

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK-
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2014**

Mayor Mark Hasting called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement, Opening Prayer read by the Borough Clerk followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Mark Hasting	present
Councilman John Paul Levin	absent
Councilman Daniel Wright	present
Councilman Vinnie Petti	present
Councilwoman Lisa Bogart	present
Councilwoman Beverly Pranzatelli	present
Councilman Peter Lazzaro	absent

Also Present:

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk
Judy Verrone, Esq. DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole, LLP, Borough Attorney
Police Chief Michael Jannone
Absent: Randy Bahr, Administrator

Approval of Minutes:

May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes;
C. Wright asked for a correction to the time of his arrival.
Motion moved by C. Bogart; second by C. Wright to approve minutes as corrected; Roll Call: C. Wright-aye; C. Petti-abstain; C. Bogart-aye
C. Pranzatelli- aye
May 27, 2014 Executive Session Minutes: All in favor: Ayes;
C. Pranzatelli-Abstain

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

Dale Leubner reported:
Segment U Repairs completed.
Segment T Repairs- awarded to Rencor- project is underway.
Update on the Southside –Rencor and Meridia- coordination issues worked out. Meridia will be moving inside three weeks hopefully. The trailers will be gone. This is a good sign for the project. The quicker we move toward

the FEMA remapping. The contractor is on page for July, August completion.

FEMA has acknowledged receipt of LOMAR, the remapping of the project. The end of the year completion date.

Dale was asked to research quiet zones. The borough has two crossings; Vosseller and Lamonte. They are to be one half of a mile which does not include the train station itself. The horn is still used in train station areas. The Department of Transportation is the agent for the federal railroad.

An inventory sheet is to be filled out. There is no grant money out there right now. The crossings need to be evaluated. The construction costs would be figured out. Mr. Keady stated that meeting with the DOT is first; then fill out the information sheet.

Councilwoman Bogart asked if it would make more sense to find out what are the quiet zone limitations in terms of the train station before we go into the inventory sheet. Dale agreed.

Mr. Keady provided an update on the Road Program Design – Received comments back by the DOT; awaiting approval; finalize and advertise. The engineers were excused.

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. –none

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Andrew Rehm- Plymouth MA

Mr. Rehm understood the town is looking to redo the Special Improvement District. He asked if it was going to be the way it was done before, which he felt was a fiasco. It places an extra tax on persons within the special improvement district.

He stated that he sold Frascella's Liquors six years ago, which has been in the family since 1894. He stated that all the people that want to improve Main Street never come downtown to shop; yet they want to put another tax burden on the people for the SID. This is not a fair shake for the people who live on that end of town.

Councilwoman Pranzatelli advised meetings are scheduled all summer long with business owners downtown discussing a SID. We want the input. She encouraged Mr. Rehm to attend the meetings.

Councilwoman Pranzatelli noted that it is very important to improve the downtown; make it attractive, a viable downtown with new residents coming in to the downtown.

She noted that she has a business downtown and personally spends a lot of time downtown.

Mr. Rehm noted that the town should have the data from the previous SID. Councilwoman Pranzatelli stated that it was before the 1999 major flood in Bound Brook. She advised that at this stage we are thinking the SID out; no decisions have been made as of yet.

Mr. Rehm inquired about the persons that bought Frascella's Liquors. They are before the planning board for the relocation to the corner of Main and John Street. He understood the store is required to be six feet above grade.

Mayor Hasting advised that it is, because of the flood zone.

The flood maps will be redrawn when the levee is completed and certified by the Army Corp. If you have questions on this application you may attend the planning board meeting scheduled for Thursday June 12.

Joe Gullia- 642 Winsor Street-Deputy Fire Chief

Mr. Gullia wanted to let the council know what he has been hearing on the street and seeing on the bound brook forum website. The fire department is taking a huge beating about the carnival and the Billian Foundation pulling their funding. This was not our intention. We wanted to keep this event in town and Billian Park offered a large area for the carnival.

Mayor Hasting advised that he never thought that was the fire department's intent. He encouraged the firemen's carnival to stay in town.

Mr. Gullia felt that the large "M" and the signs on the side of the Meridia development downtown just killed the look of the building. It looks like a hotel. He asked if that was in the original plans of the building.

Mayor Hasting advised that the original plans before the Planning Board would have to be reviewed.

Councilwoman Bogart thanked the fire department for holding the carnival to raise funds. Also, the coin toss fundraisers that the department holds do take additional time above and beyond the volunteer duties.

Advertised hearings or special presentations –

Mayor Hasting advised that Meridia and Diversified Realty are to give a presentation for the redevelopment of the Downtown Redevelopment Area at the June 24, 2014 regular council meeting.

The consensus of the council agreed to have both developers present at the June 24th council meeting.

Opening of bids - None

Introduction of ordinances - None

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: - None

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

R2014: 77

Approve the renewal of 2014-2015 liquor licenses

Motion moved by C. Pranzatelli Second: C. Bogart

All in favor: Ayes

R2014: 78

Approve a professional services contract award to Realty Appraisal Company for inspection services relating to the annual reassessment

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

R2014: 79

Relieve the moratorium on Bound Brook roads for the purpose of PSE&G work to upgrade and improve gas mains damaged during Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy

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

Discussion: Mayor Hasting advised those streets that will be done.

PSE&G will do the work and our borough engineer will inspect. This will begin in July. PSE&G will send out notices, door knockers and postings.

They will also have a call center.

Police Chief advised that all roads by the schools should be done first. A

meeting with PSE&G will be set up. All in favor: Ayes

R2014:80

Approve the submission of the 2013 Tonnage Report to Somerset County to be sent to the NJDEP

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

R2014: 81

Accept the retirement of Lt. Stephen Spolarich effective December 1, 2014

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

Unfinished Business

- Historic Preservation Ordinance-Committee recommendations
Councilwoman Bogart advised that the committee continues to meet. There are a lot of moving pieces and we will move forward in making decisions and recommendations.

- Suggested amendments to Special Improvement District Ordinance
Councilwoman Pranzatelli stated that the appendix listing all the businesses is not complete yet.

The borough attorney Judy Verrone advised that she did research on having designated areas downtown for smoking. This request was brought forward by Councilwoman Pranzatelli at the last council meeting.

Attorney Judy Verrone stated that there is a rational basis to remove second hand smoke from people on public sidewalks. C. Petti noted that we should look into how many areas downtown we can designate for smoking.

Mayor Hasting questioned the enforcement.

Councilwoman Pranzatelli asked if we could place “No Littering” signs, it would be very helpful.

Councilwoman Bogart noted that we may want to see how redevelopment turns out; wait sometime on this; different patterns may develop.

Councilmember’s felt it should not go down this road yet.

Councilwoman Pranzatelli asked if council would approve a few signs for “No Littering” downtown. C. Petti suggested having more containers placed downtown for cigarette butts. It was questioned whether the town or the business should provide the containers. C. Petti stated that it should be a joint effort.

Police Chief Jannone advised of a meeting with Manville regarding litter control. It would cost \$80/month to help us once a week with litter control. Police Chief Jannone stated at the present time the Code Enforcement Office is lacking manpower and the police department is overburdened. The monthly report for code violations/property maintenance complaints was reviewed. For the month of May it picked up a lot for the entire borough.

Mayor Hasting advised that Councilman Levin is absent, the liaison to the code enforcement department. The committee is reviewing the hire of either full or part time for the code enforcement office.

C. Petti noted with the summertime coming, we should move forward with the “no littering” signs for the downtown and a hire for the zoning office. Chief Jannone stated that it cannot hurt to place the “no littering” signs. The Chief complained that Rubinetti Disposal is making a mess with the collection of garbage for the town. He suggested having the public works department take refuse back to the borough to inspect as to who is dumping garbage. C. Wright stated that he would be more than happy to help with the public works side to this.

Chief Jannone stated that decisions need to be made in the code department to get the job done.

New Business

Billian Foundation seeking approval for fifteen (15) benches to be installed at Billian-Legion Park.

Mayor Hasting advised there would be no action at this time.

According to the engineer, a three foot deep footing may not be advisable at this time. The consensus of council agreed.

Approve a Special Event Permit Application: None

Approve a Firemen’s Membership Application: None

Added: Jennifer Gerhartz- Fire Co. No. 1

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

Open to the public for comments

No public comment.

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R2014: 82 – Adjourn to session at 8:20 p.m.

Executive Session: (Personnel; Contracts;)

Action may be taken after session.

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

Agenda session opened at 8:35 p.m.

C. Wright moved several resolutions for the Public Works Department-

- Promote Vinnie Orofino to Working Foreman .
- Request an extension of the shared services agreement with Somerset County for management services to July 31st.
- Begin the process for the hire of one (1) full time laborer and two (2) part-time laborers.

Second moved by C. Pranzatelli

All in favor: Ayes

Adjourn agenda meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Motion moved by C. Petti; second by C. Bogart

All in favor: Ayes

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk

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