

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

Roll Call

Mayor Robert Fazen	present
C. Vinnie Petti	present
C. Abel Gomez	present
C. Philip Fiadino	present
C. President Anthony Pranzatelli	present
C.	
C. Nicole Epps	present

Also Present:

Hector Herrera-Borough Administrator
Borough Clerk – Donna Marie Godleski
Borough Attorney- Judy Verrone, Esq.
Police Chief Vito Bet

Moment of silence offered by C. Gomez for Edward Gruszecki who passed away. He was a twenty-seven year member of Bound Brook EMS Department.

Approval of Minutes: None

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

>Accept Resignation Letter from C. Diana Manahan moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Fiadino; All in favor-Aye

>Submission from the Democratic Committee-Three (3) names to fill council vacancy-

Mayor Fazon read the following names offered from committee-

Bonnie Lee Grube

Robert Dixon

Thomas Guarraci

Motion offered by C. Pranzatelli to appoint Robert Dixon; second by C. Gomez – All in favor: Aye

Mayor Fazen administered the Oath of Office to Robert Dixon who will serve out the remainder of her term.

Proclamation

>Proclaim October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor read proclamation into the record. A representative from Susan B. Komen was in attendance.

Mayor Fazen announced that on Friday September 29 at 4p.m. ribbons will be posted on trees downtown and up on Union Avenue. We will begin at the No. 1 Firehouse.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Bev Pranzatelli 108 East Maple

She received a call from Mrs. Billian and was told that the landscape architect said everything looked great in Billian Park except for the garbage. Need more garbage pails. Recreation advised they can place two more cans in the park.

Can something be worked out that every day the cans can be moved to the street for collection?

C. Gomez advised that we need to look at the contract with Rubinetti to review if this collection was included.

Jim Gruszecki Chestnut Street

Member of the BB Rescue Squad. Thank you for all your kind words on the passing of my father Edward.

C. Fiadino addressed the median along Billian Park needs weeding.

Committee reports

Finance: C. Nicole Epps - no report

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-C. Dixon- newly appointed

Mr. Herrera, Administrator gave a brief activity report. We have an upcoming free bulk pickup beginning the week of October 9th.

The bulk items will be brought to BRI.

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

Council reported activity for prior and current year.

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- C. Philip Fiadino

No activity

Economic Development- C. Anthony Pranzatelli

Council met with a person who has been purchasing foreclosures on Talmadge Avenue. He is interested in redevelopment of the west end of town. He also managed a non-profit. A meeting was held to discuss the renovation of the train station which will go out to bid. Lou Reynolds redevelopment is closing up their requirements, feasibility study and building permits and close to resubmitting pilot agreement.

BBHotel- waiting for county approvals and working with current owner for asbestos removal. Talmadge Commons- site plan will be submitted to planning board soon.

Meridia Self Storage- waiting for Mr. Regan to complete redevelopment agreement.

RFP downtown property- Meridia sent revised proposal. Schedule meeting with town shortly.

Billian park lot improvements- permit approvals shortly.

600 East Union Avenue- hired a company to deal with the landfill issues.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- C. Abel Gomez

Council read the monthly activity report into the record.

Doubled housing fees and tracking violations.

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading- NONE

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration-Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2017-29

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, AND AUTHORIZING A TRUST ACCOUNT FOR CULTURAL ARTS DONATIONS TO THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE

9-26-17

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti _Y_ C. Abel Gomez __Y_ Philip Fiadino _Y_

C. Anthony Pranzatelli _Y_ C. Nicole Epps __Y_ C. Robert Dixon _Y_

Mayor: Ordinance will be published according to law.

Resolutions for final reading and final consideration:

R2017: 162

Authorize reissuance of check to D & B Auto Supply Inc.

Motion: Fiadino Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2017: 163

Approve amendment to Tax Collector Salary

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

R2017: 164

Award Contract to Pierce Manufacturing for the limited refurbishment of one (1) 1995 Pierce Lance Pumper

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

R2017: 165

Approve a refund to Dominick Madden in the amount of \$100.00 for Mayor's Ceremony fee

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

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R2017: 166

Approve a refund of escrow money to Scott Toy, 628 Crescent Drive

Motion: Fiadino Second: Gomez All in favor: Aye

R2017: 167

Authorize reimbursement of Police overtime to El Imperial

Motion:Fiadino Second: Gomez All in favor: Aye

Unfinished Business

New Business

>Appointments to the Cultural Arts Committee

Brian McCormack	Term expires 2020
Kelly Clark	Term expires 2020
Michael Allongo	Term expires 2020
Erica Restrepo	Term expires 2019
Kat Catalongo	Term expires 2019
Joan McCormack	Term expires 2018
Phil Fiadino	Term expires 2018
Bonnie Grub	Term expires 2018

Motion: Gomez Second: Dixon All in favor: Aye

>Appointment to the Green Team

Alejandra Murillo - Term Expires– April 30, 2018

Motion: Fiadino Second: Gomez All in favor: Aye

For Approval:

>Special Event Permit Application

Event: October Food Truck & Music Festival

Location: Main Street & Hamilton Street-

Date: October 21, 2017
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Motion: Gomez Second: Epps
Discussion: Council noted the location was incorrect on the application. The festival will be held at Billian Park.
All in favor: Aye Recuse: Pranzatelli

Event: Outreach/ Free Concert- TABLED
Location: Codrington Park or Billian Park
Date: October 21, 2017 or November 7, 2017
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Motion: Gomez Second: Epps
Discussion: Council did not have enough information on the application and agreed to table.
Motion to table moved by Gomez; second by Pranzatelli
All in favor: Aye

Event: Halloween Parade & Social
Location: Main Street & Hamilton Street
Date: October 28, 2017
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino
Discussion: Council noted the time on the application was incorrect. The time is from 5-8:30 p.m. There was discussion on the use of the cemetery/graveyard that evening and the council was not in favor.
All in favor: Aye

Event: Holiday 5K Run and Winter Land at Billian Park
Location: Main Street, Hamilton Street, Billian Park & Town
Date: December 2, 2017
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Motion: Gomez Second: Epps
Discussion: C. Gomez advised the beginning and the end of the event will be at the Billian Park. There will be a tree lighting.
C. Epps asked about the consideration of having a menorah along with the holiday tree in the park.
All in favor: Aye
Recuse: Pranzatelli

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Approval of Vouchers

R2017: 168

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Open meeting to the public for comments –

V. Orofino DPW supervisor asked if the tree at Billian Park will be lit for the holidays.

Council advised this is pending.

R2017: 169

Authorize executive session for Pending Litigation

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Adjournment @ 9 p.m.

Motion: Gomez Second: Epps All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk