

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

Council President Lisa Bogart called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. A reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement followed and Opening Prayer read by the Borough Clerk followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Mark Hasting	absent-arrived at 8:00 p.m.
Councilman John Paul Levin	present
Councilman Daniel Wright	present
Councilman Vinnie Petti	present
Councilwoman Lisa Bogart	present
Councilwoman Beverly Pranzatelli	present
Councilman Peter Lazzaro	present

Also Present:

Randy Bahr, Administrator

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk

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

Police Chief Michael Jannone –Police Department

Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2014 Agenda Meeting

September 9, 2014 Executive Session for content only- carried over to next meeting

Motion: C. Levin Second: C. Lazzaro

C. Levin asked for an amendment to the minutes regarding discussion of Ordinance 2014:08 Amendments to the Special Improvement District.

Councilwoman Pranzatelli stated that we have been talking about the SID since May. He agreed but he asked that the minutes reflect that he has been asking questions before that and some of the answers were still not received.

All in favor: Ayes

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. none

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

No public comment.

Committee reports

Finance: C. Peter Lazzaro

Councilman had nothing new to report. He noted that at some point the governing body should follow-up with Mr. Bahr on the recommendation of the audit report.

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-C. Daniel Wright

Councilman distributed the August report. He noted that the tree trimming service was heavy for the month. He recognized public works foreman Vinnie Orofino being present and he is doing a very good job in the department. He thanked the department for all their help with the Riverfest Event.

Councilwoman Bogart noted that the department helped Bound Brook shine.

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

Councilman read the August activity report into the record of minutes.

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- C. Lisa Bogart –

Councilwoman advised that the PBA agreement is on the agenda for further discussion and adoption.

Economic Development- C. Beverly Pranzatelli

Councilwoman reported that the Riverfest Street Fair was well attended. Kerry Miller asked that she present the street fair program and point out the number of organizations that participated. She advised that we had to turn away participants because we did not have enough spots. Next year we hope to have a larger fair so everyone can participate.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- C. John Paul Levin

Councilman thanked the EDAC for doing a good job with the Riverfest event. He read his monthly report into the record of minutes.

He stated that he would like to offer comments and have them put on record. I believe the borough should put a stop to all negativity that is going around from the borough. There are rumors that certain councilmember's are putting a lot of negativity on the code and maintenance department.

He commended the department for doing a good job along with the police and public works working together.

He would like to put on record to date that 82 violations were issued in the amount of \$37,200. In comparison, September 2013 there was a total of 114 inspections and so far this September 2014 there were 229 inspections. The department is working real hard making sure the town is cleaned up and following up with public works and the police department.

He advised if there are any questions you can speak with me or Administrator Randy Bahr.

Introduction of ordinances -

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK  
ORDINANCE NO.2014:10**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AS A GENERAL  
IMPROVEMENT THE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE  
ROOF ON THE BEN MAGGIO RECREATION BUILDING AND ALSO  
THE PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT  
FOR THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND APPROPRIATING  
\$163,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE "CAPITAL FUND BALANCE" OF  
SAID BOROUGH**

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

Discussion: Mr. Bahr advised this is a portion of the capital program which incorporates equipment for fire, police and public works department and the Ben Maggio building at Codrington park.

C. John Paul Levin\_y\_\_C. Daniel Wright \_y\_\_C. Vinnie Petti \_y\_\_

C. Lisa Bogart y\_\_C. Beverly Pranzatelli\_y\_\_C. Peter Lazzaro\_y\_\_

Second Reading: October 14, 2014

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: -

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK  
County of Somerset

ORDINANCE NO. 2014:07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ., TO EXECUTE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND QUEENS GATE APARTMENTS URBAN RENEWAL, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON LOT 1.02 IN BLOCK 68 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND LOCATED IN THE TEA STREET/MIDDLE BROOK REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Motion to open to public: C. Levin    Second: C. Petti

Public Comment: no comment

Motion to close public comment: C. Petti    Second: C. Pranzatelli

Motion to adopt: C. Petti    Second: C. Wright

Roll Call:

C. John Paul Levin\_y\_\_C. Daniel Wright \_y\_\_C. Vinnie Petti \_y\_\_

C. Lisa Bogart \_y\_\_C. Beverly Pranzatelli \_\_y\_\_C. Peter Lazzaro \_\_y\_\_

Ordinance Adopted.

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK  
County of Somerset

ORDINANCE NO. 2014:09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXIV, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Motion to open to public: C. Lazzaro    Second: C. Petti

Public Comment: none

Motion to close public comment: C. Petti    Second: C. Pranzatelli

Motion to adopt: C. Pranzatelli    Second: C. Levin

Roll Call:

C. John Paul Levin\_y\_\_C. Daniel Wright \_y\_\_C. Vinnie Petti \_y\_\_

C. Lisa Bogart \_\_y\_\_C. Beverly Pranzatelli \_y\_\_C. Peter Lazzaro \_\_y\_\_

Ordinance Adopted.

Resolutions for final reading and final consideration:

R2014: 131

Authorize settlement of disciplinary charges filed against the Bound Brook Hotel

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

R2014: 132

Approve the certification of the 2013 Annual Audit

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

R2014: 133

Authorize the tax collector to issue refund on 2014 tax overpayment 807 Mountain Avenue. Block 95/Lot 12

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

R2014: 134

Approve the PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

Unfinished Business

R. Bahr-American Legion Park Committee

Mr. Bahr advised per the agreement establishing the American Legion/Bound Brook Public Trust Fund; it states that a committee is appointed.

Two such members shall be members of the council or their designees.

Mr. Bahr advised that as soon as we have those names we can begin meeting with the American Legion and communicate with the Billian Foundation.

Mr. Bahr will research back records. Councilman Levin volunteered to be on the committee. Mr. Bahr is the ex-officio of the committee. He will reach out to the Recreation Commission as to a member who would like to volunteer for this committee.

Councilwoman Pranzatelli asked for a status on the ARC Proposal. Mr. Bahr advised that he would have this ready for the next council meeting for approval.

New Business

Councilman Levin suggested the borough write a proclamation to recognize Spanish Heritage Month which began September 15-through October 15-2014 for the October 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting. He thought this would be a nice idea since we just had the President of Costa Rica visit Bound Brook in our celebration of Costa Rican Independence Day. He thanked the police, public works and rescue for their assistance. The event went very well.

Councilman Petti reported that PSE&G is replacing new poles and he expressed his concerns about how long the dirt is going to sit along side the poles.

Mr. Bahr advised once the old poles are removed that dirt goes in and they will replace the concrete and whatever else needs to be replaced.

Mr. Bahr advised that this may take several months.

Mr. Bahr advised that he is in constant contact with PSE&G.

Councilwoman Bogart advised that she received an e-mail today from a potential redeveloper who would like to meet with the council to discuss any potential opportunities downtown. She met the redeveloper on Costa Rican Independence Day when we had the President of Costa Rica in Bound Brook.

She suggested a preliminary meeting. Mayor Hasting, Administrator Randy Bahr and Councilwoman Pranzatelli, Chair of the Economic Development will meet.

Approval of Vouchers

R2014: 135

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

Open meeting to the public for comments

Sergeant Robert Lavin- Police Department

On behalf of the PBA Local 380 we appreciate the council's time specifically council committee Bogart, Petti and Wright. We negotiated a

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contract in good faith and we hope to continue a good relationship in the future.

Mayor Hasting stated that he appreciates their services for the community. Councilwoman Bogart stated that we came to a wonderful, fast conclusion for both sides.

R2014: 136

Authorize executive session at 8:05 p.m. for (Litigation; )

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

Action will be taken.

Regular meeting opened at 8:22 p.m.

R2014:137

Resolution authorizing execution of Tolling Agreement and Settlement of Claims in the matter of Officer Jeffrey Dewar vs. Borough of Bound Brook

Motion: C. Pranzatelli    Second: C. Petti

All in favor: Ayes

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk

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