

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 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	present
C. Abel Gomez	present
C. Philip Fiadino	absent-arrive at 7:35 p.m.
C. David Rosario	absent
C. President Anthony Pranzatelli	present
C. Diana Manahan	absent

Also Present:

Hector Herrera-Borough Administrator
Borough Clerk – Donna Marie Godleski
Borough Attorney- Frank Regan, Esq.
Acting Police Chief Kevin Rivenbark

Approval of Minutes: March 28, 2017 Executive Session;
April 11, 2017 Agenda; April 18, 2017 Special Meeting
Motion: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. –None

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Frank Ryan, Jr. 303 Maple Street Middlesex NJ
Speaking for himself and Bob Billian a good friend, who has passed.
His voice has to be heard on what I have observed at Billian Park.
His father's neighbor's grandchildren come over once a week and go to the park.
They do not know where to park.
Mr. Ryan advised that he cuts lawns on Saturdays in Bound Brook. He goes to the park in the morning with his coffee and what he has observed is that when you pull

in and make a right there are signs for “No Narcotics in the Park” and “No parking in this area or car will be towed”.

If you make a left when you enter there is parking in the back by the ballfield but there is no sign to indicate that. There should be a large sign indicating this. He observed that the parking lot by the Meridia apartments is filled now.

Where do you park? This is a big inconvenience to persons who come to the park. Also, there are signs posted to clean up after your dog. People are not cleaning up well. It stays on the grass and the children come home with it on their shoes.

C. Pranzatelli advised that there is a beautiful dog run there.

C. Gomez recommended signage and an enclosed area for dogs.

Ordinances will be prepared for the next meeting agenda to control parking and dogs. There also should be no parking of trucks on Tea Street.

Thomas 14 West High Street

He asked if an area could be fenced just for the dogs.

Council advised we have an area but we need to make it clearer.

It was proposed to fence in an area behind the field between the levee and the fence.

Thomas stated that there are safety concerns if you do not have any directions made for the park.

Frank Ryan Jr. informed that the grass is very tall at the entrance to the park from Main Street up the sidewalk. Mr. Herrera advised that it would be addressed.

Committee reports

Finance: C. David Rosario -absent

C. Gomez advised the adoption of budget is set for the first meeting in May. Our financial advisors are working on a capital ordinance.

Mr. Herrera advised the levy is \$17,100 and council informed the third year we are seeing a rate reduction.

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-C. Diana Manahan -absent

Mr. Herrera informed the council we are getting measurements to replace all the windows at the municipal building.

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

Council read the activity report into the record for police and fire.

Mayor Fazen asked for a report next month to compare to last year.

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- C. Philip Fiadino

Council thanked Mr. Ryan Jr for coming to the meeting to report on Billian Park. The committee will work together with the police department on the ordinances addressing those issues.

Council asked about the no parking signs for Thompson Avenue. Mr. Herrera informed that the County just passed their resolution. The county will place the signs up shortly.

Council informed the curb work on Route 28 is very sloppy.

Mr. Herrera advised the borough engineer should be informed. Document and place in an e-mail to the engineer.

Mr. Herrera informed that we are bringing on two seasonal public work employees and two additional public work employees. One is to replace worker you left and the additional in the 2017 budget.

The police department is beginning to look for a new officer to replace officer who resigned.

Also on the agenda is the hire of a part time quality of life code enforcement officer.

Economic Development- C. Anthony Pranzatelli

>Lou Reynolds Project the former Ooh-La-La- Main Street

The parking agreement in attorney review and NJ Transit also approves.

Waiting for pilot application.

>Bound Brook Hotel- still waiting on pilot application.

TWA permit sign off.

>Talmadge Commons- designation has expired in February; extension coming soon.

Meridia Self Storage- amendments are in planning board review; working on terms of redevelopment agreement; redeveloper designation expired March;

>NJ Transit RFP- for the downtown properties due May 4th

>Billian Park lot improvements- The borough engineer is working on the plans for permitting the lot by the ballfield which would include signage.

>Union Avenue (former bank building)- developer paid escrow; attorney is drafting redevelopment agreement

Council informed committee is pushing for modern income senior housing.

Mayor Fazen asked if there are minutes taken of the EDAC meetings.
Council informed there are notes taken.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- C. Abel Gomez

Council reported the department continues to inspect the town; 253 units versus 123 units last year at this time.

Reported code enforcement fees and total inspections.

Rehab of the Rio on Main Street and working on other buildings abandoned.

We are working with the EDAC and the SID on new business recruitment coming into town. We are working with art based and business based owner's downtown. There are nine vacant storefronts currently.

Council thanked Joe Costa, Code enforcement officer for doing a great job.

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading –

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, SECTION 26-6, "REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE," OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Summary: SECTION 1. That Section 26-6, "Removal of Snow and Ice," be and is hereby amended and supplemented by deleting the text [marked in bold and enclosed in brackets] and inserting the text **underlined and marked in bold**, to read as follows:

26-6 REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE.

26-6.1 Duty to Remove.

The owner[, **tenant**] or other person having control of any premises abutting upon any public sidewalk in the Borough shall remove all snow and ice from the portion of the sidewalk abutting his/**her** premises. [Where the premises are occupied by more than one (1) **tenant**, it shall be the duty of the tenant occupying the first floor to remove the snow and ice.] **Violators of this subsection 26-6.1 shall be issued a summons by the Bound Brook Police Department or the Department of Code Enforcement, with a mandatory court appearance.**

26-6.2 Casting of Snow or Ice.

Violators of this subsection 26-6.2 shall be issued a summons by the Bound Brook Police Department or the Department of Code Enforcement, with a mandatory court appearance.

26-6.3 Removal by Borough.

In the event that snow or ice is not removed as required by subsection 26-6.1 or is cast, deposited or placed upon sidewalks or streets in violation of subsection 26-6.2, the snow or ice **[shall] may** be removed by the appropriate department of the Borough and the cost of removal shall be certified to the Mayor and Council. The remedy provided by this subsection **26-6.3** shall be in addition to any penalty imposed for a violation of **[this] subsection 26-6.1 or subsection 26-6.2.**

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

advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on May 9, 2017

Second: Fiadino

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti __Y__ C. Abel Gomez __Y__ C. Philip Fiadino __Y__

C. David Rosario _____ C. Anthony Pranzatelli __Y__ C. Diana Manahan _____

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration-Second Reading –none

Resolutions for final reading and final consideration:

R2017: 65

Approve the Person to Person Liquor License Transfer from Stesor Enterprises LLC T/A Madeline's located at 518 Vosseller Avenue, formerly 1 Vosseller Avenue to Star Banquet Group LLC

Motion: Petti Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

R2017: 66

Approve the hire of two (2) seasonal workers –James Orofino and Alan Persicano for the public works department

Motion: Fiadino Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

R2017: 67

Approve the hire of Douglas A. Kowalsky as a part-time inspector for the code enforcement department

Motion: Fiadino Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2017: 68

Approve the appointment of Jasmine Mathis as the Planning Board Recording Secretary

Motion: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2017: 69

Accept resignation of Officer Michael Napoli from the police department and authorize hire process for a replacement

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

R2017:70

Approve the release of escrow funds to Rang Construction LLC for 317 Evergreen Avenue in the amount of \$13,400.00

Motion: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2017:71

Approve application to the NJ Historic Trust Fund for Bound Brook Historic Train Station Project

Motion: Fiadino Second: Gomez All in favor: All in favor

R2017-72

Approve the change of due date from May 1 to June 1 and extension of the grace period to June 12, 2017 for the 2017 sewer bills

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

Unfinished Business

New Business

Approve the Special Improvement District Budget –
January 1-2017-December 31-2017- \$ 229,031.00

Motion: Fiadino Second: Gomez All in favor: Aye
Pranzatelli: Recuse

Mayor Fazen announced there will be a Bound Brook Night at the Somerset Patriot Park on May 18th. We are the first town to have a “Night” at the Ballpark.

The Police Department will be recognized for their Accreditation.

Bound Brook School District- All activities recognized

Other borough related organizations that work for us as volunteers are invited.

Special portal for discount price offered. We will all sit in the same section.

All are encouraged to attend.

The clerk’s office was instructed to send out the notice to all boards and commissions and to post on the website.

Mayor Fazen announced that he wants to try and make this Memorial Day Weekend very good. The Bound Brook Bike Criterium Race will run on Saturday this year and the same route as last year. The year following will make it on Union Avenue preceded by a “run”.

Will try and make this a great deal for the town's future.
A suggestion to hang a banner over Hamilton Street.

Approval of Vouchers
R2017: 73

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Open meeting to the public for comments
None

R2017: 74- No session

Adjournment @ 8: 30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Fiadino
All in favor: Aye