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Borough of Bound Brook  
Regular Meeting Minutes – January 28, 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 given by C. Jake Hardin.

Roll Call

Mayor Robert Fazen	present
Councilman Jake Hardin	present
Councilman Richard Jannuzzi	present
Council President Elizabeth Jannuzzi	present
Councilman Brad Galeta	present
Councilman Abel Gomez	present
Councilman Vinnie Petti	present

Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2020 Agenda Meeting  
Motion moved by C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi      Second: C. Gomez  
All in favor-Aye

Advertised hearings or special presentations- none

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

Mayor Fazen presented a proclamation for –  
Support School Choice Week – January 26-February 1

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Brad Higginbottom-528 Carleton Street

Mr. Higginbottom advised he will be organizing the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for May 25, 2020 with the same route. Mayor Fazen advised twenty-two towns helped assist in the fire downtown. He would like the towns to have one of their fire vehicles in the parade.

Roseann Short-169 Cherry Avenue

Ms. Short raised concerns about the increase in garbage fees.  
She complained about not seeing any inspectors coming around for the annual assessment of properties. She felt there should be a moratorium placed on building in town.

Linda Brnicevic- 20 Talmage Avenue

She complained about the closure on Drake Street which compromises the neighborhood.  
She offered handouts to the governing body showing where there is no proper signage downtown.  
She asked for the town to address it as soon as possible.  
Mayor Fazen advised that it will be addressed.

Pat O'Reily-745 Schoolhouse Lane

She offered a question on Resolution No. 33 on the agenda.

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Carol Holub-518 West Second

Ms. Holub offered a complaint about parking on High Street.

Opening of bids -none

Engineers Report-Dale Leubner- Project Manager

Mr. Leubner reported on the downtown fire, cleanup and demolition. There are safety concerns and road closures. There should be no walking in this area.

NJ American Water will begin work Friday on Longwood, Cherry, Winsor and Piedmont.

Committee reports

Finance: Chair- C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

Liaison Committees: Cultural Arts Committee, Special Improvement District, BB Seniors

Council President reported on increasing fees relating to the fire. Discuss refuse in the 2020 budget.

BB Seniors are requesting an increase in their budget. They are looking to move their meetings to the afternoon.

There needs to be a review of the SID and the CAC budget.

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-Chair- C. Abel Gomez

Liaison Committees: Historic Preservation Commission, Shade Tree Commission

Council read the public works activity report into the record.

No report for historic commission.

Shade Tree- working on Tree City certification for a zero footprint, carbon neutral community.

Public Safety (Police & Fire) - Chair- C. Vinnie Petti

Liaison Committees: Board of Engineers, Office of Emergency Management, Rescue Squad, Parking Commission

Council thanked all the fire departments that assisted with the fire downtown.

The monthly activity report was read into the record.

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

Liaison Committees: BB/SBB Municipal Alliance/Youth Services Commission, Recreation Commission

Council reported an opening for a Finance Clerk and a Mechanic for the Public Works Department.

A property maintenance/housing inspector was hired and will begin soon in the Code Enforcement Department.

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk will be retiring in May 2020.

Municipal Alliance- The budget is \$8,500.00.

Recreation- Youth soccer has begun. An IT subcommittee was organized at Reorganization.

New playground/park /pools. A key fob for the storage entry at the recreation center.

Soccer, hockey sign ups. Update defibrillators, first aid boxes.

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The playground dedication date is April 4. Easter Egg Hunt.

Economic Development- Chair- C. Jake Hardin

Liaison Committees: Architectural Review Advisory Committee, Board of Education, Planning Board

Council reported on the by-laws of the EDC. The ARAC is not a formal committee.

BOE- supported families from the fire with donations.

PB Reorganization/Talmage Commons.

EDC meets second Thursday of the month.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- Chair- C. Richard Jannuzzi

Liaison Committees: Board of Health, Library Advisory Committee

Council read the monthly code report into the record.

The Board of Health did not meet, no quorum. There are two citizens who want to join so we should have a quorum for the next meeting.

Library- will have a report next month. The director has been out ill.

New programs-Internet on the Go.

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading

Ordinance No. 2020-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO CREATE A TEN MINUTE PARKING ZONE ON MOUNTAIN AVENUE

Motion: C. Gomez Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on February 11, 2020

Second: C. Hardin Discussion: Mr. Herrera advised the location is in front of the post office.

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\_

Approved on first reading.

Ordinance No. 2020-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXIX, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, SECTION 29-1.2, INCLUDED USERS AND CHARGES OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO INCREASE THE REFUSE STICKER FEE TO \$6.00.

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 February 11, 2020

Second: C. Gomez Discussion: Council comments

Roll Call:

C. Jake Hardin\_Nay\_\_C. Richard Jannuzzi\_Aye\_\_C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi\_Nay\_\_

C. Brad Galeta\_Aye\_\_C. Abel Gomez\_Aye\_\_C. Vinnie Petti\_\_Aye\_

Approved on first reading.

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Ordinance No. 2020-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXIX, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL CHARGE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE TO \$220.00 PER DWELLING UNIT.

Motion: C. Gomez    Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on February 11, 2020

Second: C. Galeta                      Discussion: Council comments

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\_\_

Approved on first reading.

Ordinance No. 2020-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXVIII, WATER AND SEWER, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO INCREASE THE SET FEE PER 1,000 GALLONS OF SEWAGE DISCHARGED AND TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL CHARGE FOR WELL ACCOUNTS

Motion: C. Gomez    Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on February 11, 2020

Second: C. Galeta                      Discussion: Council comments

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\_\_

Approved on first reading.

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration - Second Reading

Ordinance No. 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 to open public comment: C. Gomez                      Second: C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

Public Comment: Mr. Costa provided a summary.

Motion to close public comment: C. Gomez                      Second: C. Galeta

Motion to adopt: C. Gomez                      Second: C. Hardin

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\_\_

Ordinance adopted and will be published according to law.

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Ordinance No. 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 to open public comment: C. Gomez Second: C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

Public Comment: Mr. Costa provided a summary.

Motion to close public comment: C. Gomez Second: C. Galeta

Motion to adopt: C. Gomez Second: C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi

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\_\_

Ordinance adopted and will be published according to law.

Ordinance No. 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

Motion to open public comment: C. Gomez Second: C. Galeta

Public Comments:

Roseann Short supports the Chronicle and felt it was not bi-partisan.

Jim Beatty supports the Chronicle. We should have presentations from both parties in the insert.

Carol Holub supports the Chronicle.

27 VanKeuren asked the Mayor if he lost the election would he continue to write for the paper.

Mayor Fazen advised he would continue.

Susan Talbot 546 Watchung supports the Chronicle. She felt that \$750.00 a month was a lot for the town to cover.

208 Piedmont- asked if there was a financial benefit and felt \$750.00 was a lot. Suggested getting volunteers to help with the insert. Where can we look for back issues of the Chronicle?

239 W. Main- had concerns about using public funds.

Motion to close public comment: C. Gomez Second: C. Galeta

Motion to adopt: C. Hardin Second: C. Richard Jannuzzi

Discussion: Mayor/ Council 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 adopted and will be 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.

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Motion to remove No. 30 and 33 for discussion moved by C. Gomez, second by C. Hardin,  
All in favor- Aye

Motion to approve resolutions 31, 32, 34 moved by C. Galeta, second by C. Petti,  
All in favor- Aye

R2020-

30-

A resolution permitting holders of a plenary retail distribution license to sell alcoholic beverages on the Sunday following Super Bowl and Thanksgiving in the year of 2020

Motion to amend resolution to remove Thanksgiving moved by C. Hardin, second by C. Galeta,  
All in favor-Aye

31-

A resolution adopting the Procedure for Administration and Inspection of Federal Aid Highway Projects for the East Bound Train Station Tap Grant

32-

Approve Dedication by Rider – Fire Restoration Donations

33- Motion to table moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Galeta

A resolution amending the by-laws to remove the requirement for newly elected officials to complete educational courses

Discussion: Mayor/Council comments.

Roll Call Vote:

C. Jake Hardin\_Aye\_\_C. Richard Jannuzzi\_Aye\_\_C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi\_Aye\_

C. Brad Galeta\_Nay\_\_C. Abel Gomez\_Aye\_\_C. Vinnie Petti\_Nay\_\_

4-Aye 3-Nay - Resolution was tabled.

34-

Approve risk management consultant agreement to Brown & Brown Metro, LLC for consulting services for year 2020

Unfinished Business

New Business

Appointments

Board of Health

Glen Teryek- term ending 2024

Motion: C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi Second: C. Petti

All in favor: Aye

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Recreation Commission

Angela Green- term ending 2025

Motion: C. Gomez    Second: C. Galeta

All in favor: Aye

Planning Board

Accept resignation from Patricia Bates Smith – Cl. 4 member

Motion: C. Gomez    Second: C. Galeta

All in favor: Aye

Mayor Fazen offered New Business-

Memorial Day Parade- suggested inviting the towns that helped assist with the downtown fire.

The Tour of Somerville Board is asking for help with the cost of the Bicycle Race.

He would like to place this on a meeting agenda and invite the public to vote on this.

Approval of Vouchers

R2020- 35

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

Open to the public for comment

Carol Holub 518 West Second

She thanked C. Hardin for helping with the Battle of Bound Brook Event.

She thanked the borough clerk for always helping out whenever she called town hall with a question or concern.

Pat O'Reily 745 Schoolhouse Lane

She mentioned the board of education members have to take continuing education courses.

She felt council should take one course in good faith.

Linda Brnicevic 20 Talmage Avenue

She asked for a status on the Old Stone Bridge.

C. Gomez advised that it will be turned into a park.

She asked for a status on Talmage Commons, the street sweeping schedule and if fire drills are conducted in the buildings downtown. Mayor Fazen provided a response.

R. Short 169 Cherry

She expressed concerns about dumping garbage around town.

She asked if there was going to be a spring bulk collection. Mayor Fazen advised there will be one collection this year.

208 Piedmont Drive

She complained about a flood issue which drains into the culvert pipe on Mountain Avenue.

Dale Leubner Project Manager advised that this area is the County. He encouraged residents to write letters to their state and county representatives to address the issue.

She was in favor of continuing education courses for the council.

She felt the town should find it in their budget to cover the Tour of Somerville.

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A five minute recess was called.

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Authorize executive session for (negotiations ) at 10:00 p.m.

Motion: Gomez      Second: Petti   All in favor: Aye

Adjournment at 10:15 p.m.

Motion moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Petti

All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk