

Borough of Bound Brook
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert P. 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 Jake Hardin	present
Councilman Richard Jannuzzi	present
Councilwoman Elizabeth Jannuzzi	present
Councilman Brad Galeta	present
Councilman Abel Gomez	present
Councilman Vinnie Petti	present

Approval of Minutes: December 30, 2019 Regular Meeting,
January 2, 2020 Reorganization Meeting
Motion: Gomez Second: Galeta All in favor: Aye

Advertised hearings or special presentations -none

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

Mayor Fazen presented proclamations -

Cira Maritza Arias – Clerks Office -Recognition for professionalism

Mayor Fazen thanked Maritza for her service in the Clerk’s office and assisting with the Mayor’s bi-lingual wedding ceremonies.

Maritza thanked the governing body for giving her the wonderful opportunity to work for the Borough for so many years.

Police Chief Vito Bet – Recognition as the newly elected President of the Somerset County Police Chief’s Association

Mayor Fazen thanked Chief Bet for his outstanding service and to express how proud we are.

The Chief was presented with a “gold coin”.

Chief Bet thanked the borough for the recognition and stated that he gives his best to the job and will continue to serve Bound Brook and Somerset County.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Sandra Nowak – Property owner of 23 Talmage Avenue and 309 Talmage

She made inquiries about the person that was arrested for the fire.

She advised the town that the electric is still not on at 23 Talmage Avenue.

Mr. Costa Director of Code Enforcement advised he would call PSE&G right away.

Later in the meeting Mr. Costa informed Ms. Nowak that he called PSE&G and the electric was turned on.

Carol Holub 518 West Second Street

Ms. Holub stated she was sorry about the fire downtown. She asked if the redevelopers have to go before the planning board before they rebuild. She asked if the town has a fire truck that is capable of putting out a five story fire. Mayor Fazen advised the redevelopers do not have to appear before the board. The town recently purchased a new fire truck.

Roseann Short 169 Cherry Avenue

Ms. Short stated she was sorry about the fire downtown. She complained that the buildings are too high and too close to the street. The sidewalks are too narrow. Mayor Fazen advised when complete the sidewalk will be wide enough. She complained about trucks bringing equipment in for the Smalley School addition. She felt the roads cannot handle the weight.

Philip Fiadino Helfin Street

Mr. Fiadino stated he was representing the Bound Brook Ministerium. He offered sincere condolences to everyone in Bound Brook who experienced tremendous loss. He thanked all first responders and the Ministerium is available for prayer and pastoral counseling. The Ministerium is planning a prayer service soon to grieve, be thankful no lives lost and to celebrate our strength and hope. He asked the council for support in working on the 2020 Festival of Lights. He would like for it to be a joint effort of volunteers.

Linda Brnicevic- 20 Talmage Avenue

She thanked all first responders for saving her home and her neighbors. She expressed her concerns with the development of super-sized buildings and the setback waiver on the Reynolds development. The town should give consideration to density/height and proximity to residences. She asked about the emergency plans for these buildings and will the town be conducting a review after this fire. Mayor Fazen advised the borough will be meeting with the county on a review/ action plan. She asked when she will be able to return to her home. Mayor Fazen and Mr. Costa advised it appears to be no more than two days. She stated the fire was man made and preventable and if the Reynolds building caught fire first, the entire neighborhood would have gone up. C. Gomez advised that the buildings went up so quickly because they were vacant and under construction.

John 20 Talmage Avenue

He brought up the fire that occurred at Queens Gate behind Shop Rite. They had no security. He suggested that security be increased for all new redevelopment.

Carol Holub -518 West Second Street

She asked why the Reynolds building was built so close to Ms. Brnicevic property. She felt the Planning Board should reconsider reducing setbacks.

527 Van Keuren Avenue

Resident asked if the concrete will be demolished at Meridia II.
Mayor Fazen advised the concrete will be demolished.

Opening of bids -none

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading

2020-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XVIII, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO UPDATE CSACMFEHC INSPECTION FEES

Motion: C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on January 28, 2020

Second: C. Galeta Discussion: Fee increase to \$125.00 –includes re-rents

Roll Call:

C. Jake Hardin_Aye__C. Richard Jannuzzi_Aye__C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_Aye__

C. Brad Galeta_Aye__C. Abel Gomez_Aye__C. Vinnie PettiAye__

2020-02

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

Motion: C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on January 28, 2020

Second: C. Galeta Discussion: Increase to \$150.00 per rental unit

Motion moved by C. Gomez to amend the ordinance to waive the fee for owner occupied two family. Second moved by C. Galeta

Roll Call:

C. Jake Hardin_Aye__C. Richard Jannuzzi_Aye__C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_Aye__

C. Brad Galeta_Aye__C. Abel Gomez_Aye__C. Vinnie Petti_Aye__

2020-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO INCREASE THE FEE ESTABLISHED FOR THE MAYOR'S PERFORMANCE OF WEDDING AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE BOUND BROOK CHRONICLE

Summary: Ceremony fee increase from \$100 to \$150

Motion: C. Gomez Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on January 28, 2020

Second: C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi Discussion: Mayor and councilmembers offered their comments.

Roll Call:

C. Jake Hardin_Aye__C. Richard Jannuzzi_Aye__C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_Aye__

C. Brad Galeta_Nay__C. Abel Gomez_Nay__C. Vinnie Petti__Nay_

Mayor Fazen- Aye

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration - Second Reading –none

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: C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi Second: C. Petti Discussion: none

All in favor: Aye

2020 Resolutions

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Approve 2020 Temporary municipal budget appropriations in the amount of \$5,310,825.00

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Approve change order no. 2 for the 2018 Road program to Black Rock Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$156,436.53

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Approve suspension of refuse billing effective January 1, 2020 for 238 West Main Street Blk 1 Lot 17

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Approve the appointment of Erik Mickelsen as Fire Marshal

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Approve the hire of Tyler Gronau as full time housing/property maintenance inspector

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Approve the hire of (seasonal) winter employees for the Recreation Department

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Approve the promotion of Robert Fittipaldi to Equipment Operator effective January 15, 2020

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Approve the promotion of Ryan Mikita Alcazar to Laborer D effective January 15, 2020

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Award professional services contracts to borough professionals appointed on January 2, 2020

ATTORNEY

DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP Teaneck, NJ

Not to exceed amount-\$150,000

AUDITOR

Hodulik & Morrison, P.A. Highland Park, NJ
Not to exceed amount- \$40,000

BOND COUNSEL

Wilentz, Attorney at Law, Woodbridge, NJ
Not to exceed amount- \$10,000

ENGINEER

T&M Associates – Middletown, NJ
Not to exceed amount- \$25,000

GRANT WRITER

Millenium Strategies Caldwell, NJ
Not to exceed amount- \$36,000

LABOR COUNSEL

DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP Teaneck, NJ
Not to exceed amount- \$16,000

PROSECUTOR

John E. Bruder, Esq. Bound Brook, NJ
Not to exceed amount-\$38,000

ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR

Eric Bernstein, Esq. Warren, NJ
Not to exceed amount- \$5,000

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Robert D. Spengler, Esq. Bound Brook, NJ
Not to exceed amount- \$17,500

TAX APPEAL COUNSEL

Grace Marmero & Associates, Woodbury, NJ
Not to exceed amount- \$15,000

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Award professional services contracts to Planning Board professionals appointed on January 9, 2020

ATTORNEY	John Belardo, Esq. – Not to exceed amount- \$20,000
ENGINEER	Maser Consulting - Not to exceed amount- \$1,000
PLANNER	T&M Associates - Not to exceed amount- \$40,000

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Authorizing the Finance Department of Bound Brook 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)

Unfinished Business

Parking Commission

Request a status on their recommendation to delineate the parking spaces in front of the Post Office and signs stating "10 minute parking for post office only".

Mr. Herrera will have an ordinance prepared for introduction for the next council meeting.

New Business

A request received from Bound Brook Wine Country to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on-

- February 2, 2020 Super Bowl Sunday
- November 22, 2020 Thanksgiving Sunday

Council discussion. A resolution will be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Appointments-

Architectural Review Advisory Committee-

Dominic Macamenco –term ending 2022

Motion:C.ElizabethJannuzziSecond:C.RichardJannuzzi

All in favor: Aye

Board of Health-

Alberto Torregroza- term ending 2024

Motion: C. Hardin Second: C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi All in favor: Aye

Opposed: C. Gomez

Recreation-

Rich Jannuzzi term ending 2024

Dave Morris term ending 2021

Uneeq Khan- Alternate No. 1- term ending 2020

Robert Dixon –Alternate No. 2-term ending 2020

Motion: C. Gomez Second: C. Galeta

C. Jake Hardin_Aye__C. Richard Jannuzzi_Abstain _C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_Aye__

C. Brad Galeta_Nay__C. Abel Gomez_Nay__C. Vinnie Petti_Nay__

Not approved

Motion to appoint Mr. Morris as Alternate No. 2 and Mr. Dixon as regular member moved by C. Gomez, second by C. Galeta

C. Jake Hardin_Aye__C. Richard Jannuzzi_Nay _C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_Nay__

C. Brad Galeta_Aye__C. Abel Gomez_Aye__C. Vinnie Petti_Aye__

Approved

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Motion to approve appointments for Rich Jannuzzi and Uneeq Khan moved by C. Gomez
Second by C. Petti All in favor: Aye

Accept resignation from Adeline Denver temporary Finance Clerk effective January 17, 2020
Motion: C. Gomez Second: C. Hardin All in favor: Aye
Mr. Herrera stated that Ms. Denver was outstanding and sorry to see her leave.

R2020-28

Approval of Vouchers

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

Open to the public for comments

Beverly Pranzatelli- 108 East Maple Avenue

Mrs. Pranzatelli advised she is on the recreation commission and expressed concern about Mr. Morris's appointment as an Alternate. He is an accountant and we need his help with finance. She questioned the hire of seasonal winter employees. Mr. Herrera advised the employees are clock operators for the basketball tournaments.

Ike- Main Street

He advised he is a business owner in Bound Brook. He expressed his concerns about the fire downtown and felt the buildings are too close to each other.

Roseann Short- 169 Cherry Avenue

Ms. Short stated she enjoys reading the Bound Brook insert in the Community News. She complained about the redevelopment downtown being built too high. She felt the councilpersons should be able to speak for themselves.

Carol Holub- 518 West Second Street

Ms. Holub stated she enjoys reading the Bound Brook insert in the Community News.

R2020-29

Authorize executive session- no session

Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk