

May 14 2013 meeting minutes

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES -MAY 14, 2013**

Mayor Carey 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	present
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
Lt. David Czarcinski
Borough Engineer –T&M Associates-Dale Leubner

Approval of Minutes:

April 23, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes;
April 23, 2013 Executive Session Minutes Approved for Content Only
Motion moved by C. Levin; second by C. Miller; All in favor: Ayes

Mayor Pilato provided a review for the public of the items on the meeting agenda. He noted there are a number of matters for closed session.

Engineers Report – T&M Associates –April 1-30-2013

Dale Leubner reported:
West Main Street-concrete complete
2012 Program-
Church Street Culvert
Grant-\$200,000-Church Street; Chestnut to Piedmont
2013 CDBG Basin 4
Train Station-Waiting Room Renovation
Questions were addressed from council.
Questions were addressed by the public from:
R. Short 169 Cherry Street
Peter Lazzaro 269 Chestnut Street
Fred Holub-518 West Second Street

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Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

Mary Patton-Chairperson of the Shade Tree Commission. She announced the commission would like to apply for a grant up to \$20,000 from the New Jersey State Forestry Services. She noted that many trees were lost in Hurricane Sandy. The grant will allow for the purchase of trees to be planted at various locations throughout the borough and for a certified tree expert. The application is due May 31st. The state will notify in June.

Questions were addressed by councilmember's.

Mayor Pilato advised that the council will discuss and advise on the approval.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

Hal Dietrich- 639 Central Avenue-

He spoke on honoring Al Senaca. Mayor stated he would be happy to meet on this.

Carol Holub-518 West Second Street

She asked about the town putting up signs just before the Stone Bridge.

Lt. David Czarcinski stated that the department is in the process of getting the signs.

The department has been enforcing the "no parking" in that area.

Michele DeFazio 603 Church Street

She asked for an explanation on the Carriage Park resolution. Mayor stated that it will be discussed in executive session first. This is assigning rights to new developer for Carriage Park.

She complained about the Underground Property; there are 4-5 mattresses thrown in the alleyway.

Fred Holub-518 West Second Street

He asked about the Stone Bridge; noticed it was dug out and you cannot see the arch.

Mayor stated that county filled back in for safety reasons.

Roseanne Short-169 Cherry Avenue

She complained about properties with maintenance issues. Mayor advised that the owners are brought to court. It is a lengthy due process. The judge has no tolerance for this.

Advertised hearings or special presentations –

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND TAX RESOLUTION APPROVED ON APRIL 9 2013 AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE OBJECTIONS MAY BE PRESENTED BY TAXPAYERS OR OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS.

Administrator/Chief Financial Officer Randy Bahr provided a summary of the budget introduced on April 9. The introduced budget calls for a \$245.00 increase on the average assessed home. Mr. Bahr handed out spreadsheets for review. The sheets reviewed local, county and school taxes. A review of total assessed values and tax collection rates.

Mr. Bahr advised that the state does not allow the town to adopt this evening.

He advised that he did receive the FEMA number to place in the budget.

Open for questions:

C. Miller noted that there is a \$200,000 increase in this budget. There are uncontrolled obligations. There are one time revenues and appropriations we try to control.

C. Levin noted that we are making good headway and would request a Saturday workshop meeting to discuss the budget line by line.

C. Miller was in favor.

Mr. Bahr asked that the public hearing open and then we can discuss the budget later in the meeting.

Kerry Miller: 549 Winsor Street

She asked about the Saturday meeting for budget discussion.

C. Pranzatelli noted that at the last council meeting we decided we should discuss at a regular meeting not on a Saturday.

In the past we have held the meetings on a Saturday. There is usually no public present. Mayor noted that in the past our Saturday meetings have been very productive. We held a pretty flat budget for a good number of years.

C. Bogart stated as Finance Chair she would like the consideration of the council to meet during the week instead of a Saturday....She did not understand how it was not possible to meet another evening of the week. She had spent a great deal of time working on the budget and will continue to review the budget further prior to the adoption. She resents any implication that we are shoving this budget through to get it passed and resent the town's needs or interests. Let us address the budget and leave the political out of it. Comments by councilmember's.

Beverly Pranzatelli-108 East Maple Avenue

She understood the main reason for a Saturday budget meeting is for the public to be present. As I understand it, there have been hardly any people in the public.

Close public comments: Motion: C. Pranzatelli; second-C. Petti; All in favor: Ayes

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C. Hasting stated that we should discuss the budget workshop meeting as to whether or not it will be a Saturday or during the week.

C. Levin moved to hold a Saturday budget meeting; second by C. Miller

Discussion:

C. Pranzatelli started that he would not support a Saturday meeting without discussion.

C. Hasting stated that he is willing to commit to a Saturday or any other nite...

C. Bogart noted that she was available this coming Saturday. C. Petti and C. Pranzatelli stated that they would not be available June 1 for a meeting.

Mayor Pilato asked for a Saturday, June 8 meeting at 9 a.m. The council that cannot be present can participate by phone and also send their suggestions to Mr. Bahr.

All in favor for a June 8 budget meeting: All in favor: 3 Aye; 3 Nay

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman Mark Hasting	yes
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli	no
Councilman John Miller	yes
Councilman John Paul Levin	yes
Councilman Vinnie Petti	no
Councilwoman Lisa Bogart	no

3-yes 3-no

Mayor Pilato- yes

A budget workshop meeting was approved for Saturday June 8, 2013 @ 9 a.m.

Proposed changes will be discussed. An amendment to the budget will be introduced and public hearing on the amendment will follow.

Open to the public for comments:

Opening of bids -

Bid opening held May 14 @ 10 a.m. for Re-Assessment Services –

Administrator Mr. Bahr noted that one bid was submitted from Realty Appraisal Company. He recommended the council approve a contract award subject to legal review by counsel.

A Resolution No. 2013: 86 was moved to approve a contract award to Realty Appraisal by C. Levin; second by C. Hasting; All in favor: Ayes

Mayor Pilato noted that they can come to a council meeting and give a presentation.

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Introduction of ordinances - none

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: - none

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

R2013: 77-A

Support the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 20-June 2, 2013

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

R2013: 78

Approve the Tuition Waiver Program for Active Members of Volunteer Fire Company, First Aid or Rescue Squad

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

R2013: 79

Emergency resolution authorizing an extension of the Solid Waste Collection Services Contract of Rubinetti Disposal for a period of 60 days

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

R2013: 80

Mayor Pilato noted that Resolution No. 80&81 will be discussed in executive session.

No action

Authorizing T&M Associates to prepare a redevelopment study for Planning Area 1 for a potential transit village oriented development

R2013: 81-No action

Approve a third amendment to the supplemental redevelopment agreement between the Borough of Bound Brook and MF Carriage Park, LLC Block 68, Lot 1.02 located in Tea Street/Middle Brook Redevelopment Area

R2013: 82

Approve the hire of part-time summer help for the public works department

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

R2013: 83

Approve the hire of a part-time park maintenance worker

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

R2013: 84

Approve the sale of surplus equipment at a public sale

Mr. Bahr noted that he would have another reso on for the next meeting.

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

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Mayor Pilato stated that Middle Earth Organization would like to take a look at the bicycles. The borough attorney noted that the town would then pass a resolution to donate excess property to the organization.

Unfinished Business

C. Miller asked about the status of an assistant for the Construction Department. Mr. Bahr noted that he has resumes and will move forward.

Mayor Pilato reported at an earlier meeting there was discussion on the licensing of rentals as an ordinance. This was shared with C. Miller and Tom Ruscetta. We need to go to the next step and have the attorney prepare a bound brook version of an ordinance for non owner occupied rentals in town.

C. Pranzatelli asked Mr. Bahr is he has received a report from South Bound Brook on moving forward with shared services. Mr. Bahr did not.

Mayor Pilato noted that the resolution pulled form the last meeting agenda to purchase a vehicle for the fire prevention bureau is now ready for passage.

The purchase of the vehicle is from the Fire Penalty Trust Account. No effect on the budget.

A resolution No. 2013: 87 to approve the purchase of a 2013 Tahoe was moved by C. Hasting; second by C. Miller;

All in favor: Ayes

New Business

Approve a Special Event Permit Application: No Action- Groundbreaking Ceremony Announcement- TENTATIVE DATE

Borough Sponsored Event- May 29 -2013 @ 12 Noon –

Meridia Main Street Project- 548 East Main Street

A lunch reception to follow @ Billian Legion Park

Approve a Special Event Permit Application:

Discussion: Comments by Mayor Pilato/council members. Consensus of council agreed that no approval was required from the borough. Event is taking place on private property.

Acosta-Rua family foundation – Fundraiser-Support children w/terminal cancer

Location: Parking Lot on Talmadge across from Imperial Salon.

Date: June 16, 2013 Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.-

Activities: Comedians; Speakers; Music Dance Groups; Live Music; Food.

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Open to the public for comments

Beverly Pranzatelli-108 East Maple Avenue

She asked that the governing body take into consideration landscaping boxes in front of the businesses downtown.

Roseann Short-169 Cherry Avenue

She asked for an explanation on the tuition reimbursement resolution.

Nancy Campbell- 318 West Maple Avenue

She asked about the town re-assessment if homeowners will be notified and how much notice. Mayor Pilato stated that letters will be sent out to the property owners.

R2013: 85

Authorize executive session @ 10:00 p.m. for (Negotiations; Personnel)

Matters: Personnel; Redevelopment; Transit Village; Talmadge Commons; Carriage Park. Property on Thompson/Route 28; Property on Route 28 and Vosseller. Action will be taken.

Motion: C. Hasting; second by C. Miller All in favor: Ayes

Meeting opened at 10:55 p.m.

The borough attorney read into the record a resolution No. 2013: 88 for adoption:

Authorize T&M Associates, Borough Engineer to conduct an environmental study of the distressed Talmadge Commons Properties in the amount of \$6,000.00.

A motion was moved by C. Pranzatelli; second by C. Hasting; All in favor: Ayes

A motion to adjourn meeting at 11 PM moved by C. Miller; second by C. Hasting; All in favor: Ayes

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk

Adjournment @ 11:00 PM

Motion: Second: All in favor: