

December 22, 2015

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 22, 2015**

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. Philip Fiadino	absent
C. Abel Gomez	present
C. Vinnie Petti	present
C. President Beverly Pranzatelli	present
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C. Peter Lazzaro	present

Also Present:

Gary Strathearn – Borough Administrator
Borough Clerk – Donna Marie Godleski
Police Chief - Michael Jannone

Approval of Minutes: December 1, 2015 Special Meeting;
December 8, 2015 Agenda Meeting
Motion to carry over approval to January 5 Agenda Meeting
Motion moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Anthony Pranzatelli
All in favor: Aye

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

Jim Crane – Ride-Wise Project Manager - Mr. Crane asked the governing body to consider the participation in the NJDOT Safe Routes to school program and authorize the submission of program applications and safe routes to school grant applications.

A resolution for consideration is on the agenda.

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Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Carol Holub-518 W. Second –

She thanked the governing body for the first Holiday of Lights contest. The town looks a lot neater; Talmadge Avenue is cleaning up. She attended a historic commission meeting and asked if the Stone Bridge was recognized as a historic landmark. C. Gomez advised that it was approved. She asked if there would a liaison to the seniors group in the New Year. Mayor Fazen advised that he would attend the meetings.

Roseann Short -169 Cherry Avenue-

She complained about the double parking issues with private busing To the schools.

It was noted that this should be directed to the Board of Education.

She complained about the 4 way stop on Maple Avenue.

Hal Dietrich-639 Central Avenue

He stated to the governing body that proper respect should be given to the flag as the Pledge of Allegiance is given.

Committee reports

Finance: C. Anthony Pranzatelli

Reported the Finance Committee has put together a five year budget worksheet for 2016. All department heads have submitted their budgets. This worksheet allows you to start plugging in the numbers. This will help when the new finance committee takes over. He recommended the committee keep this up moving forward with economic development projects. Also to keep continuing to look for new revenues.

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-C. Peter Lazzaro

A negotiation meeting was held with the state mediator and came to an agreement with the public works union on a four (4) year contract. The contract has not been finalized yet.

The public works supervisor submitted their monthly activity report.

He has assured that the town is up to par with the upcoming snow storm.

Public Safety (Police & Fire)- C. Vinnie Petti

The monthly activity report was read into the record

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Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- C. Philip Fiadino -absent

Economic Development- C. Beverly Pranzatelli

Reported the downtown arts consultant recently had a musical theatre workshop At the Brook Arts. It was well attended and he will be working on more in 2016. The holiday tree lighting was sponsored by the PBA and the SID which included Christmas carolers who sang for the patrons in restaurants.

The SID is working on a short film festival highlighting young filmmakers, weekly movies in the park, the farmers market with a bakery joining this year.

Also working on a business directory for 2016.

We will have three new developers braking ground in the spring and possibly A fourth at the prior Bank of America site on Route 28/Union Avenue.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- C. Abel Gomez

Reported a delay in his monthly activity report. Council will have report for next month. The borough's server was down for a few weeks. We are currently working on the restoration of data. We will revisit the loss of data and also submitting this into insurance.

Introduction of ordinances - None

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: - None

Resolutions for final reading and final consideration:

R2015: 179

Approve participation in the NJDOT Safe Routes to school program and authorize the submission of program applications and safe routes to school grant applications to the NJDOT Division of local aid/economic development and the office of bicycle and pedestrian programs

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

R2015: 180

Support the proposed NJDOT traffic survey and recommendations for traffic calming and safety initiatives along Rt. 28 from the Rt. 287 area to the intersection of Thompson Avenue

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Motion to approve with amendment- to include but not limited to turning lanes, traffic signals and lane designation - Gomez

Second: A. Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2015: 181

Continuing support for the goals and purposes of the 2004 Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act

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

R2015:182

Proclaim January 2016 Radon Action Month in promoting awareness in Our community

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

R2015: 183

Approve Budget Transfer

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

R2015: 184

Authorize the tax collector to issue a refund of 2015 property tax overpayment 175 West High Street Block 47 Lot 42.01

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

R2015: 185

Approve payment certificate No. 4 & final & change order No. 3 & final to Lucas Construction Group, Inc.-2014 Road Reconstruction Project

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

R2015: 186

Approve the Right of Entry Agreement between the Borough of Bound Brook and Merc crem, LLC

Motion: B. Pranzatelli Second: T. Pranzatelli

Discussion: Mayor advised that this is the Bound Brook Hotel property and the entry allows for testing.

Abstain: C. Gomez

All in favor: Aye

R2015: 187

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Approve a liquor license transfer from Outback Saloon Inc. t/a Ooh La La's
15 West Main Street -License No. 1804-33-008-003 to Revelocity Entertainment,
LLC-

Motion: A. Pranzatelli Second: B. Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

R2015:188

Approve agreement between Borough of Bound Brook and the County of Somerset
for Certified Recycling Professional to sign annual recycling report for 2015

Motion: T. Pranzatelli Second: Lazzaro All in favor: Aye

R2015:189

Approve agreement between the Borough of Bound Brook and Somerset County
for Recycling Program – January 1, 2016 – December 31-2016

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

R2015:190

Approve agreement between the Borough of Bound Brook and Somerset County
for copy and print services for the term January 1-2016-December 31-2016

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

R2015:191

Approve Brown & Brown Insurance as Risk Management Consultant for the
Borough of Bound Brook – January 1-2016 – December 31-2016

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

Unfinished Business

C. President Beverly Pranzatelli-

B1 13.02 Lot 49- Preliminary Investigation prepared by Carlos Rodrigues
Professional Planner is completed.

Property qualifies as an area in need of redevelopment.

Mayor advised that the Planning Board has scheduled a Notice of Hearing for
January 28, 2016.

New Business

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Councilman Gomez:

Council advised that the Fire Department will have an office at Borough Hall On the other side of the building across from the Clerk's office.

Approve Towing Licenses for 2016

- 1) E&N Towing-Bridgewater, NJ
- 2) Mike's Towing & Recovery-Bridgewater, NJ
- 3) R&D Towing- Dunellen, NJ
- 4) Rescue Wreckers-Middlesex, NJ
- 5) Rich's Off Road Towing-Manville, NJ
- 6) Somerset Hills Towing-Bridgewater, NJ
- 7) Spartan Towing-Middlesex, NJ
- 8) Value Towing-Raritan, NJ

Motion: Gomez Second: Petti All in favor: Aye

Approval of Vouchers

R2015:192

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

Open meeting to the public for comments

Fred Holub-518 W. Second St.- He asked what the status was with the redevelopment of the Outback Saloon-West Main Street. Mayor Fazen advised the Reynolds Group has been designated redeveloper for this area and we are moving forward.

Michele DeFazio-606 Church Street

She asked if the issues with Somerset Hills Towing was addressed. Mayor Fazen advised they have been.

R2015:193- @ 8:30 p.m.

Authorize executive session: Pending Litigation; Contract Negotiations

Motion: T. Pranzatelli Second: A. Gomez All in favor: Aye

Regular meeting opened.

A motion was moved by C. Anthony Pranzatelli; second by C. Gomez

Regarding the Notice of Charges- Cheers Restaurant. A Plea of Non-Vult-

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Impose a sixty (60) probation penalty.

A Resolution will be memorialized at the next council meeting.

Adjournment @ 9:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk