

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK**

**AGENDA MEETING MINUTES -FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

Mayor Robert Fazen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer.

Roll Call

Mayor Robert Fazen –	present
C. Vinnie Petti	absent
C. Abel Gomez	present
C. Philip Fiadino	present
C. David Rosario	absent
C. President Anthony Pranzatelli	present
C. Diana Manahan	present

Also Present:

Hector Herrera-Borough Administrator  
Borough Clerk – Donna Marie Godleski  
Borough Attorney- Judy Verrone Esq.  
Police Chief Michael Jannone

R2017: 26

Approve the hire of Michael Napoli as police officer for the Borough of Bound Brook Police Department

Motion: Gomez    Second: Fiadino    All in favor: Aye

Lt. Bet announced on behalf of Chief Jannone, Captain Rivenbark and himself they conducted extensive interviews and background processes.

In our last round of interviews and background checks, we chose the most qualified individual to join our department and serve the community.

I would like to present the following candidate to the police department. Lt. Bet then gave Mr. Napoli's background and experience.

Mayor Fazen administered the oath of office. Mr. Napoli's family and friends were present.

Approval of Minutes: January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting;

January 24, 2017 Executive Session; January 27, 2017 Special Meeting

Motion moved by C. Pranzatelli to carry over the minutes.

Second moved by C. Gomez All in favor: Aye

Engineers Report – T&M Associates – January 1-31-2017

Robert Keady reported:

NJDEP Storm water-

>Prepare the 2017 Annual Certification due on May 2, 2017

Railroad Quiet Zones-

>Approval obtained from NJDOT. NJ Transit is preparing a cost estimate for their portion of the borough's required improvements.

Reconstruction of Thompson Avenue-

>Awaiting concurrence of award from NJDOT. Pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.

Replacement of portion of Talmage Avenue Sanitary Sewer Main-

>Foundation of adjacent building will require protection during construction. Portion near the building will be bid as an add alternate to the project due to anticipated sheeting costs. Bid in March.

Codrington Park Field Improvements-

>Survey has been completed and design is underway. Bid in March.

2017 CDBG Applications-

> Applications will be out in March; he announced tomorrow is the county meeting. Mr. Keady and Mr. Leubner will attend. The administrator and C. Pranzatelli advised they would be available to attend.

Questions/concerns from the council were addressed.

C. Fiadino asked about the curbs on Helfin Street. There are no sidewalks and the water has nowhere to flow. It is very dangerous when the water freezes. Persons can easily fall and hurt themselves. He asked if grates would be considered. The engineer advised that it would be looked into.

Questions/concerns from the public-

Hal Dietrich-639 Central Avenue –

Mr. Dietrich stated that Central Avenue is a dangerous street with water retention and potholes.

C. Pranzatelli advised the goal this year is to work on the streets and Central Avenue is on the top of the list.

He is hoping by the next meeting there will be a list for the engineers to do the design work.

Engineering report closed.

Advertised hearings or special presentations - None

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. – None

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

No comment

Opening of bids - none

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 2017:03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK BANNING THE SALE OF DOGS AND CATS FROM PET SHOPS

Summary: Restricting the retail sale of puppies and kittens to only those that are sourced from shelters or rescue organizations to decrease demand for puppies and kittens bred in puppy and kitten mills.

Motion: C. Pranzatelli Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on February 28, 2017 Second: Fiadino

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti \_absent \_\_ C. Abel Gomez- yes \_ C. Philip Fiadino \_-yes \_\_

C. David Rosario absent \_ C. Anthony Pranzatelli- yes \_\_

C. Diana Manahan \_yes \_

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration-Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2017:01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTED PARKING AT CERTAIN AREAS ON CERTAIN STREETS

Summary:

Thompson Avenue East Between West Union Avenue and William Street

East Between Grove Avenue and Evergreen Avenue  
West **Insert-Between West Union Avenue and the southern-most exit portion of Crescent Drive**  
**Delete**[From the southerly curb line of Crescent Drive to a point 200 feet south thereof]

Motion to open public comment: Gomez Second: Fiadino

Public Comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli

Motion: Fiadino Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on second reading

Second: Gomez

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti absent \_ C. Abel Gomez yes \_ Philip Fiadino \_yes \_

C. David Rosario absent \_\_\_ C. Anthony Pranzatelli- yes \_\_\_

C. Diana Manahan- yes \_\_\_

Mayor: Ordinance will be published according to law.

Ordinance No. 2017:02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VIII, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, TO ADD THIRD PARTY PROCESSING FEES FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES, SEWER CHARGES, REFUSE CHARGES AND OTHER AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS BY ELECTRONIC CHECK AND CREDIT CARDS

Motion to open public comment: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli

Public Comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Pranzatelli      Second: Fiadino

Motion: Pranzatelli      Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on second reading

Second: Fiadino

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti \_absent C. Abel Gomez\_ yes \_ Philip Fiadino yes \_

C. David Rosario absent \_ C. Anthony Pranzatelli yes \_\_\_

C. Diana Manahan yes \_\_\_

Mayor: Ordinance will be published according to law.

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

R2017:27

Approve budget transfers

Motion: Gomez      Second: Fiadino      All in favor: Aye

R2017:28

Approve monthly cell phone reimbursement for the Code Enforcement Officer

Motion: Gomez      Second: Fiadino      All in favor: Aye

R2017:29 – TABLED

Approve a reimbursement for Mayor Fazen- attendance at U.S. Conference of Mayors

C. Gomez advised that he would like to offer the resolution be tabled.

He wanted to see a report from the Mayor showing what he attended and accomplished. What are you bringing back to the borough when you attend these conferences? Was it fruitful?

He mentioned when he attended the League Conference in November we sourced out a grant writer for the town.

C. Pranzatelli agreed there should be a list of benefits to the town.

The idea of a stipend was to cover these events. When it goes over the stipend it is then important it goes to the council for their review.

He felt we should vote on the resolution.

Mayor Fazen commented stating that Bound Brook should be represented at these conferences. There are benefits and recognition just by attending and being a part of the meetings.

Mayor Fazen advised that he would write a report what he got out of the conference. There is a lot "coming down the pike" that Bound Brook should be aware of.

C. Fiadino advised that he would approve but would like to see a report.

He would also like to see a report from the Mayor on his police recommendations as well. This is a precedent our Mayor is starting and would like to see the next mayor and the next go to Washington D.C. to represent our town.

Mayor Fazen advised he will have his report for the next meeting. He will also give a report to council on future police recommendations.

Mayor advised that often times you do not come back with something from these meeting. He felt having the ability to be able to speak in front of persons making decisions at a higher level is a plus for the town.

C. Gomez stated he agreed that it is good for the Mayor to attend and represent our town. What he did not see from the Mayor is what he got out of this trip.

C. Fiadino offered a second to TABLE the resolution

All in favor: C. Gomez- Aye

C. Fiadino- Aye

C. Pranzatelli- Nay

C. Manahan-Aye

Resolution tabled.

R2017:30

Approve a submission of grant application with the NJDOT for Van Keuren Avenue Reconstruction Project

Motion: Gomez    Second: Pranzatelli    All in favor: Aye

Unfinished Business –none

New Business

Mayor Fazen- For discussion:

Payments/reimbursement for Borough Membership to:

Somerset County Business Partnership; Somerset County Governing Officials Associations; New Jersey League of Municipalities; New Jersey Conference of Mayors; United States Conference of Mayors.



Mayor noted the borough belongs to these organizations and offered a discussion as to the town's desire to belong.

Those membership fees are-

Somerset County Business Partnership	\$425.00
New Jersey League of Municipalities	\$770.00
New Jersey Conference of Mayors	\$475.00
United States Conference of Mayors	\$1,992.00

Mayor advised anyone can attend these conferences.

He noted that there are more employees and non-mayors that attend the US Conference of Mayors.

C. Fiadino advised he supported the conferences. He felt they are a tremendous benefit to the town. The town should look for the money for the memberships.

C. Pranzatelli advised there is a budget committee tomorrow and we can discuss these membership fees. The committee will bring back to council.

Mayor advised that the League membership is for all employees as well.

Appointment:

Historic Preservation Commission

Aileen Mueller –CI B- Term expires 2017

Motion: Fiadino    Second: Pranzatelli    All in favor: Aye

Corrections to appointment terms for the Shade Tree Commission

Members:

Nancy Lepionka                      Term expires 2019

Xue Du                                      Term expires 2020

Marsha Longshore                      Term expires 2020

Nancy Campbell                      Term expires 2021

Motion: Gomez                      Second: Fiadino                      All in favor: Aye

C. Gomez- For consideration

Draft Resolution Supporting S992-

Urge NJ Legislature to override the Governor's veto of S992-

Stated goal of S992 is to address deficiencies of the original Law against Discrimination in order to provide more tools to workers seeking to rectify discrimination.

C. Gomez advised this is about equal pay for equal work. The Governor vetoed the bill. It is important to support this and send to our representatives in Trenton.

C. Fiadino offered a motion to adopt

Second: C. Pranzatelli                      All in favor: Aye

Approval of Vouchers

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Motion: C. Pranzatelli                      Second: C. Fiadino                      All in favor: Aye

Open to the public for comment

Hal Dietrich- 639 Central Avenue

He asked for a “point of order” on the tabled resolution.

When there is a council that is opposed, aren't you to have a roll call on a voice vote?

C. Pranzatelli advised yes; we did not have a roll call even though I said “no” to table the resolution.

Lynn Fazen- 571 Watchung road

She advised that she did not attend the US Conference of Mayors with Mayor Fazen. It was not a vacation trip. She joined him in Washington on Inauguration Day. She took the train and they both went out of the Washington district to stay at a cheaper motel.

R2017: 32- no session

Authorize executive session for ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Adjournment @ 8:25 p.m.

Motion: Gomez    Second: Pranzatelli

All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk