

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 23 -2017

Mayor Robert Fazen called the meeting to order at 6:00 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	present
C. David Rosario	present
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.

Mayor Fazen advised how the special meeting will be conducted. He stated he will open the meeting for public comment and then adjourn into executive session to discuss the appointment of police chief. The meeting will then re-open and if we come to a decision we will appoint a new police chief. Public comment will follow and the meeting will adjourn.
The regular meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Open to the public-

Phyllis Pournaras - Winsor Street

She asked about the procedure for the candidates. Mayor Fazen provided a summary. She asked if the PBA submitted their recommendation for police chief. She expressed her concerns about spending taxpayer money for an officer to attend the FBI Academy, to groom for chief, who scores first and was actually told. I know you made a mistake in the selection

procedure. The fact of matter is you have a procedure set by ordinance and you still paid taxpayer money to groom the officer. She stated she was not trying to disparage any of the candidates that were up to fill the position.

Jim Beatty 745 Ross Lane

He was questioning the committee process as reconstituted as the last one was voided.

Mayor Fazen noted that a letter was received from the PBA as to their recommendation.

Mr. Beatty asked if the police chief committee was the same as previous. Mayor Fazen advised the committee is the same five members.

The candidates were requested for another interview twice and the opportunity to submit their resume.

Mr. Beatty asked how many meetings held by the committee.

Mayor Fazen advised one with a full complement.

Borough attorney Verrone advised committee makes a recommendation regarding qualified candidates. Council deliberates and makes own determination on selection.

Mr. Beatty asked if the recommendation of committee are binding on council. Mayor Fazen advised they were not.

Resolution No. 2017: 91-

Authorize Executive Session: Personnel

Matter: Discussion on appointment of Police Chief

Motion moved by C. Fiadino Second: Pranzatelli

All in favor: Aye

Meeting Adjourned to executive at 6:15 p.m.

Special Meeting opened at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Fazen read the following resolution into the record of minutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-99
RESOLUTION APPOINTING NEW POLICE CHIEF**

WHEREAS, upon the retirement of Chief Michael Jannone, the Borough initiated the appointment process to select a new Chief of Police of the Bound Brook Police Department in accordance with Section 2-21.11, "Appointment of Chief of Police," of the Borough Code (the "Appointment Process;" and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Appointment Process, candidates for appointment were evaluated by the Chief of Police Appointment Committee (the "Committee"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Appointment Process, the Committee recommended qualified appointees to the Mayor and Council, based on the Committee's evaluation of the candidates; and

WHEREAS, after consideration by the Mayor and Council, and upon nomination of the Mayor subject to advice and consent of the Council,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey that Vito Anthony Bet is hereby appointed Chief of Police of the Bound Brook Police Department effective as of May 23, 2017.

Motion to approve moved by C. Pranzatelli

Second: Rosario

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti	yes
C. Abel Gomez	yes
C. Philip Fiadino	yes
C. David Rosario	yes
C. Anthony Pranzatelli	yes
C. Diana Manahan	yes

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Mayor Fazen administered Oath of Office to appoint Vito Anthony Bet as the New Police Chief effective May 23, 2017.

Mayor Fazen opened meeting for public comment.

No comment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6: 50 p.m.

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

Mayor Fazen announced the next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk