

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 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	present
C. President Anthony Pranzatelli	present
C. Nicole Epps	present
C. Robert Dixon	present

Also Present:

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

Approval of Minutes: Agenda-9-12; Regular-9-26 -2017

9-12 and 9-26 executive session for content only

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

Engineers Report – T&M Associates – September 1-30-2017

Dale Leubner reported:

Billian Legion Park –parking lot permitting- currently under review by the NJDEP.

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Railroad Quiet Zones- received an estimate of \$361,111 from the NJDOT for the Vosseller Avenue crossing. Awaiting estimate for LaMonte Avenue. Suggestion to make a one-way in.

Reconstruction of Thompson Avenue from Union Avenue to Verona Place

All work is substantially completed and contractor is working on punch list items.

Codrington Park Field Improvements – currently soliciting earthwork contractors to provide a price on earthwork only as task appears to the highest cost associated with the project.

2017 Road Improvement Program-Contractor scheduled to mobilize this week on VanKeuren Avenue and Central Avenue week of October 16.

Open to public –no questions were addressed to the engineer.

Advertised hearings or special presentations - none

Mr. Herrera asked that item on the agenda to review Best Practices Worksheet could be moved up. We have Joseph Kovalcik our financial consultant from Phoenix Consulting present.

Mr. Kovalcik advised that the Division of Local Government Services communicates out A Best Practices Worksheet to all towns.

The audit is not complete this year because of the early transition of The Chief Finance officer. There are open items that needed researching. Anticipate annual audit will be submitted by mid-October.

Payment of sick time covered by collective bargaining agreement and for non-union employees answered no for this year and recommended for next year as well.

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Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day- October 10, 2017

Mayor Fazen read the proclamation into the record of minutes.

Chief Bet offered his comments on public safety. We need to get the word out earlier on this for next year to shoot for zero accidents.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Beverly Pranzatelli-108 East Maple Avenue-

She expressed concerns about poor visibility at intersection of Somerset and Hamilton Streets.

Mr. Costa Code Enforcement Officer announced that the borough adopted an amendment to property maintenance enforcing the maintenance of bushes, shrubs at intersections and sidewalks.

Mr. Costa will reinforce keeping an inventory of what needs to be addressed.

C. Gomez recommended keeping an inventory for the next thirty (30) days

On areas that need to be addressed in town.

Opening of bids - None

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

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Attorney Verrone advised that the council tabled the ordinance at the last council meeting.

Motion was offered to take off the table moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Pranzatelli All in favor:

Aye

Attorney Verrone advised that the council has offered a revision to this ordinance.

Consensus of council were in favor of a First Reading as revised and schedule the hearing in two weeks.

Motion to introduce moved by C. Fiadino; second by C. Gomez

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti _Y_ C. Abel Gomez_Y__ C. Philip Fiadino_Y__

C. Anthony Pranzatelli__Y_ C. Nicole Epps__Y_ C. Robert Dixon__Y__

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

R2017: 170

Approve the hire of Cynthia Piano as part-time assistant records clerk for the police department

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

R2017:171

Authorize the tax collector to issue a refund for tax overpayment on
8 West High Street Block 31, Lot 16

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

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R2017-172

Approve request to waive excavation/construction regulations for work to be performed by PSE&G on Watchung Road and Church Street

Motion: Fiadino Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

Recuse: C. Petti

Unfinished Business – None

New Business- Item was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

> Best Practices Worksheet CY2017/SFY2018

Approve Firemen’s Membership Application

Daniel R. Knoell-Bound Brook Hose Co. No. 1

Motion: Pranzatelli Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Kevin J. Bereheiko-Bound Brook FD Engine 3

Motion: Fiadino Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Approval of Vouchers

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Motion: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

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Open to the public for comment

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Authorize executive session- No session

Adjournment @

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk