

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 28, 2014**

Mayor Mark Hasting 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	present
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:

October 14, 2014 Agenda Meeting; Executive Session October 14, 2014
Carried over to meeting of October 28, 2014.

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. –none

Alberto Torregozza Board of Health member advised he was present to
inform the governing body that Kevin Sumner Middlebrook Regional Health
Commission Officer is giving a brief report for the town on the E-Bola and
Enterovirus.

Mayor Hasting deferred the discussion to later when Mr. Sumner arrives.

Council President Lisa Bogart presented a proclamation to Mayor
Hasting recognizing his service.

His wife Shawn and two children were present.

Mayor Hasting thanked the council and the residents. It has been a privilege
to serve and a great honor.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Hal Dietrich-639 Central Avenue

He extended an invitation to the Mayor and Council for a Veterans Day Mass scheduled for November 9th at 8 a.m. at St. Josephs Church and services at Memorial Park at 11 a.m. on November 11th .

The public is welcome.

John Buckley 232 West Main Street

He thanked Mayor Hasting for his service as interim mayor.

He stated that Phyliss Pournaras sends a thank you as well.

Carol Holub-518 West Second Street

She asked if Meridia has rented any apartments yet.

Mr. Bahr advised that there is no certificate of occupancy yet.

The timeline is to move residents in November 1st.

She addressed a concern to Councilwoman Pranzatelli referencing the Special Improvement District.

In order to get people to shop and bring business into the downtown the store fronts need to be cleaned up.

Councilman Levin advised that we can look at private funding for the “Pardon Our Appearance” program. Also the enforcement of how much window is to be vacant is being conducted by our officer. This process does take time.

Ms. Holub recognized Lt. Rivenbark for all his help with the downtown.

She stated that Mayor Hasting did a good job during his term and to not give up politics.

Roseann Short-169 Cherry Avenue

She thanked Mayor Hasting for a good job as interim mayor.

She expressed her concerns about the taxes going up and does not feel we are not getting anything back.

She stated that the train station is very important. Also, the Bound Brook Hotel needs to be cleaned up and there is no excuse that our businesses cannot keep their stores clean.

Dave Dobby-President of Fire Co. No. 4

He advised that the department celebrated their 100th anniversary. A service recognition was given out to the mayor and councilmember's. Mayor Hasting thanked the fire company for their service.

Mary Patton – 751 Watchung Road

She asked about the taxes on the Meridia Property. Mayor Hasting advised when we receive the certificate of occupancy they begin paying the pilot payment in lieu of taxes. They are currently paying taxes on the value of the land.

John Buckley-232 West Main Street

He acknowledged the Boy Scouts, police department and the football team for cleaning up the downtown on “Make A Difference Day”. This was very encouraging and positive to see Bound Brook residents starting to get together.

Alberto Torregozza-Board of Health member

He thanked Councilman Wright for the opportunity to present to the council a brief health report to be given by Health Officer Kevin Sumner. Mayor Hasting stated that we will hold this off to public comment later on the agenda.

Phil Fiadino-517 Carleton Street

He advised in terms of health there was no soap in the men's room. With the entire virus going around he would appreciate it if the borough would take care of that.

Mayor Hasting gave the floor to the Board of Health. Kevin Sumner Middlebrook Regional Health Officer was present. Councilman Wright informed the governing body that he asked the board of health to attend and report on what all is hearing on the Ebola and Entero Virus. Mr. Sumner provided a brief report on both viruses. Mr. Sumner advised that the most important is to wash your hands. Please keep your children home from school and get your flu shot.

Committee reports

Finance: C. Peter Lazzaro – No report

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

The monthly activity report for September was distributed. He noted that there is an error on leaf collection posted on the website which will be corrected.

The department is doing very well with the hiring of two part-time laborers and getting back up to speed.

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

He read the September monthly activity report into the record of minutes. He advised the Moose Lodge asked him to make an announcement that they presented \$500.00 to the Police Department for “Make A Difference Day” and \$2,000 to the Fire Department.

He thanked Lt. Kevin Rivenbark for his hard work at “Make A Difference Day”. He also thanked the fire and rescue departments.

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- C. Lisa Bogart – no report

Economic Development- C. Beverly Pranzatelli

She provided a report from the EDAC on the Riverfest Event.

The members raised 5,150 in sponsorships and spent 2,042 on publicity-supplies. The estimate cost to the town was \$1,900.00.

The EDAC gave back over \$1,000.00 following the street fair. They raised more than they spent.

She informed that Ray Mikell-downtown consultant has been interviewing business and property owners regarding the SID Board and has been very successful. She noted the several businesses complaining at the last council about are now on board.

She thanked Lt. Rivenbark for his help on “Make a Difference Day”.

Mayor Hasting advised that the referrals from the downtown consultant will be addressed over to the personnel committee for review.

A councilmember will then make recommendation to the council of the appointment.

Councilman Levin suggested a synopsis of the SID which would have the requirements and qualifications of what you are looking for to be on the Board.

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

Councilman Levin read monthly activity report for September into the record.

He advised that the final inspection for Meridia is expected on Thursday. The Construction Official will conduct a major walkthrough and expect the Certificate of Occupancy on Friday.

Introduction of ordinances -

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: -

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, on October 14, 2014.

TITLE: B2014:11
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND
 BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW
 JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS
 IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF
 BOUND BROOK AND APPROPRIATING \$2,225,000
 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE
 OF \$1,848,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
 BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO FINANCE THE
 SAME

Purpose(s):

- (a) Improvements to Codrington Park, including, without limitation, rehabilitation of tennis courts;
- (b) Sanitary Sewer Basin 4 Rehabilitation Project, including, without limitation, rehabilitation to the sanitary sewers and manholes within the basin 4 area;
- (c) Reconstruction of Church Street from Route 28 to Franklin Street to a Class A standard, as provided in the Local Bond Law;
- (d) Reconstruction of various streets to a Class A standard, as provided in the Local Bond Law, including, without limitation, Chestnut Street (Central Avenue to Church Street), Watchung Road (Wahnetah Drive to Maple Avenue), Park Place (West High to West Second) and Hardy Avenue (West Second Street to Wheatland Avenue); and including all work and materials necessary therefore or incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$2,225,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,848,000

Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$290,000

Section 20 Costs: \$ 445,000

Useful Life: 18.45 Years

Motion to open to public: C. Petti Second: C. Levin All in favor: Ayes

Public comment by John Buckley-232 West Main Street and Mary Patton-571 Watchung Road

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

All in favor: Ayes

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 passed.

Resolutions for final reading and final consideration:

R2014: 144

Approve Change Order No. 1 to Black Rock Enterprises, LLC for the 2013 Road Reconstruction Project

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

Unfinished Business- None

New Business

Mary Patton- Shade Tree Chairperson-

Proposed Ordinance Change to Land Use Code Section 21.9.15.d.15.d

Incorporate the latest revision of Trees for New Jersey Streets.

She advised that the current ordinance identifies specific trees and the problem is nearly 90% are too large. The current ordinance states that no trees are to be planted under power lines.

PSE&G and Trees for New Jersey Streets, a publication of New Jersey Shade Tree Federation provides a list of trees recommended for planting. She recommended trees designated for under wire use in the latest edition of "Trees for New Jersey Streets" and acceptable species shall include those identified in the latest edition of Trees for New Jersey Streets. Mayor Hasting advised that an amendment will be introduced at the next council meeting. This amendment would then go over the Planning Board for a 45 day period of review. After comments/recommendations are received from the Planning Board then it will be placed on for a second reading.

Randy Bahr-Administrator-Chief Financial Officer

Best Practices Worksheet CY2014/SFY2015

Mr. Bahr advised that this has been filed with the state. The state requires that the governing body has reviewed the worksheet and this is noted at a council meeting.

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

Approve the Bound Brook RiverFest Street Fair Contract for
September 26, 2015

Councilwoman Pranzatelli asked for a support of the date for next year. The contract and permits would be approved next year.

Judy Verrone, borough attorney advised that the contract looks the same except with respect to include amendment and not for profit not charged more than \$30.00.

Resolution supporting the date moved by C. Bogart, second by C. Petti; All in favor: Ayes

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Mayor Hasting- announced
Planning Board Appointment-
Roger Ford- Alternate No. 1- Term Expires December 31- 2014

For Approval: Special Event Permit Application

Bound Brook Rescue Squad-Coin Toss

Location: East Main & Hamilton Streets; Vosseller Avenue & Union
Avenue

East & West-Mountain Avenue North & South of Union

Date: November 28 -29-2014;

Time: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Raindate: December 6, 2014

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

Approval of Vouchers

R2014: 145

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

Open meeting to the public for comments

Joe Gullia-542 Winsor Street- Deputy Fire Chief

He thanked the Moose Lodge for their donation.

He expressed his concern about the certificate of occupancy for the Meridia Building. He had concerns about wires along the front of the building for fire truck accessibility.

Mayor Hasting advised that the Safety Committee will meet to address this concern.

Robert Fazen-570 Watchung Road

He recommended including the contractor in the meeting.

Phil Fiadino -517 Carleton Street

He agreed that this should be looked into. This is a safety and aesthetic issue.

He thanked Mary Patton, Shade Tree Chairperson on the variety of trees being planted in town.

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He asked who directs Public Service when they trim the trees around the wires. They are the ugliest looking trees. He stated that there is a way to trim trees without affecting the aesthetics.

Mr. Bahr advised that Public Service hires tree experts to trim the trees.

Roseann Short-169 Cherry Avenue

She expressed her concerns about the fire department's comments about the wires at the Meridia Building.

She felt that the Construction, Police and Fire Departments should be involved right from the beginning of the project.

Police Chief Jannone

He advised that none of us have been involved with the Meridia Plans.

Now they want to talk when we start having these issues.

The developer wants more attention to law enforcement to the downtown on the backs of the taxpayers.

Councilman Petti thanked Mayor Hasting for his service and wished him the best.

R2014: 146 -

Authorize executive session for (Personnel; Negotiations;) at 9:15 p.m.

Motion moved by C. Wright; Second by C. Petti;

All in favor: Ayes

Adjournment at 9:50 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk