

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 11, 2016 –

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. President Abel Gomez	present
C. Philip Fiadino	absent
C. David Rosario	present
C. John Buckley	absent
C. Anthony Pranzatelli	present

Also Present:

Hector Herrera-Borough Administrator
Borough Clerk – Donna Marie Godleski
Borough Attorney- Judy Verrone, Esq.
Police Department- Captain Kevin Rivenbark
Lt. Bet, Lt. Colombaroni

Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2016

Motion: Pranzatelli Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Abstain: Gomez; Rosario

Engineers Report – T&M Associates – September 1-30-2016

Robert Keady reported:

Billian Legion Park Parking Lot Permitting- proceeding with the design

Railroad Quiet Zones- discussing a possible shared services agreement with NJ Transit

Codrington Park Tennis Courts Replacement- project is complete

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Reconstruction of Thompson Avenue from Union Avenue to Verona Place-
Project is currently on hold due to the executive order from the governor
Requiring a work stoppage on all projects funding through the NJDOT trust
fund.

Replacement of portion of Talmage Avenue sanitary sewer main –project
design has commenced. Further investigation was required due to close
proximity of the building. Alternate solutions researched but were not
feasible. The foundation will require protection during.

Questions were addressed from council to the engineer.

Engineer excused.

Advertised hearings or special presentations –none

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion (Open to public)

Michele DeFazio-

She asked for an explanation on Resolution No. 160 to increase the “not to
exceed” amounts for certain professionals.

Mr. Herrera advised the finance officer recommended the increases based
on current year financial expenditures.

Mr. Herrera recommended a change to the upcoming council meetings.

The October 25th regular council meeting will be cancelled and moved to
November 1st @ 7:30 p.m. The council meetings scheduled for November
15th and November 29th will be cancelled and rescheduled to November
22nd @ 7:30 p.m.

Motion moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Rosario to authorize the clerk to
advertise the meeting changes All in favor: Aye

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Opening of bids - none

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2016:24-

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO AMEND PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS

Motion: C. Gomez Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on October 25, 2016

Second: C. Rosario

Discussion: Attorney Judy Verrone asked Lt. Bet for clarification on the amendment/supplements.

Lt. Bet advised- Two (2) hour parking meter zone-Add East Second Street on the south side from Mountain Avenue

Add fifteen (15) minute parking-East Second Street on south side from Mountain Avenue; Mountain Avenue on east side from East Second Street

Motion to amend the hearing date to November 1st moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Pranzatelli

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti Y C. Abel Gomez Y C. Philip Fiadino absent

C. David Rosario Y C. John Buckley absent

C. Anthony Pranzatelli Y

Mayor: Ordinance will be published according to law.

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration-Second Reading –None

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

R2016:150-

Authorize finance officer to release escrow – Roan-648 Central Avenue

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

R2016:151-

Authorize finance officer to issue a refund for a daily parking overpayment to John Chzanowski

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

R2016:152-

Authorize tax collector to issue a refund for a sewer overpayment to Niedermayer-313 John Street Bl 65-Lot 3

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

R2016:153-

Request Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the 2016 budget-Chapter 159- Body Armor Grant-\$6,136.00

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

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R2016:154-

Request Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the 2016 budget-Chapter 159- Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over-\$3,450.00

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

R2016:155-

Request Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the 2016 budget-Chapter 159- Safe Passage Grant – \$6,200.00

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

R2016:156-

Request Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the 2016 budget-Chapter 159- Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund- \$29,772.70

Motion: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2016:157-

Request Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the 2016 budget-Chapter 159- Youth Services- Somerset County -\$5,000.00

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

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R2016:158-

Authorize finance officer to issue a refund for a ceremony fee to
Aliber Pedroza

Motion: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2016:159-

Authorize finance officer to issue a refund for a ceremony fee to
Franklin Edgardo Figueroa

Motion: Rosario Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2016:160-

Authorize finance officer to increase “Not to Exceed” amounts for certain
professionals –McManimon, Scotland & Bawmann-(Bond Counsel),
DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole-(Borough Attorney) T&M Associates-(Borough
Engineer) John Bruder (Borough Prosecutor)

Motion: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2016:161

Approve the offer of employment/hire of Almin Hodzic as police officer
for the Borough of Bound Brook

Motion: Rosario Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

R2016:162

Approve the offer of employment/hire of Philip Gatti as police officer for
the Borough of Bound Brook

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

R2016:163

Approve the promotion of Robert Fittipaldi to permanent full-time laborer for the public works department

Motion: Petti Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

R2016:164-

Approve the hire of Elaine Broyles as permanent part-time property maintenance code official for the Borough of Bound Brook

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

R2016:165 –

Authorize escrow funds agreement with New Jersey American Water, Inc. covering street excavations

Motion: Pranzatelli Second: Gomez All in favor: Aye

R2016:166-

Authorizing Settlement of a disciplinary charge filed against Cheers Restaurants, Inc. t/a Cheers Bar & Grill based on a non vult plea

Motion: Pranzatelli Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

R2016:167-

Amending and ratifying award of Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services Contract to Peter Rubinetti Private Disposal, LLC

Motion: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

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Unfinished Business –None

New Business

For Approval:

Special Event Permit

Organization: Bound Brook Revitalization Partnership

Event: Halloween Parade & Social

Date: October 31, 2016 Time: 5:30 to 10 p.m.

Location: Trunk or Treat: Commuter Parking Lot

Parade & Social: Hamilton Street between Main & Second Street

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye;

C. Pranzatelli- recuse

Firemen's Membership Application

Ronald D. Rodriguez-Bound Brook Hose Co. No. 1

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

Council President Gomez advised the council of a subversion of borough resources by Mayor Fazen. The Mayor took a volunteer application without advising the council and steered that person to work on the current Republican campaign and copied the Chair of the Republican Party and the current Republican council candidate. He also steered the person towards the Bound Brook Green Team which members have not been assigned to by the governing body. He forwarded information on the application to other persons in the process of ignoring OPRA request procedure and disseminating information he had exclusive access to due to his position.

C. Gomez stated that Mayor Fazen took valuable borough resources and subverted them to the Bound Brook Republican Party which is explicitly prohibited under NJ state ethics rules. He recommended filing an ethics complaint; censure the Mayor.

C. Pranzatelli stated the governing body cannot use the borough system to recruit.

C. Gomez advised that the Green Team was formerly established by the council and recommended forming the team at the next council meeting.

He also recommended moving forward that the volunteer forms be copied to the personnel committee for their review.

Mr. Herrera advised the governing body that he received a letter from a resident of 341-343 West Second Street regarding property maintenance.

The code official sent a company to the property to clean it up. The resident was upset and wants to appeal the payment that she has to pay for the cleanup of the property.

The consensus of the council agreed that the property owner is responsible to pay the amount that is due.

Approval of Vouchers

R2016: 168

Motion: Rosario Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Open to the public for comment

Michele DeFazio- 603 Church Street

She asked for a clarification of the upcoming council meeting dates which were provided.

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Hal Dietrich 639 Central Avenue

He invited the governing body to the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at the Vosseller/Union Avenue Veterans Memorial.

R2016: 169 – NO SESSION

Authorize executive session for (_____)

Motion: Second: All in favor:

Adjournment @ 8:30 p.m.

Motion: Petti Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk