

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK -  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 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 Beverly Pranzatelli	present
Councilman Peter Lazzaro	present
Councilman Abel Gomez	present
Councilman Philip Fiadino	present

Also Present:

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk

Administrator Samson Steinman

Borough Attorney-Judy Verrone, Esq. DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick,  
Cole, LLP,

Police Chief Michael Jannone –Police Department

Mayor Fazen offered compliments to everyone that prepared for the Storm Juno. A meeting was held on Monday after 3 p.m. to discuss the State of Emergency. We put out a Nixle to have all cars off the streets. The Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management went through the town with loudspeakers asking residents to keep cars off the streets. Mayor noted that it takes 8 hours to plow the town.

R2015: 30 @ 7:35 p.m.

Authorize Executive Session for: Personnel; Negotiations;

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

Open Session: @ 7:40 p.m.

Accept Resignation Letter from Randy Bahr as Part-Time Administrator

Motion: C. Gomez Second: C. Lazzaro

Discussion: Mayor Fazen stated that he appreciated Mr. Bahr filling in as administrator and he did a very good job under some very difficult situations.

C. Petti stated that Mr. Bahr was a very good administrator and he always tested him and Mr. Bahr always passed.

All in favor: Ayes

R2015:31

Approve the appointment of Samson Steinman as full-time administrator for the Borough of Bound Brook

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

Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2014 Agenda,

Executive Session-December 8, 2014

January 13, 2015 Agenda Executive Session January 13, 2015

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

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

Mayor Fazen announced the resignation letter from Lisa Bogart from council effective January 21, 2015.

Discussion: Mayor Fazen offered his comments noting that Lisa made a great contribution to the borough with her intellect and calm demeanor. She will be missed.

C. Petti stated that he will miss her and she kept me in line. C. Fiadino stated that he was looking forward to working with her on council.

Motion moved by C. Lazzaro; second by C. Petti; All in favor: Aye

Mayor announced the submission of three (3) names received from the Bound Brook Democratic Committee to fill the council vacancy – unexpired term to December 31, 2015.

Those names are : John Buckley, Anthony Pranzatelli and Tom Guaracci

Motion to nominate one (1) of three (3) names submitted was offered by C. Lazzaro , second by C. Fiadino; All in favor: Ayes

C. Gomez offered a motion to appoint Anthony Pranzatelli; second by C. Lazzaro;

Roll Call:

C. Petti- yes

C. Beverly Pranzatelli- abstain

C. Lazzaro-yes

C. Gomez- yes

C. Fiadino-yes

Mayor Fazen administered the Oath of Office to Anthony Pranzatelli as councilman to fill the unexpired term of office to December 31, 2015. His wife Beverly Pranzatelli held the bible.

Mayor Fazen offered a few rules he will try and enforce for the council meetings.

All speakers from the council and public are to be recognized by the Mayor. All remarks from the public will state full name and address. All comments will be respectful from council and the public. The public and council will speak loudly enough for people to hear. The microphones will be used by the public if it is difficult to hear.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

John Paul Levin-269 Metape Circle North

He questioned Resolution No. 2015:22 as to why it is on the agenda to reaffirm.

Attorney Judy Verrone, Esq. explained the reaffirmation of the resolution. At the last council meeting there was confusion at the end of the meeting coming out of closed session at a late hour. She advised that Councilwoman Pranzatelli prior to the meeting advised that she was intending to recuse herself from voting on the resolution.

Attorney Judy Verrone Esq. noted that she took full blame after the resolution was read in full that there should have been a roll call taken, not all in favor.

So this affirmation of the resolution will accurately reflect the intent expressed as it should have happened.

Committee reports

Finance: C. Peter Lazzaro

C. Lazzaro reported several meetings were held with Finance Officer Mr. Bahr to review the department budgets for 2015. We have a lot more to review. The committee also met with the borough auditor and had a wide range of discussion. The auditor suggested the borough hire a financial advisor in order to be in compliance with SCC regulations sale of municipal bonds on the secondary market. A call was placed to Phoenix Advisors that submitted a proposal to the borough. A recommendation for the agreement for services to be placed on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Also a meeting was held to review all the vouchers prior to approval.

There were no problems and Mr. Bahr answered all our questions in detail.

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-C. Anthony Pranzatelli

C. Pranzatelli stated he is looking forward to working on this committee. He is familiar with the needs of public works. He knows foreman Vinnie Orofino very well. He will continue to talk about items more substantial as well as giving the monthly activity report. .

Safety (Police & Fire)- C. Vinnie Petti

C. Petti read the police, fire and rescue activity report for December. Mayor Fazen reported that during storm Juno the fire departments stayed in their firehouses overnight. The Shop-Rite contributed food for the firehouses. Fire Chief Gullia stated that it went very well with each firehouse and we were there for 12 to 13 hours on call.

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- C. Philip Fiadino

C. Fiadino advised that the Personnel Policy Handbook has been edited and the committee will review.

He will meet with Mr. Steinman, Administrator and Mr. Bahr, Finance Officer.

He advised that Lisa Bogart sent him the representative for public works Paul Mercantani AFSCME Union. A date will be set to negotiate contract as soon as possible.

Economic Development- C. Beverly Pranzatelli

C. Pranzatelli advised that we are working on three possible redevelopment agreements.

There is a tentative date set for a Hot Rod and Harley Event for June 13.

This maybe a joint venture between the SID and the borough.

The Battle of Bound Brook Event is set for April 11 and 12 and the Riverfest are set for September 26 this year.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- C. Abel Gomez

C. Gomez advised committee met and discussed a few initiatives.

In the next 30 days we are looking to adopt an update to the International Property Maintenance Code. We are also looking at an illegal apartment ordinance and will bring this to the council. Also, a color palate for the downtown to look uniform; tweak restricted uses and the sign ordinance. All recommendations have come from the Code Enforcement Officer, Police and councilmember's.

The numbers of violations are up 200-300%. The Code Enforcer is going through the entire downtown cleaning up and enforcing the sign ordinance. He stated that we certainly have the right guy in the department.

Introduction of ordinances -

ORDINANCE NO. 2015: 03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IV, GENERAL LICENSING, ARTICLE II, TOWING AND STORAGE FEE REGULATIONS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO REQUIRE DISPATCH FROM AND STORAGE OF TOWING VEHICLES AT THE TOWING COMPANY'S PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS.

MOTION: C. Fiadino SECOND: C. Petti

SUMMARY: To keep towing vehicles from parking on the streets.

ROLL CALL:

C. Vinnie Petti Y C. Beverly Pranzatelli Y

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

C. Anthony Pranzatelli Y

ORDINANCE NO. 2015:04

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR POLICE MUTUAL AID WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN

MOTION: C. Gomez SECOND: C. Beverly Pranzatelli

SUMMARY: In the event the police department requires help from other towns, this will authorize.

ROLL CALL:

C. Vinnie Petti Y C. Beverly Pranzatelli Y

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

C. Anthony Pranzatelli Y

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: -

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE SALARY RANGE ORDINANCE

SUMMARY: SALARY RANGE FOR VIOLATIONS CLERK – MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM

MOTION TO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: C. ANTHONY PRANZATELLI

SECOND: C. GOMEZ

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT: C. BEVERLY

PRANZATELLI SECOND: C. GOMEZ

MOTION TO ADOPT: C. ANTHONY PRANZATELLI

SECOND: C. BEVERLY PRANZATELLI

ROLL CALL:

C. Vinnie Petti Y\_\_\_ C. Beverly Pranzatelli\_\_Y\_\_

C. Peter Lazzaro\_Y\_\_\_ C. Abel Gomez\_Y\_\_ C. Philip Fiadino\_\_Y\_

C. Anthony Pranzatelli\_\_Y\_\_

Resolutions for final reading and final consideration:

R2015:22 adopted at the January 13-2015 Agenda Meeting

Re-affirm resolution with a roll call vote-

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. Fiadino Second: C. Gomez

Roll Call:

C. Vinnie Petti \_Y\_\_ C. Beverly Pranzatelli\_ Abstain

C. Peter Lazzaro\_Y\_\_\_ C. Abel Gomez\_Y\_\_ C. Philip Fiadino\_Y\_\_

C. Anthony` Pranzatelli Abstain

R2015: 23

Approve the professional services agreement for McManimon, Scotland &

Baumann, LLC as Bond Counsel for year 2015

Motion: C. Anthony Pranzatelli Second: C. Gomez

C. Beverly Pranzatelli advised she spoke with bond counsel and they reduced their rate and the agreement is now ready for approval.

All in favor: Aye

R2015: 24

Approve the employment contract for Michael Fedun, Esq. as

Municipal Judge

Motion: C. Anthony Pranzatelli Second: C. Gomez

Discussion: C. Gomez stated that he was part of the interview committee. Mr. Fedun has much experience as a Prosecutor, a Public Defender and Judge. He is bringing well rounded experience to our courts.

All in favor: Aye

R2015:25

Authorize the Tax Collector to refund tax overpayments-  
2014-Block 85/Lot 35  
2015-Block 66/Lot 7.01

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

R2015:26

Approve the hire of Gerald Paladino as a substitute crossing guard

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

R2015:27

Approve the submission of a strategic plan for the Bound Brook/South  
Bound Brook Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2015

Motion: C. Petti      Second: C. Beverly Pranzatelli

All in favor: Aye

R2015:28

Resolution reconsidering the resolution adopted by the governing body on  
December 9, 2014 and authorizing settlement with Café Imperial of charges  
for violations of ABC laws and resolutions 09-145 and 13-56 upon modified  
terms

Attorney Judy Verrone Esq. advised that she received a fax just before the council meeting from the attorney for Café Imperial. The licensee is asking consideration to amend paragraph 5 in the resolution to serve consecutive days through February 4<sup>th</sup>. Licensee has served 27 days through the date of this resolution. He will have served 33 consecutive days through February 4 and the remaining 27 days of suspension to be served on Mondays and Tuesdays. He is asking the time frame be flipped.

Motion to approve the amended resolution moved by C. Anthony Pranzatelli; second by C. Peter Lazzaro; All in favor: Ayes

### Unfinished Business

- Licensed C-2 Sewer Operator for pump station and sewer system  
Council President Beverly Pranzatelli advised that this item will be turned over to our new administrator to bring back to the council for the next meeting.
- ARC Clean-Up Contract – C. Beverly Pranzatelli advised that Mr. Bahr shared the contract with the council and it has not been returned yet from the ARC.
- Welcome Packet – C. Beverly Pranzatelli advised the goal was to review and approve so we can place up on the website for the public. The consensus of the council approved the welcome packet.

C. Gomez recognized Kerry Miller for all her hard work on the Welcome Packet. He noted that this is a living document that can be updated as we grow.

### New Business

Proclamation for Emily Fabiano –member of the Bound Brook Memorial Library Board of Trustees and Advisory Board

C. Beverly Pranzatelli asked that a proclamation be prepared for the next council meeting to recognize Emily who recently passed.

The council agreed.

Councilman Petti advised that negotiations should begin with the Lieutenants. A committee should be formed and bring the new administrator up to speed.

C. President Beverly Pranzatelli advised according to the by-laws the committee will be public safety, personnel and finance.

### Approval of Vouchers

R2015: 29

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



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Open meeting to the public for comments

Joe Gullia- 609 Betsy Ross Court

He advised that he works for the Manville Department of Public Works. The department has a C2 operator. Mr. Gullia will speak with the administrator about the C2 operator.  
Public comment closed.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:30 p.m.  
Motion moved by C. Anthony Pranzatelli; second by C. Gomez

R2015: 30

Authorize executive session for ( Personnel; Negotiations; Attorney/Client Privilege; Pending Litigation)

Mayor Fazen stated there would be no action after session.

Adjournment @ 9:30 p.m.

Motion moved by C. Gomez Second: C. Petti

All in favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk