

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 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. President Abel Gomez	present
C. Philip Fiadino	present
C. David Rosario	absent
C. John Buckley	present

**Also Present:**

Hector Herrera-Borough Administrator  
Borough Clerk – Donna Marie Godleski  
Borough Attorney- Judy Verrone, Esq.  
Police Chief - Michael Jannone  
Andrew Hodulik-Borough Auditor

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting March 22, 2016;  
Executive Session for Content Only; April 12, 2016 Agenda Meeting  
Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino All in favor: Aye  
Abstain: March 22 2016 minutes- Buckley

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. –none

>Proclaim Arbor Day- April 30, 2016

Mayor Fazen read the proclamation into the record of minutes.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Carol Holub-518 W. Second Street

Carol thanked C. Rosario for offering his father's restaurant (Café Imperial) for the seniors to meet at the last council meeting. Mr. Rosario and his family have always done a lot for the seniors in the community.

She informed the governing body that she joined the seniors group when Frank Gilly was Mayor. One of the first calls she received from Mr. Gilly was to help out with the mailing of tax bills. Over the years the seniors continued to help out with the tax bills. We also helped with the Brook Theatre cleaning floors and windows, the Halloween Parade, Farmers Market, March of Dimes, Battle of Bound Brook and the plantings of flowers downtown.

She did not feel it was fair that the seniors were not getting a contribution from the town.

R. Short 169 Cherry Avenue

She advised she was informed by our legislature at the school meeting last night that we will not collect any taxes for the school from the abatement we gave Meridia.

Mayor advised that the pilot agreement 5% of the payment goes to the county and remainder to the town. The school board gives the town their budget and we pay them.

She asked who the school liaison was because they should be attending the meetings and report back to the council.

C. Lazzaro always attended the meetings and gave thorough reports to the council.

C. Gomez advised that it is the school's job to inform the residents of their meetings and budget.

C. Pranzatelli advised it is the resident's job to attend the school board meetings to be informed.

Ms. Short advised the council that they have a rule about using electronic devices during the council meetings.

C. Gomez advised that we do not have that rule in our bylaws.

She felt it was very distracting when council uses their devices.

C. Buckley advised that in today's day and age technology is at our fingertips. If I have a question and cannot get the answer right away I may surf the web to look up the information or a reference point.

C. Gomez advised that he usually has his laptop at council meetings.

Ms. Short asked how the town is collecting the dog and cat registrations.

Council advised that residents are to register the animals every year.

C. Gomez advised that once the animal is registered, every year the Clerk's Office sends out the renewal notice to the resident.

C. Gomez advised that it has been heavily advertised.  
C. Pranzatelli advised that she has been working on this for six months. She has been speaking with the Police Chief about using a retired police officer to conduct a yearly pet census.  
She informed that the borough has notified Meridia and Queens Gate residents about licensing their pets.  
She suggested placing a notice with the mailing of the tax and sewer bills. We have a notice on our website and we now have a Facebook page.

Tony Pranzatelli-108 East Maple Avenue

He expressed that electronic devices are a valuable tool.

Henry Rowan- Crescent Drive

He thanked council for placing a No Parking sign at corner Crescent and Thompson.

It needs to go further back.

Chief advised that the town would need to adopt an ordinance approved by the County.

Hal Dietrich 639 Central Avenue

He asked for a status on the discussion at the last council meeting about Central Avenue.

Mayor advised that he received a priority list from the borough engineer.

No. 1 is Piedmont- Chestnut- Central Avenue- 585,000

No. 2 Central Avenue Chestnut to Maple- 727,600

The money may or may not be available. As it becomes available probably in the summer; work begin in the Fall of this year.

Stanley Kissell-643 Central Avenue

He informed the governing body that nothing has been done to correct this road in 53 years.

Bill Rowan-625 Central Avenue

He advised that there are 35 families on this street that have been neglected.

This road needs to be done right away. It should be priority one.

It is an unsafe road. He asked the council to find money in their budget now for this road project.

Mike Carmen – 222 West Maple Avenue

He noted that he is the President of the Bound Brook Seniors.

He stated that rumor has it the town is not going to budget their stipend next year of \$3,000. The seniors rent from the United Methodist Church to use their facility for meetings. The \$3,000 we receive from the town we use towards the rent. We should not be penalized for misunderstandings with the council.

Rumor has it we have been offered one of the catholic schools for our meetings. Problem with this is who is going to pay utilities and maintenance.

Also he heard that Bound Brook is not going to send a liaison to the senior meetings.

We could use a town council to hear as to what is going on.

C. Buckley advised that a place has been offered to the seniors for free For their meetings.

C. Buckley stated rumor has it that some of the seniors did not want a town council at their meetings. They are able to get their information from some seniors and the Mayor.

He advised that if you want a liaison we can reinstate that for the seniors group.

Carol Holub reviewed all of the council liaisons that attended the senior meetings. She advised that C. Petti said he would be happy to be the liaison At the last council meeting.

Mayor advised that under New Business C. Petti will be appointed council liaison to the seniors group.

Hal Dietrich 639 Central Avenue

He asked if the owner of Café Imperial approved the seniors to use an area of his restaurant to hold their meetings.

C. Gomez advised that he did approve.

Michele DeFazio 603 Church Street

She advised the superintendent of schools offered the community school to the seniors and they will have use of the kitchen as well.

C. Fiadino advised the community school is a venue to be used by the town.

R. Short 169 Cherry Avenue

She advised the only problem they would have is the parking at these locations. When the seniors go on trips and their cars need to be left For a few days.

312 West High Street

There are no recycle barrels at Codrington Park.  
Also residents are putting out garbage by the fieldhouse before 5p.m.  
Every day which is overflowing into the sidewalk.

Fred Zopko- member of the Bound Brook Seniors

He was hoping that the council would give the seniors some funding.  
All surrounding towns give some money to their senior groups.  
He heard that the council was looking to get paid as a councilperson.  
He asked if that was true. He did not feel it was right.

C. Gomez that the council does not get paid. We are one of two towns that do not get paid as a councilperson. We as a council voted the salary down. We also understand the tough budgetary times.  
Councilwoman Pranzatelli advised that we have not received any increase in state aid. Our expenses go up and the money has to come from somewhere. That is why we are working very hard with redevelopment.

C. Buckley expressed to the seniors present to stay in good communication. There is a lot going on in town, so come to the meetings and we will answer all your questions and concerns.

Carol Holub 518 W Second St

She asked if the administrator could let her know how much each taxpayer would pay for the seniors to receive the \$3,000.00.  
Mr. Herrera Borough Administrator advised he would let Ms. Holub know.

Committee reports

Finance: C. Vinnie Petti

Report will be the budget on the agenda.

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-C. John Buckley

No report.

Public Safety (Police & Fire)- C. David Rosario -absent

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- C. Philip Fiadino

Council introduced the new administrator Hector Herrera.

He is an excellent choice; very professional. His door is always open to meet with everyone.

Council will be reviewing the personnel handbook with the administrator. He thanked Chief Jannone for his openness and his door always being open. He stated that the ordinances being enforced are tenfold from two years ago and raised \$100,000 in fines in house, code violations.

Economic Development- C. Beverly Pranzatelli

Council advised committee negotiating a pilot for the Meridia II building. Redevelopment agreement with developers who purchased the Bound Brook Hotel.

Recommendations from parking consultant and will review next week with the administrator.

Give Meridia a temporary permit to park in Queens Storage Area between the river and the train tracks.

This maybe extra parking for Meridia and transit riders as well.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- C. Abel Gomez

Council reported 191 inspections for 2016; up 50 from last year.

Pushing the department inspections on all properties.

\$6,500 in fines for March. Pushing a new re-visit of all signs downtown.

Off street parking ordinance is being enforced.

Reported the SID is in full swing with 10 events this year.

Farmers Market will have 10 new vendors.

Movies in the Park-July and August; Promote Arts and Plantings streetscape.

Landscaping the whole downtown.

Firemen's carnival coming in May at Billian Park.

The pool opens June 20.

Soccer season has begun. This year 14 teams.

Report from the Parking Commission- the parking enforcement officer hire is working out very well.

Advertised Hearing on Amendment -2016 Municipal Budget

R2016:75-1

Notice was given that the complete amendment was adopted by the governing body on April 12, 2016.

Hearing on the 2016 Calendar Year Municipal Budget -\$13,365,191.51

At which time and place objections to said budget amendment may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Open public comment:

Michele DeFazio-603 Church- How does the budget compare to last year?

C. Gomez advised 1.43 higher than last year.

Roseann Short-169 Cherry Avenue- does the budget include county and school? Mayor advised that this is just the municipal.

Stanley Kissel- 643 Central Avenue- he asked about the current assessment;

C. Gomez advised up about 2%.

Carol Holub- 518 W. Second- She felt that the town should find the \$3,000 for the seniors group. Over the years the seniors have done a lot for the town.

Close public comment: C. Fiadino      Second: C. Buckley

All in favor: Aye

Motion to adopt budget: C. Gomez      Second: C. Fiadino

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti \_\_Y\_\_ C. Beverly Pranzatelli \_\_Y\_\_  
C. Abel Gomez \_\_Y\_\_ C. Philip Fiadino \_\_Y\_\_  
C. David Rosario absent\_ C. John Buckley \_\_Y\_\_

Introduction of ordinances - First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2016: 12

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY  
APPROPRIATION- Master Plan Re-examination Report

Motion: C. Gomez Second: C. Buckley

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti \_\_Y\_\_ C. Beverly Pranzatelli \_\_Y\_\_  
C. Abel Gomez \_\_Y\_\_ C. Philip Fiadino \_\_Y\_\_  
C. David Rosario \_\_absent\_ C. John Buckley \_\_Y\_\_

ORDINANCE NO. 2016:13

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND  
BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING  
FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF GENERAL  
IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2008, APPROPRIATING \$5,800,000  
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE BOROUGH  
OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS IN THE  
AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,800,000  
FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

Summary: Mr. Hodulik, Borough Auditor gave a brief summary of the  
borough's financial status.

Motion: C. Gomez Second: C. Fiadino

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti \_\_\_\_ C. Beverly Pranzatelli \_\_\_\_  
C. Abel Gomez \_\_\_\_ C. Philip Fiadino \_\_\_\_  
C. David Rosario \_\_\_\_ C. John Buckley \_\_\_\_

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: - None

Resolutions for final reading and final consideration:

R2016: 76-

Accept proposal from CIT-E-NET for an electronic payments application to accept online tax, utility and general payments for fees, permits, registrations

Motion: C. Gomez            Second: C. Fiadino            All in favor: Aye

C. Petti- Nay

R2016:77

Authorize the Tax Collector to issue refunds for tax overpayments on 311 John Street; B165/Lot4; 621 Watchung Rd; B193/Lot 4

Motion: C. Fiadino            Second: C. Gomez            All in favor: Aye

R2016:78

Approve summer hours for non- union employees

Motion: C. Gomez            Second: C. Petti

Discussion: Borough attorney advised the administrator offered a correction to the resolution amending the hours of the municipal court from 8:30 to 8:00 a.m.

Motion to amend moved by Gomez; second by Fiadino

Motion to approve as amended moved by C. Buckley; second by C. Gomez

All in favor: Aye

R2016:79

Approve salary resolution

Motion: Gomez    Second: Petti            All in favor: Aye

Unfinished Business

New Business

C. Buckley -reinstate C. Petti as liaison to the Senior Citizens Group

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

For Approval:

Special Event Permit Application

Coin Toss-Bound Brook Rescue Squad

Date: May 14-2016

Rain date: May 21-2016

Time: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Location: E. Main St. & Hamilton Street

Vosseller Avenue North South of Union; Mountain Avenue

North South of Union Avenue

Motion: Gomez    Second: Petti    All in favor: Aye

Special Event Permit Application

Café Imperial – 200 Talmage Avenue

Event: Private parties/banquet

Location: Banquet Hall at Café Imperial

Activity: Extend closing time from 10PM to 2AM

Dates: May 8, May 15, May 22, May 29, June 5, June 12, June 19, July 3, July 17, July 31, August 7, August 21, August 28, September 11, September 18, -2016

Motion: C. Gomez    Second: C. Pranzatelli    All in favor: Aye

Firemen's Membership Application

Zachary Valenciano

Bound Brook Hose Co. #1

Motion: C. Gomez    Second: C. Petti    All in favor: Aye

C. President Gomez- Notice of Request for Qualifications-

Van Horne Plaza Redesign; Hamilton Street Pedestrian Precinct;

East Main Street Crosswalk Redesign

Submission Date: May 18-2016

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

All in favor: Aye

Approval of Vouchers

R2016: 80

Motion: C. Pranzatelli    Second: C. Fiadino    All in favor: Aye

Open meeting to the public for comments

R. Short-169 Cherry Avenue

She asked if public works could have two pick-ups for yard debris.

Vinnie Orofino, public works foreman advised that we had two pickups in April.

She advised that a large branch from neighbor's tree fell into her driveway.

She collected all the twigs and asked if they could be picked up.

Mayor advised the next pick up will be next week.

R2016: 81- none

Authorize executive session for (\_\_\_\_\_)

Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.

Motion moved by C. Petti; second by C. Gomez

All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk