

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK-
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 9, 2014 - 7:30 PM**

Mayor Robert 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. John Paul Levin	present
C. Daniel Wright	present
C. Vinnie Petti	present
C. President Lisa Bogart	present
C. Beverly Pranzatelli	present
C. Peter Lazzaro	present

Also Present: Deputy Clerk - Cynthia Piano
Engineer - Dale Leubner, T & M Associates
Borough Attorney - Judy Verrone
Chief - Michael Jannone

Resolution:

R2014:165

Authorize the hire of Kyle Patrick Morrison as Bound Brook Police Officer

Moved by C. Bogart and Seconded by C. Petti with all in favor
Mayor Robert Fazen administered the Oath of Office.

Chief Michael Jannone stated that after extensive interviewing and a background process the Bound Brook Police Department selected Kyle Morrison, a lifelong resident of Middlesex Boro, to become a Police Officer for the Borough of Bound Brook. Kyle graduated from Immaculata High School in 2006 and Wagner College in 2013. He holds a BA in Sociology with a concentration in Criminal Justice and Social Work. He will graduate from the Bergen County Police Academy on December 19, 2014, thus obtaining a certification from NJ State Police Training.

Approval of Minutes:

November 25, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2014 Executive Session Minutes For Content Only

Tabled until next meeting of December 16, 2014 since all members did not receive a copy.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor had 3 informational items:

1. He went to Somerset County this afternoon and received a check for \$1,000 for a great program – Boys Council Grant – from the Bound Brook/South Bound Brook Youth Services Commission.
2. Bound Brook High School is accepting donations toward “Project Graduation.” Project Graduation provides a safe, enjoyable environment for Bound Brook High School graduates on their graduation night. Checks can be made payable to: Bound Brook High School to help assist in the funding of this program.
3. American Cyanamid property is continuing to be cleaned up and part of the property is in Bound Brook (5-6 acres). Mayor spoke to a representative from Pfizer and was told they are putting plans together for the cleanup. Part of the 5-6 acres can be part of a plan for a parking lot for a nature preserve. Important thing is Pfizer would have to provide access via vehicles either over or under the train tracks. If this happens, it would further help the development along the Raritan River.

Engineers Report – T&M Associates

Dale Leubner provided an update on the Army Corps project – they are doing some work on the transit parking lot while Public Service relocates some lines on Main Street. Dale has been in touch with the Army Corps to clean up the Billian Park parking lot. He has requested several times that they vacate the lot. He will continue to stay on top of this issue. Work at Billian Park is complete, so there is no need to have their equipment there.

Robert Keady spoke on the 2013 Road Improvement Program and said it is getting near completion. Grove Avenue & Wahnetah Drive have been based paved and should be surfaced paved by next week. All is weather permitting.

2014 Road Improvement Program – getting ready to initiate the design. Anticipated for the Spring.

Questions/Concerns were addressed to the Engineer by Mayor and Council members.

Councilman Levin offered comments on the Christmas parade. He wanted to say thank you so much to "Santa Clause". He also thanked the PBA, Queens Gate Apartments, Rescue Squad, Fire Department and Sami's Landscaping. Mayor Fazen thanked Councilmen Levin for all he did in helping to coordinate all the nice things that occurred that evening.

Open to the Public

Carol Holub – 518 West Second St – Asked how many apartments have been rented at Meridia? Mayor responded that 21 leases have been signed. There are 4 floors and each have 30 units. Three people have moved in at this time, but more were going to move in by the end of the year and next year.

Carol Holub also brought up the subject of graffiti. She noticed graffiti on the underpass coming from South Bound Brook into Bound Brook. Also, there is graffiti on the base of a lamppost on the corner of Vosseller Avenue & Union Avenue. Mayor will check on this.

Carol Holub stated on the east side of the Meridia Apartments there is a bank going up and there are trees sticking up from it. Mayor responded that both sides of the street will be cleaned up.

John Buckley – 232 West Main Street – Graffiti was also noticed on a stop sign at the corner of LaMonte Avenue & West Main Street. Councilman Levin said this is already being looked in to.

John Buckley also stated that the other side of West Main Street where you cross the tracks on Vosseller Avenue, there is a 4 inch dip. This can cause damage to vehicles. Feels NJ Transit should be alerted and address the situation.

John Buckley inquired if the Borough heard anything from Somerset County regarding their schedule for road improvements. Mayor Fazen will address Mr. Buckley's concerns.

Carol Holub is concerned about the Billian property. Asked how the historical commission is doing. Councilwoman Bogart stated members will be appointed to the commission January 1, 2015.

Resolutions:

R2014:166

Approve Budget Transfers

Moved by C. Lazzaro and Seconded by C. Levin with all in favor

R2014:167

Authorize Finance Officer to issue a refund for overpayment 4th Qtr Taxes

Moved by C. Wright and Seconded by C. Petti with all in favor

R2014:168

Approve Cafe Imperial Notice of Charges Settlement Agreement

Moved by C. Pranzatelli and Seconded by C. Petti

Discussion:

The Mayor and Council reviewed sections of the agreement with the Borough Attorney and the consensus of the Council agreed to change one section of the agreement: whereas on or before June 30, 2015 the Café Imperial must meet with the Police Department.

All in Favor: Ayes

Abstain: C. Pranzatelli

R2014:169

Approve a new Limousine License to Asra Limo, LLC

Moved by C. Bogart and Seconded by C. Petti with all in favor

R2014:170

Support the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2014 Year End Holiday Crackdown

Moved by C. Wright and Seconded by C. Petti with all in favor

Unfinished Business:

C. Levin expressed his concerns about the Good Times Tavern possibly losing their liquor license. He spoke with the Attorney General at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission in Trenton. We do not know when that license will be resolved. C. Levin recommends to the Mayor and Council to try to see if the Borough can salvage this license in any way. Mayor Fazen agreed, but the reason the Good Times Tavern is being reviewed is that the owner did not renew for the past two years. Thus, the licensee has to do something, not the Borough.

C. Levin recommended for 2015 to the Mayor and Council and future Council if they see a license in jeopardy, or a business owner who needs a little more guidance, to help because we cannot afford to lose a liquor license.

New Business:

- Mayor announced that the Request for Qualifications for 2015 Professionals has been received.
Submissions are available for review in the Clerk's Office.
C. Pranzatelli advised that the interviewing of the professionals is taking place. Mayor Fazen asked for feedback by January 1, 2015.
- Reorganization Meeting – Date & Time
Fire Department Ceremony will be held at 11:00am
at the Wine Room.
Reorganization Meeting will be held at 12:00
in Council Chambers.
Moved by C. Levin and Seconded by C. Pranzatelli with all in favor
- Councilwoman Beverly Pranzatelli announced a fundraiser will be held
- at the Bound Brook High School on Friday, December 12, 2014 for the family of a Bound Brook student, Leslie Ramirez, who succumbed to brain cancer at the age of 13 on November 11, 2014 after a courageous 4 year battle. She asked that this be placed on the bulletin board and website.
- Mayor Robert Fazen requested the Borough Clerk to submit a letter by December 15, 2014 to the Billian Foundation in order to request funding for the maintenance of Billian Park.

Open to the Public for Comments:

Tony Pranzatelli – 108 Maple Avenue – He asked if the Borough checked with the Boy Scouts on flags. The Mayor responded that the Boy Scouts don't have any flags.

Able Gomez – 516 West Second Street – Suggested that better controls be put in place so the flags are not lost.

C. Levin – Agreed that the Borough needs to be more diligent.

Mary Chang – 295 West High Street - She advised that the Good Times licensee was her tenant. He did not follow the law. Mayor Fazen stated that he would talk to Ms. Chang.

C. Levin – Stated that he does not want the Borough to lose the liquor license.

Michelle DeFazio – 603 Church Street - She asked if there would be enough room at the reorganization meeting to accommodate the new Fire Chief's being sworn in. Mayor Fazen will speak with the Fire Chief. Chief Jannone advised they will go over the Court room occupancy per the fire capacity code.

Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:40 pm

Moved by V. Petti and Seconded by B. Pranzatelli with all in favor

Meeting Opened at 9:15 pm

A resolution was moved by C. Bogart and Seconded by C. Petti
RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDITIONAL DESIGNATION OF MERIDIA,
LLC, A CAPODAGLI PROPERTY COMPANY, LLC AS REDEVELOPER FOR
PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX BLOCK 1, LOTS 57 & 70, ALSO KNOWN AS 408
EAST MAIN STREET, LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT
AREA FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Mayor Fazen opened for discussion. Questions were addressed by the Mayor and Council members. Mr. Frank Regan responded to all.

All in Favor: Ayes

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 9:20 pm

Moved by C. Petti and Seconded by C. Pranzatelli

All in Favor: Aye

Respectfully submitted

Cynthia A. Piano

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Deputy Borough Clerk