

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015**

Mayor Robert Fazen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
A reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement followed
by the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Fazen	present
Councilman Vinnie Petti	present
Councilwoman Lisa Bogart	absent
Councilwoman Beverly Pranzatelli	present
Councilman Peter Lazzaro	present
Councilman Abel Gomez	present
Councilman Philip Fiadino	present

Also Present:

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk
Borough Attorney-Judy Verrone, Esq. DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick,
Cole, LLP,
Police Chief Michael Jannone –Police Department

Opening Prayer: C. Philip Fiadino announced that the Mayor asked him if
he would lead the Prayer at each council meeting.
The Prayer was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

December 16-2014 Regular Meeting;
January 1, 2015 Reorganization Meeting
Motion: C. Pranzatelli Second: C. Lazzaro All in favor: Aye
C. Gomez and C. Fiadino abstain December 16 2014 minutes.

Engineers Report – T&M Associates – December 1-31-2014

Dale Leubner reported on:

Levee work at Segment T and Billian Park complete; trailers removed.
Diversion Pipe #5 pipe work on Main Street completed during daytime
hours. The work has been delayed due to utility conflicts.

PSE&G has completed their relocation work. Conflicts with sanitary sewer main were also found within the project area. Relocation work is currently underway.

The separated storm water systems on Main Street have been interconnected. This will provide greater capacity should one system get overburdened.

Army Corp -As-builts- request a final copy for the town for entire project.

Mr. Keady reported:

Basin 4 Sanitary Sewer Rehab-Proposal A- contractor started work

Proposal B- contractor to start week of January 19th.

2013 Road Improvement Program-substantially complete and punch list has been compiled.

2014 Road Improvement Program- base maps completed; currently designing project; anticipate Spring to advertise.

Questions/concerns from the council and public were addressed by the engineer.

Engineer will take a look at Maple Avenue, 517 Helfin Street and a home on the north side of West Main Street.

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. –None

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Carol Holub-518 West Second Street

She thanked the Mayor for taking care of potholes on Union Avenue.

She asked for an update on Meridia and Queens Gate.

C. Gomez gave an update.

Queens Gate- Leased 25; 21 are occupied; 18 left to rent. There are five children under school age; one child is schooled out of town.

Meridia- 120 units- 67 leased; 50 occupied; 53 are left to rent. There are no children.

She asked the Mayor for a list of the members that were appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. She may have someone that is interested.

Roseann Short- 169 Cherry Avenue

She stated that she knows someone that lives in the Meridia and say that it is desolate and there is no gym equipment.

C. Gomez advised that he toured Meridia and the gym is fully stocked.

The development is 50% occupied and of course it will be quiet during the day when people do work.

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She asked about the parking from Thompson Avenue to Union Avenue South. There should be no parking allowed. Police Chief offered comments. This has been an issue for 30 years. Once the bypass on 22 is done we can petition the county and the state.

Brad Higginbottom-520 Carelton Street

He asked for permission and support for the 2015 Memorial Day Parade. He will drop off the special event permit application at the Clerks Office.

JP Levin-269 Metape Circle North

He asked about two resolutions on the agenda, towing licenses and the change to the by-laws.

He congratulated Raritan Valley Rail Coalition for a job very well done and noted Mayor Fazen is a trustee. He thanked the Mayor and South Bound Brook Mayor and C. Petti for taking the One Seat Ride into the city yesterday evening.

He offered his comments on the Mayor and Council attending the Somerset County Governing Officials dinner with a municipal voucher.

He recommended the Mayor and Council pay out of own pocket.

It should not be on the taxpayers.

He asked about the sewer operator on the agenda for discussion.

Mayor Fazen stated Bridgewater will no longer provide.

C. Pranzatelli advised Bridgewater provided an operator for the pump station and not the sewer. We need both and that is why we need to find someone else.

Roseann Short-169 Cherry Avenue

She asked when the train station renovation will be done. Mayor Fazen advised that he is working on it. He has a meeting with New Jersey Transit in Newark next week.

John Buckley-232 West Main Street

He asked about the repair to the railroad track/ Vosseller Avenue.

Mayor Fazen advised he looked at it and there is no fix yet.

It will be addressed.

Advertised hearings or special presentations-None

Opening of bids - None

Introduction of ordinances - First Reading –

ORDINANCE No. 2015- 01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXI, LAND USE, SUBSECTION 21-9.15 “DESIGN STANDARDS FOR ALL ZONES,” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

SUMMARY:

MOTION: C. Petti SECOND: C. Pranzatelli

ROLL CALL:

C. Vinnie Petti Y C. Lisa Bogart A C. Beverly Pranzatelli Y
C. Peter Lazzaro Y C. Abel Gomez Y C. Philip Fiadino Y

Ordinance will be referred to the Planning Board for comments.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY RANGE
ORDINANCE

SUMMARY:

MOTION: C. GOMEZ SECOND: C. PRANZATELLI

ROLL CALL:

C. Vinnie Petti Y C. Lisa Bogart A C. Beverly Pranzatelli Y
C. Peter Lazzaro Y C. Abel Gomez Y C. Philip Fiadino Y

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: - None

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

R2015:15

Approve the professional services agreements for:

Borough Attorney; Auditor; Bond Counsel; Engineer; Judge;

Prosecutor; Public Defender; Labor Counsel; Tax Appeal Counsel;

Motion: C. Pranzatelli Second: C. Fiadino

Discussion: C. Pranzatelli advised that Bond Counsel would be carried over to the next meeting

A motion to withdraw first motion and amend moved by C. Pranzatelli second by C. Gomez; All in favor: Aye

R2015: 16

Approve the Special Improvement District Management Corporation Board of Trustees Membership

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

R2015: 17

Authorize Chief Finance Officer to reimburse balance of escrow- J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc.

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

R2015: 18

Authorize Tax Collector to issue a refund –overpayment of 2014 property tax-175 West High Street-BI 47/Lot 42.01

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

R2015: 19

Approve the agreement between the Borough and Somerset County for certified recycling professional to sign annual recycling tonnage report

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

R2015: 20

Approve a place to place transfer of plenary retail consumption license 1804-32-011-007 issued to Cheers, Restaurants, Inc. to 13-15 Hamilton Street

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

Unfinished Business

- ARC Clean-Up-Contract- C. Pranzatelli noted that it will cover the clean-up of the Main Street. They will begin in the Spring
- Energy Aggregation – carried over
- Welcome Packet – C. Pranzatelli advised it was put together by EDAC. Post on the website with council approval. Look over and at next meeting make recommendations. This will go out to new business and residents in town. We can vote on it at next meeting.

C. Fiadino read each title that is in the welcome packet. C. Gomez advised that it will be a living document and can be reviewed and amended at any time.

- Personnel Policy – C. Pranzatelli advised that committee will meet and review for the next meeting.

Mayor advised that he is looking for volunteers for the Battle of Bound Brook Event.

C. Bogart and C. Pranzatelli have volunteered.

Mayor advised former Council Levin was designated liaison for American Legion Billion Park so we need a councilmember to replace him.

Mayor addressed

Changes to the Council Liaison Appointments

Replace C. Philip Fiadino with C. Peter Lazzaro to the Board of Education and Shade Tree Commission

Add C. Abel Gomez- to Senior Citizens and Recreation Commission

New Business

Re-Adopt 2015 By-Laws

Change meeting time of council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Motion moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Petti; All in favor: Ayes

Somerset County Governing Officials Meeting/Dinner

Mayor and Councilmember's are to attend with a municipal voucher.

Spouses that attend will pay the cost.

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

Discussion: C. Pranzatelli stated that when the town no longer paid for the governing body to attend, officials stopped going. She felt that it is important to attend. They have excellent speakers and you are able to network with other towns and talk about shared services. She was in favor.

Other comments offered.

All in favor: Ayes

For discussion: Twsp. of Bridgewater no longer will supply the borough with a licensed C-2 sewer operator for pump station and sewer system. Mayor advised that we need to find a sewer operator as soon as possible. The council will work on this.

Councilwoman Pranzatelli that she and C. Gomez both reached out to South Bound Brook regarding shared services.

We received a call today that they are interested in discussing. We need council approval to meet with them and we will bring back information to the council. We are requesting that we bring the administrator to help with the shared services negotiations.

Discussion:

Mayor Fazen stated he spoke with Mayor of South Bound Brook on shared services. It does not make sense to talk about shared services separately. C. Pranzatelli advised that we will welcome any ideas from council or the Mayor to present at the meetings. We would like to keep the committee small, a group of 3. C. Gomez agreed that it be kept a small group. C. Fiadino stated that in no way we want to exclude the Mayor but it makes sense for a committee of council to work with a committee of council in South Bound Brook and bring those ideas back to the governing body.

Approve a Special Event Permit Application: None

Approve a Firemen's Membership Application: None

Approve Towing Licenses:

Mike's Towing & Recovery –Bridgewater, NJ

R&D Towing LLC- Dunellen, NJ

Rescue Wreckers, LLC- Middlesex, NJ

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

C. Petti offered an amendment to the towing ordinance-
All tow vehicles shall be kept at the towing operator's place of business when not actively towing another vehicle. In no event shall a towing vehicle be kept overnight on or at a residential property.
Mayor advised this will be on the agenda for next meeting.

C. Fiadino asked if there was an ordinance that disallows commercial vehicles being parked overnight. There is a home that has plows parked in their driveway.

C. Gomez advised that he will have code enforcement take a look.

Open to the public for comments

R. Short-169 Cherry Avenue

She stated that in observing the council they all should be talking directly to the Mayor; it is not running that way right now.

Mayor stated that is correct.

She felt that the money being spent for the governing officials dinner could be applied somewhere else.

She felt that in observing the council, it is one party against the other. It is not neutral. Also if the council thinks something is wrong to not vote on it. To think for yourself.

She felt that Mr. Rosario should not have been appointed to the SID Board of Directors. He has had problems with the town for years. There are other business people that could help.

Carol Holub-518 West Second Street

She asked how many times the ARC will cleanup downtown.

C. Pranzatelli advised that it will be twice a week and they have not started yet and it will be for Main Street.

C. Gomez advised that code enforcement is doing a great job writing up violations. We are cleaning up the Main Street and getting properties that need to be cleaned up. There has been a major difference since Jim Ayotte was hired as code enforcement officer.

Carol advised that we will need a committee to clean up around the area of the Stone Bridge for the Battle of Bound Brook.

She felt that the Mayor should be able to attend shared services meetings with South Bound Brook.

Michele DeFazio-606 Church Street

She felt that if the Mayor has already reached out to the South Bound Brook Mayor on shared services, it is a disgrace not to have him on committee.

JP Levin -269 Metape Circle North

He felt that communication is very important. The council should respect the position of Mayor as he is the face of the town.

Mayor Fazen has shown that he works very hard communicating with many parties and organizations.

In his opinion, before any councilmember goes out and communicates with others, they should communicate with each other. If not, it really looks bad.

Tony Pranzatelli-108 East Maple Avenue

He stated that committees are generally composed of councilmember's.

Then that council makes a recommendation to the rest of council.

You already have half of votes secure and this is a kind of the norm.

C. Pranzatelli advised that C. Gomez and she reached out several months back with South Bound Brook. It just came up that SBB is interested. It has nothing to do with politics. She felt it was in the best interest of the town to keep the negotiation team small.

Mayor Fazen advised that he will keep everyone informed fully.

C. Fiadino stated that it works both ways and the only way is if we communicate.

John Buckley-232 West Main Street

He felt that it was correct with communication as far as getting things started and moving forward. Also, following Roberts Rules of Order and the Bylaws.

JP Levin 269 Metape Circle North

He felt it was inappropriate the C. Gomez was discussing shared services on behalf of the town a few months back when he was not a councilperson.

Also the EDAC is an advisory to the council. The council should be discussing at meetings and then bring back to the EDAC.

C. Gomez stated that Mr. Levin was incorrect in his assumption.

Awhile back the Mayor of South Bound Brook stated to me that he would look forward to working with me if elected and if there was anything we can do, we would talk after the election.

He advised that he is looking forward to working with the Mayor and will keep him apprised.

C. Pranzatelli asked what Mr. Levin meant by the EDAC working independently.

Mr. Levin stated that in the past the committee has been working on projects such as the SID, the Welcome Packet and shared services that were never brought to the Mayor and Council.

The charging of the scope of responsibility to the attorney to have the EDAC research and advice back to council was not done.

C. Pranzatelli advised that the council president last year asked EDAC to work on the welcome packet.

Also, they have nothing to do with shared services.

Adjourn to Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

R2015: 21

Authorize executive session for (Negotiations; Litigation; Personnel

Motion: C. Fiadino Second: C. Gomez

Formal action may be taken after session. All in favor: Ayes

Agenda meeting opened at 11:20 p.m.

Mayor Fazen read the following resolution in full.

R2015:22

Resolution conditionally designating Meridia, LLC, a Capodagli Property Company, LLC as Redeveloper for property known as tax Block 1, Lots 42 & 43; Block 8, Lots 9.01, 9.02 and 9.03; and Block 9, Lots 4, 4.01, 5,6,7,8,9,10 & 10.01 located in the downtown redevelopment area for redevelopment of residential and mixed use development:

Motion: C. Gomez Second: C. Fiadino

All in favor : Aye

Intent of C. Pranzatelli was to abstain.

Adjournment @ 11:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk