

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 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	present
C. David Rosario	present
C. John Buckley	present
C. Anthony Pranzatelli	present

Also Present:

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

Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2016

Motion: Fiadino Second: Petti All in favor: Aye
Abstain: Buckley

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

An informal presentation given by Todd Deutsch- Bound Brook Land Development Redeveloper for the Talmage Avenue Commons Project. The architect of the project gave a brief summary of the design.
U shaped; enter from Talmage and Columbus;
3 stories; retail-5,000 sq. feet
Second and third floor- one and two bedrooms
62- 2 bedrooms; 44-1 bedroom

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Vince Orofino offered a question on the sewer line with the new project.

Committee reports

Finance: C. Vinnie Petti

Council advised a finance committee meeting was held today.

Discussed the 2017 budget; will continue to update 5 year plan.

Department budgets will be reviewed in December by committee.

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

Council reported October was an action packed month for the department.

A full week of street sweeping. Various jobs were reviewed from the list.

C. Gomez thanked the department for their help with the Halloween events downtown.

Mayor Fazen informed the department is also placing 100 flags around town for Veterans Day.

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

Council read the activity report into the record.

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- C. Philip Fiadino

Council reported the borough will advertise for the hire of a part-time plumbing sub-code official.

The borough recently hired a part-time property maintenance official.

The borough is pleased to announce the process for a new police chief.

Chief Jannone will be retiring in 2017. The selection process will include the Mayor, the County and the Borough Administrator.

On the Best Practices Inventory the workers were evaluated and received a 93%.

Mr. Herrera announced there were few minor corrections with the internal audit and he sent directives to those departments moving forward. We are also moving forward with the amendments to the personnel policy.

Economic Development- C. Anthony Pranzatelli

Council reported that the presentation given by Bound Brook Land Development for the Talmage Avenue project is moving forward. We began talking about this project ten years ago.

Reynolds Asset Management is moving their project. The Ooh La La lounge is closed and is a bar only. The developer has issues with the footprint of the project and will be going before the Planning Board.

Mercorem Redeveloper- Bound Brook Hotel property- still waiting on the counter offer before a final agreement.

Council reported that Precision Builders is feasible for the West End of town for a project.

Former Bank on 600 East Union Avenue- owner is still solving environmental issues.

The borough may go out for Request for Proposals for this site.

The Old Bank Building downtown still pursuing.

Consider Request for Proposals for this site.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- C. Abel Gomez

Council read the monthly activity report into the record. The department is on target; 100%. The department is looking at hiring an additional inspector.

Council Pranzatelli noted that code enforcement has come a long way with the hire of a new code enforcement officer. The fees that go into their trust fund sustains the hires for the department.

Introduction of ordinances - None

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: -

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 to open public comment: Gomez

Second: Fiadino

Public Comment: Michele DeFazio

Motion to close public comment: Gomez

Second: Rosario

Attorney advised that there is a further amendment recommended by the police department to the introduced ordinance.

Parking Meter Zones - East Second Street on the south side beginning 87 feet from Mountain Avenue easterly to Hamilton Street

Mountain Avenue on the east side from a point 105 feet southerly to East Main Street

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

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

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti _Y__C. Abel Gomez_Y__ Philip Fiadino__Y__

C. David Rosario Y__C. John Buckley _Y_C. Anthony Pranzatelli_Y_

Mayor: Ordinance will be advertised for final reading at the November 22, 2016 council meeting and published according to law.

Resolutions for final reading and final consideration:

R2016: 169

Support NJDOT replacement project with respect to closure of the bridge-2-B-157 Raritan Avenue (Middlesex County) and subsequent detour through Bound Brook

Motion: Fiadino Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2016: 170

Request Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the 2016 budget-Chapter 159-Body Armor Grant-1,702.98

Motion: Rosario Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

R2016:171

Approve a Change Order to contract awarded to Peter Rubinetti Disposal For solid waste collection

Motion: Fiadino Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

R2016:172

Approve budget transfers

Motion: Gomez Second: Pranzatelli

All in favor: Aye

R2016:173

Approve the agreement between the County of Somerset and the Bound Brook/South Bound Brook application for funding municipal alliance activities

Motion: Fiadino Second: Petti

All in favor: Aye

R2016:174

Authorize the submission of a grant application to the NJDOT for FY2016 Transportation Alternatives Program

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario

All in favor: Aye

R2016:175

A resolution to participate in the Financial Incentive Pilot Program granting financial incentives to subscribers who select enrollment into Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey OMNIA Plan or Aetna Liberty plan

Motion: Gomez Second: Fiadino

All in favor: Aye

Unfinished Business

New Business

Review CY2016/SFY2017 Best Practices Inventory-

Mr. Herrera advised that the best practices are required by the state to be reviewed by the governing body at a council meeting.

Authorize the Clerk to advertise “Request for Qualifications for 2017 Professionals”

The borough clerk was instructed to advertise.

Council Pranzatelli advised that the resolution adopted at the October 11 council meeting for Cheers Restaurant was not written correctly. He recommended the resolution be amended to read “close at 2 a.m. and re-open Wednesday morning at 6 a.m.

The borough attorney will prepare a resolution for the next council meeting.

For Approval:

Special Event Permit Application

Bound Brook Rescue Squad –Coin Toss

Date of Event: November 25, 2016 & November 26, 2016

Rain Date: December 3, 2016

Location: Vosseller North & South of Union Avenue

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

ADDED:

Special Event Permit Application-

Bound Brook Revitalization Partnership

Event: Christmas/Holiday Party

5K Run and Tree Lighting

Date: December 3, 2016

Time: 5 p.m. – 11 p.m.

5 K Run to start at 6 p.m. -Tree Lighting to follow at 7 p.m.

Location: East Main Street & Downtown Area

Time: 5 PM- 11 PM

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Recuse: Pranzatelli

C. Gomez advised the evening will have many fun filled activities.

Holiday dress-ups, Santa and pictures with Santa too; Toys for Tots;

Salvation Army will have a food drive; Ugly Sweater contest and

Holiday Decorating contest.

Police Chief Jannone recommended in the interest of public safety this be a borough sponsored event.

Firemen's Membership Application

Michael J. Jannone –Borough Active Only

Motion: Fiadino Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

Approval of Vouchers

R2016: 176

Motion: Gomez Second: Rosario All in favor: Aye

Open meeting to the public for comments

Police Chief Jannone reported on November 15 a Public Notice will be posted. The Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of its program to achieve accreditation by verifying that it meets recognized professional best practices.

Agency employees and the public are invited to offer comments by calling in on Sunday December 4, 2016 between hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

R2016:177

Authorize executive session for (Anticipated Litigation)

Motion moved by Buckley; second by Fiadino; All in favor: Aye

Adjourn to session at 8:25 p.m.

Regular session opened at 8:30 p.m.

Motion moved by Gomez; second by Rosario to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk