carol Holub 518 West Second

Ms. Holub complained that she could not hear everyone speak. She asked that everyone speak into the microphones.

Roseann Short-169 Cherry

Ms. Short stated she has been a resident of the borough for ninety years. She felt it was important to hear from the taxpayers of the town. She would like the town to take a good look at the redevelopment coming into town and finish the streets and roads. She complained she is still having a water issue on Cherry Avenue.

She raised concerns about more children entering the school system with all the apartments coming into town. It is also difficult to get people to volunteer especially for fire and rescue departments.

BENEDICTION

C. Hardin offered the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by C. Petti, second by C. Galeta, All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk