

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8-2016

Mayor 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. Beverly Pranzatelli	present
C. Peter Lazzaro	present
C. President Abel Gomez	present
C. Philip Fiadino	present
C. David Rosario	present

Also Present:

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

Approval of Minutes: February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting;

Executive Session Minutes- For Content Only

Mayor Fazen advised approval of minutes will be carried over to the next meeting.

Engineers Report – T&M Associates – February 1-29-2016

Dale Leubner reported on the Greenbrook Flood Control Project:

Anticipated LOMR Schedule: Consultant for FEMA to publish a notice twice. A 90 day waiting period to follow. FEMA will then certify; week prior to July 1st. In between there will be a public meeting announced.

Robert Keady reported:

NJDEP Stormwater- Annual certification has been prepared and submitted as required.

Billian Legion Park Parking Lot- Waiting on plans; file for landfill disruption permit.

Railroad Quiet Zones- preparing the mapping for the improvements; submitting to the NJDOT

>CDBG Application – Improvements to Codrington Park- ballfields, Grading, sodding, irrigation and other related agreements.

Discussion of this application is required at a public meeting.

C. Fiadino suggested adding landscaping to the application.

Library meeting- 20 year capital improvement plan

Walked entire library. A lot of needs. A few engineering related.

Will provide recommendations on engineering. He will provide his notes to minutes and distribute to the council.

>NJ Transit Letter. East Bound Waiting Room Improvements –

Review and comments. Lot of comments are architectural

Tech related; reached out to architect and talked about a proposal to address comments in letter. Will forward proposal to council.

Dale Leubner reported on BI 68-Lot 1.03 for potential soccer fields.

27 acres- upon an environmental review this area may be a potential area of wetlands; and bald eagle.

Dale would send a person to identify and provide a report what is found.

The cost would be \$2,500 to 3,000 to do so.

C. Gomez advised that we are in need of extra fields. Our soccer teams are growing. We can put in three fields on this property plus tennis courts.

We would be able to host tournaments and the recreation department will be able to generate income.

Question from the public for the engineer-

Mary Patton asked what roads were scheduled for reconstruction this year.

Per engineer the recommendations will be presented to finance committee soon.

Advertised hearings or special presentations

>Deutsch Properties- Talmadge Avenue Redevelopment

Todd Deutsch gave a presentation of a conceptual plans for the Talmadge Commons. 108 luxury units; 144 parking spaces; state of the art amenities; fitness center; game room/club room; community room to be reserved for functions; concierge service.

Architect and Engineer were present and spoke on the property lot and where the entrances would be. A multi-story L shaped building. The ground floor will be an office, bike storage, trash area. Three entrances-2 off of West Main Street and one off of Talmadge. 144 spaces located under the building and outside. 31,000 square feet. 27 units per floor.

One bedroom with a den/2 bedroom/ 4 stories/brick/stucco

Questions from the mayor and council were addressed.

A resolution to designate the developer for this area will be prepared for next council meeting.

A presentation was given by Mary Patton Shade Tree Commission Chairperson regarding a grant application.

The grant is offering up to \$30,000 and the requirement is tree planting and maintenance for 50 to 100 trees. It is due April 12-2016.

The work period of the grant is 3 years. The borough has to fund the \$30,000 upfront and we will be reimbursed if we satisfy all the requirements of the grant.

A copy of the application will be sent to the Mayor.

A resolution requires approval by the governing body.

Mary Patton advised it is a lot of work for the commission.

The council will review the application with the grant writer and the chief financial officer before the next council meeting.

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. –none

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Michele DeFazio-603 Church Street

She asked what does the Architectural Review Advisory Committee do.

C. Gomez advised that the review board fell by the wayside years back.

This ordinance is re-establishing the board. They will review applications ahead of time and help expedite. This will benefit the applicant.

Roseann Short- 169 Cherry Avenue

Residents were irate about receiving tickets during the last snow.

Snow was not cleared from sidewalks.

Roseann stated that Mr. & Mrs. Holub are not coming to the council meetings anymore. They feel intimidated.

She stated that Carol Holub has done a lot for the community.

Mayor Fazen invites all residents to the meetings and there should be no intimidation.

C. Lazzaro advised he understood Ms. Short's comments and did not want ethnic slurs to be entered into the minutes.

Hal Dietrich-639 Central Avenue

At a recent meeting of Post 63 we passed a motion to replace the POW / MIA and American Flag at the library.

Mayor Fazen advised that the flag at Billian Park will be replaced soon.

C. President Gomez advised that Dr. Gallagher and the Board agreed to contribute \$50,000 toward the replacement of tennis courts.

Mayor announced a good week for Bound Brook schools.

Wrestling- 2 state champion wrestlers

Girls Basketball Team won the Central Jersey group 1 championship

First place National Championships gymnastics – BBHS Freshman -

Body Building Third place Fitness –A Bound Brook HS Science Teacher

Robotics Team did very well in the finals.

Opening of bids - None

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading –

ORDINANCE NO. 2016:08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK ESTABLISHING THE BOUND BROOK ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion: Gomez Second:Fiadino

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti __Y_C. Beverly Pranzatelli__Y__

C. Peter Lazzaro__Y_C. Abel Gomez__Y_C. Philip Fiadino_Y__

C. David Rosario _Y__

ORDINANCE NO. 2016:09

CALENDAR YEAR 2016 - ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino

Summary: increase budget cap to 3.5% over normal cap

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti _Y_C. Beverly Pranzatelli__Y__

C. Peter Lazzaro_Y__C. Abel Gomez_Y__C. Philip Fiadino_Y__

C. David Rosario __Y__

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration-Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2016:05 – **TABLED**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXI, LAND USE, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO AMEND OFF-STREET PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

21-9.15 Design Standards for All Zones.

Motion to open public comment: Pranzatelli

Second: Fiadino All in favor: All in favor

Public Comment: R. Short-169 Cherry- asked for an explanation

C. Gomez advised this is in response to having commercial vehicles being parked off-street. There is an increase of school buses being parked. There were holes in the ordinance; storing of vehicles; definition was not broad enough; language was corrected.

Attorney advised comments were received from the Planning Board.

Council has to consider those comments.

Motion to close comment: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Mayor Fazen read those comments from the planning board.

Comments by council.

Motion to table ordinance for review moved by C. Gomez;

second by C. Rosario

Roll Call: C. Vinnie Petti Y C. Beverly Pranzatelli Y

C. Peter Lazzaro Y C. Abel Gomez Y C. Philip Fiadino Y

C. David Rosario Y

Ordinance No. 2016:07 –
SALARY RANGE ORDINANCE

Summary:

Amend Administrative Officers /Other Personnel/
Minimum/Maximum Salaries

Motion to open public comment: Fiadino Second: Petti

Public Comment: Michele DeFazio-603 Church Street asked how Bound
Brook salaries compare with other towns do.

Mayor Fazen advised that in general lower but competitive with our size.

Motion to close comment: Fiadino Second: Petti

Motion to adopt: Gomez Second:Rosario

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti __Y__C. Beverly Pranzatelli__Y__

C. Peter Lazzaro__Y__C. Abel Gomez__Y__C. Philip Fiadino__Y__

C. David Rosario__Y__

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

R2016: 47

Introduction of 2016 Municipal Budget

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino

Discussion: Anticipated CY 2016 Budget- \$13,342,333.79

Chairman Petti advised estimated tax rate is same as year 2015.

No rate increase. Budget allows for \$107,000 debt reduction.

Advocates for a full time administrator and a grant writer to search for
available grants to benefit the town.

Budget available in Clerk's Office for review. April 12 is public hearing.

He thanked C. Gomez and C. Pranzatelli for all their work on the budget.

C. Gomez and Mayor Fazen offered comments on the budget.

4.88%-\$450,000 Increase –restructuring of debt service which is reduced by \$290,000. Police salaries and wages make up 30% of the budget.

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti __Y_C. Beverly Pranzatelli__Y__

C. Peter Lazzaro_Y__C. Abel Gomez_Y__C. Philip Fiadino__Y__

C. David Rosario__Y__

Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held on April 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Borough Hall.

R2016:48

Resolution providing for the combination of certain issues of general improvement bonds, series 2016 of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey into a single issue of bonds aggregating \$11,982,000 in principal amount

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

R2016:49

Resolution determining the form and other details of \$11,982,000 general improvement bonds, series 2016 of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey and providing for their sale

Motion: Petti Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

R2016:50

Accept resignation of Violations Clerk and authorize court administrator to advertise the position

Motion: Rosario Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2016: 51

Authorize finance officer to issue the release of street opening bond for 34 Romney Road

Motion: Pranzatelli Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye

Unfinished Business

C. Pranzatelli recommended increasing the penalty fine to \$50.00 for not licensing your animal.

An ordinance will be prepared for the next council meeting.

C. Pranzatelli addressed that Mrs. Billian's shipment of 4 flags were lost back in 2015. She wanted this noted publicly. If she would have been told that the flags were missing she would have looked into this back then. C. Pranzatelli stated that we should take her generosity more seriously and stay on top of things best we can. Mayor stated that he would look into the lost shipment further.

C. Gomez advised agreement was authorized for shared services with the SID so we have to instruct CFO to transfer the funds.

C. Fiadino spoke with the Mayor of South Bound Brook on the Municipal Alliance Grant. Mayor advised that the grant is 50/50.

C. Gomez advised we should explored shared services with South Bound Brook. Mayor will send a letter.

New Business

C.President Gomez:

>Repair/Replacement of Commuter Daily Ticket Machine – C. Gomez advised that the ticket machine is not functioning well.

We are working with the parking consultant we hired on a more comprehensive parking scheme. Purchasing another machine is not wise at this time. The ticket machine will be repaired for right now.

>Resignation Letter was received from C. Peter Lazzaro –

Effective April 1, 2016

Council advised that due to personal circumstances he is not able to commit the time to council business.

C. President Gomez thanked Peter for his service.

Mayor Fazen thanked Peter for all his efforts.

Attorney advised within 15 days of vacancy the committee shall submit three names to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Fazen met with PSE&G on Direct Install Program.

Three phases of program. First is an audit of all our buildings.

Energy audit is free. Administrator then will present for consideration and recommendation as to the financial aspects.

C. Pranzatelli encouraged council to hire a Bound Brook Arts consultant.

She has received a resume/proposal from an individual that would be an excellent candidate for this position.

We took this out of the budget because the prior arts consultant did not renew. She is asking for consideration to place back in the budget and consider the hire for the next council meeting.

The grant writer advised there is funding to Market the Battle of Bound Brook- this grant would be for next year up to \$25,000

The Mayor was assigned the point person in town for this application.

He will share this information with South Bound Brook.

Approval of Vouchers

R2016: 52

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Open to the public for comment

R. Short-169 Cherry Avenue

She noted that the town needs to be careful about the off-street parking.

R2016: 53

Authorize executive session for Personnel and Anticipated Litigation

@ 9:45 p.m.

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Adjournment @ 10:05 p.m.

Motion: Petti Second: Gomez All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk