

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 26, 2013**

Mayor Pilato 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 Carey Pilato	present
Councilman Mark Hasting	absent
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli	present
Councilman John Miller	present
Councilman John Paul Levin	present
Councilman Vinnie Petti	present
Councilwoman Lisa Bogart	present

Present:

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk  
Randy Bahr, Administrator  
Borough Attorney James G. O’Donohue, Esq. –Hill-Wallack  
Police Chief Michael Jannone

Mayor Pilato noted that Bound Brook resident Carmella Ford passed away last Thursday. She was heavily involved in lot of different Bound Brook activities.

Approval of Minutes:

March 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
March 12, Executive Session Minutes Approved for Content Only  
Motion moved by C. Levin; second by C. Miller; All in favor: Aye

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. – None

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion –  
No public comment.

Committee reports

Finance: C. Bogart

Councilwoman Bogart advised the committee met with Administrator Randy Bahr. At the next council meeting we will introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget. The preliminary budget will be sent out to all council members for their review.

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Mayor Pilato advised that in April we will have the introduction of the budget and in May will be the public hearing on the budget. A summary will be published and available for the public to review prior to public hearing. The budget will be published ten (10) days prior to the public hearing date.

In between the introduction and adoption of the budget the council will schedule a budget workshop meeting to review the budget line by line.

C. Bogart noted that she will coordinate with committee and councilmember's on the availability dates for a budget workshop meeting.

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-C. Petti – no report

Public Safety (Police & Fire)- C. Hasting – absent

Councilman Petti read the February police activity report into the record of minutes.

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- C. Pranzatelli-

C. Pranzatelli advised that the committee met and the draft of a personnel policy procedures manual will be ready for the council by the next meeting. Mayor Pilato recommended the first meeting in May for the council to review the manual

Economic Development- C. Levin

C. Levin advised that the Economic Development Advisory Committee met and had their reorganization. Mr. Howard Wagner is the Chairperson; John Gayeski is the Vice-Chairperson and Jim Lefkowitz is the Secretary. The meeting date for the committee will be the third Wednesday of the month.

C. Levin noted he would be meeting tomorrow with Jim Kennedy and the company Wisdom Media regarding window displays relating to a Pardon Our Appearance Program. Following that meeting will be further discussion on Bound Brook holding a River fest on Main Street. We will proceed with contacting production companies to help produce it. We will also discuss ground breaking ceremonies, the when and where and opportunities/strategies.

Also regarding economic development community and neighborhood, he met with Bound Brook High School principal Dr. Gallagher regarding a civil air control junior cadets program. We are looking at a date in May to hold an assembly for the grades 6 through 10<sup>th</sup> independently for the presentation on a civil air control- junior cadets program. On April 17 the Economic Development Committee will meet at the EDAC meeting to discuss possible sites for landscaping of the medians around town.

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The sites to be looked at are the Bolmer Site north of the roundabout; the clock at the roundabout, the memorial monument along Vosseller Avenue, the train station plaza, tea street and borough hall. We are looking at contacting different landscaping companies to donate their time to maintain these sites.

Mayor Pilato asked about the Farmers Market. C. Levin advised he had a phone call with Karen Fritz the organizer of the market. We discussed marketing it better; more vendors. We may promote it at the Bike Race to get a head start.

Mayor Pilato noted that Ms. Fritz has not come forward with the event application yet. In the past the market has run from June through October. From a downtown perspective the farmers market draws a lot of foot traffic.

C. Levin also advised that we may contact the school wrestling or football team about holding a fundraiser alongside the market.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- C. Miller

C. Miller read the February Activity Report into the record of minutes.

Building Department - 43 permits

Construction Costs- \$115,742.00

Number of inspections- 194

Subcode Fees- \$7,771.00

Housing Inspections- 74

Property Maintenance Inspections- 11

Fire Inspections- 7

Totals- 296 –

Advertised hearings or special presentations –

BB Jack's Taxi -Attorney George Goceljeck, Esq. representing Jack Gonzalez

R2013-48 : Taxi License Hearing Order and Resolution

Mayor Pilato announced that the hearing has been postponed to the regular meeting of April 23, 2013.

Mr. O'Donohue borough attorney advised that the council will wait to see what happens in municipal court on the violation charges. This may avoid a hearing.

Mayor Pilato advised that the council hold on to their materials that were distributed for the hearing matter.

Introduction of ordinances - none

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: - none

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Resolutions for final reading and final consideration:

R2013: 49

Proclaim April 10, 2013 as Jean Finlayson Day –Bound Brook Library Advisory Board

Motion: C. Miller      Second: C. Levin

Mayor Pilato noted that Jean has been one of our esteemed teachers in the school system. In addition she has served on the library board for 40 years in various capacities. She asked last year to step down. I commend her for her service to the community.

All in favor: Aye

R2013: 50

Authorize the tax collector to issue a tax overpayment for 348 Vosseller Avenue

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

R2013: 51

Authorize the Tax Assessor and Tax Appeal Counsel to file corrective appeals on behalf of the Borough with the Somerset County Board of Taxation and/or the New Jersey Tax Court

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

R2013: 52

Authorize settlement of 2010, 2011 and 2012 Tax Appeals filed by Philip and Rita Lopa for property known as 60 South Main Street-Block 1, Lot 69

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

R2013: 53

Approve a tax appeal refund for Block 13, Lot 7- Piccone

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

R2013: 54

Approve the acceptance of site plan maintenance bond and release of the performance bond –Valvoline Service Center- 419 West Union Avenue

Motion: C. Bogart      Second: C. Levin

All in favor: Aye    Abstain: C. Miller

R2013: 55

Oppose Senate Bill S-2364 and Assembly Bill A3553 propose to create a system of early voting in the State of New Jersey

Motion: C. Levin      Second: C. Miller

Motion to Table: C. Pranzatelli; second by C. Petti

C. Pranzatelli stated should we debate this since we are short one councilmember this evening. Also the Senate and the Assembly have passed the bill. It is on the Governor's desk at this time. The actual costs are unknown.

Mayor Pilato advised that the documentation from the New Jersey League of Municipalities has opposed this bill. The legislation states that we will have to set up a voting station 15 days in advance of the election. This includes the districts and personnel. The county does not pay this, we do. The cost right now for each Election Day is \$1,500 to 2,000 for each Election Day. The way I read this is \$30,000 cost to the taxpayers. He felt we should pass the resolution so the assembly and the governor know the opinion of Bound Brook.

C. Pranzatelli advised that his read of this bill is based on the amount of polling places is based on the population of the county. Somerset County would require 5 voting places. He was very doubtful Bound Brook would be required to have one. We do not know the costs and procedures. If the council wishes not to table he is willing to debate it. We should leave this up to the Governor.

Mayor Pilato advised his read on this bill is from Michael Serra, Counsel for the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

C. Levin noted that there will be some cost to this bill. We will have to look at the polling places and what activities are scheduled there that would need to be canceled. C. Pranzatelli noted that there is a cost to democracy. There are 32 states that have early voting. Mayor Pilato noted that we already have early voting in place which is the "Vote by Mail".

C. Miller asked how this can be mandated without the funding. This will be passed on to the taxpayer. Mayor Pilato noted that there is no funding mechanism.

C. Bogart stated that the discussion be let go and see what happens at the state level; a further mechanism in place.

Roll Call Vote to Table the Resolution:

C. Pranzatelli	Yes
C. Miller	No
C. Levin	No
C. Petti	Yes
C. Bogart	Yes

Resolution Tabled.

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R2013: 56

Authorize the renewal of Liquor License No. 1804-33-022-004- Café Imperial, Inc. with "Special Conditions" March 26-2013 to June 30, 2013

Motion: C. Miller      Second: C. Levin

Discussion: Mr. O'Donohue,, borough attorney provided a summary. This license will be effective this day upon adoption through June 30, 2013. Then the license is renewed on the same schedule as other licenses.

Mr. Rosario owner of the Café Imperial gave his comments. He is glad to be back and will try to make it work. Business will be different than before. He will no longer have the live entertainment he had in the years 2007-2009. This will be a place you can come to with your family for dinner. He will possibly open this Saturday.

All in favor: Aye    Mayor Pilato wished him good luck.

R2013: 57

Approve change order no. 2 and final-Verona Place and Imlay Place Reconstruction – DeFino Contracting

Motion: C. Levin      Second: C. Miller

It was noted by the borough attorney that this change order was a negative and final-payment to the borough from DeFino. The resolution will be corrected to reflect the change.

All in favor: Aye

R2013: 58

Approve change order no. 4 and final to DeFino Contracting- Watchung Road Improvement Project

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

R2013: 59

Approve budget transfers

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

Unfinished Business

For discussion and approval:

T&M Associates Proposal for design and construction services of Church Street Culvert Reconstruction- Borough attorney noted the proposal is \$79,000 in construction services and \$2,000 in permit fees to the DEP.

Added Resolution No. 2013: 62

Authorize T&M Associates to proceed with design of Church Street Culvert per their proposal dated March 19, 2013

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

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New Business

Mayor Pilato advised that the roof at Rosina's at the Train Station needs to be repaired. The roof has been patch upon patch for 30 years plus. Rosina's has asked the borough to look at the lease agreement with New Jersey Transit. Mr. Bahr will review the agreement and advise who will have to take care of the repair.

Approval of Vouchers

R2013: 60

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

Open meeting to the public for comments –

No public comment.

Adjourn to Executive Session:

R2013: 61

Authorize executive session for:  
Update on the Rescue Squad Building; Talmadge Commons.  
No action will be taken after executive session.  
Motion: C. Levin      Second:C. Petti      All in favor: Aye

Regular session adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk

