

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
AGENDA MEETING MINUTES –
NOVEMBER 12, 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.

Mayor Pilato asked for a moment of silence for former Fire Chief John Gabory who passed away.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Carey Pilato	present
Councilman Mark Hasting	present
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli	present
Councilman John Miller	absent
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 Department: Lt. David Czarcinski
Engineer: Robert Keady; Dale Leubner –T&M Associates

Mayor Pilato asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Police Chief Michael Jannone’s mother, Mary Jannone.

Mayor Pilato gave a sense of the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

October 22, 2013 Regular Meeting
October 22, 2013 Executive For Content Only
Motion moved by C. Levin; second by C. Hasting All in favor: Ayes

Engineers Report – T&M Associates – October 1- 31-2013

Dale Leubner reported:

Greenbrook Flood Control

NJ Transit Closure Gate: awaiting final as-builts.

South Main Street Closure Gate: project is 99% complete;

Final as-builts to be provided November 2013.

Segment R2 Levee and Pump Station: 99% complete

Segments U and T Improvements

Contract consists of installation of the bendway weirs along Middle Brook and improvements to the closing mechanism on East Street Closure Gate.

Contract awarded to Tri-State/KC Construction on September 30, 2013.

Other items:

Potential closure gate to be provided for Segment R-2 Levee Tie-off.

ACOE is working with NJ Transit and Conrail. Construction contract to be awarded December 2013.

ACOE verified elevations on Segment T levee are substantially low. The repairs will be either a stand-alone contract or combined with other repairs. Construction contract to be awarded December 2013.

ACOE and NJDEP have initiated meetings with FEMA regarding levee certification process. The County and Borough to be involved in future meetings.

Public information session with FEMA and ACOE to be held in the borough at completion of project.

Anticipated submittal of LOMR to FEMA May 2014.

Mr. Keady reported:

NJDEP Stormwater

Annual certification for 2013 has been completed and submitted to the NJDEP.

2013 CDBG-Sanitary Sewer Basin 4 Rehabilitation

Currently compiling anticipated project costs to implement the recommendations outlined in the report.

2013 Road Improvement Program

Project substantially completed. Extra work on Agnes Place to be completed November 2013.

Project punchlist is currently being compiled.

Replacement of Church Street Culvert

This culvert will provide a permanent repair to failed area between 313 and 317-319 Church Street along Vosseller Brook.

Contractor is Adamsville Maintenance scheduled to mobilize the week of November 11, 2013.

FY2014 NJDOT Local Aid applications

The NJDOT has advertised for FY2014 Local Aid Projects. Project categories include municipal aid, transit village, bikeways and safe streets to transit. Applications were due by September 20, 2013.

A temporary repair to Mountain Avenue, the southside eastbound lane around 50 feet.

Questions/concerns were addressed by the engineer from the Mayor and council.

Lt. Czarcinski advised that six of the decorative lights at the Talmadge Avenue/Tea street intersection are out. Mr. Leubner advised he would mention that to the County.

Borough attorney James O'Donohue announced that the dirt pile at the Carriage Park Project behind Shop-Rite will be removed on Monday.

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc.

Mayor Pilato announced a Proclamation to

Designate January 11-2014 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

The proclamation will be entered into the record of minutes and posted on the bulletin board.

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion

George Stafford-16 Kitchall Avenue Whorton NJ –

He asked the governing body to consider the passage of a resolution. The resolution would continue the support for the goals and purposes of the 2004

Highland Water Protection and Planning Act. Mayor Pilato advised the governing body will take under consideration.

R. Short-169 Cherry Avenue

Ms. Short advised that she questioned the Board of Education about Smalley School. The school could have a second floor.

She asked if the street sweeping will continue. Mr. Bahr advised that the borough is presently working on the collection of leaves.

She advised that there are residents that are not picking up their leaves.

Mayor Pilato advised that it is the resident's responsibility for leaves on their property. There are ordinances in place for enforcement.

Mr. Bahr advised that eventually the borough will have to clean the leaves out of the gutters.

The collection of leaves will continue through mid-December.

Carol Holub- 518 West Second Street

She advised that she never receives a call back from the code enforcement office. Mr. Bahr advised that the departments can get very busy with calls and taking care of customers at the window.

You need to leave a detailed message and the department will eventually return a phone call.

Ms. Holub advised that a store on Vosseller and Talmadge Avenue still has signs up in more than 20% of their window. Mr. O'Donohue, borough attorney advised that they may be grandfathered in and they do have a period of time in which to come into compliance per ordinance.

Ms. Holub also advised that there are still yard sale signs up two weeks after the sale. How do we do something about this? Mayor Pilato advised the property maintenance officer goes around town on Saturdays to check on signs.

Ms. Holub also advised that there has been a sofa chair out by the Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home on Mountain Avenue. Mr. Bahr advised that he would advise the code enforcement officer.

Mr. Holub advised there is a rumor going around that the Meridia Project is not paying taxes.

Mayor Pilato advised that the developer received a small tax abatement to develop the project. They will pay the full taxes in ten years.

Michele DeFazio-606 Church Street

She asked if anything has moved forward with the award at a prior meeting with an energy supplier “Good Energy”.

Mayor Pilato advised that the contract has not started yet.

Ms. DeFazio asked about a house on Somerset Street that always has so many times out on their lawn. Mr. “Donohue borough attorney will discuss this with property maintenance officer.

Roseanne Short- 169 Cherry Avenue

She asked if there will be a walkway for the Meridia Project

Mayor Pilato advised that this was discussed at a Planning Board meeting.

A safe walkway would be fenced in around the rotary. Cross East Street 20 to 50 feet from the circle.

She asked about the exterior of the building. Mayor advised it will be brick/masonry board for the outside exterior.

Advertised hearings or special presentations – none

Opening of bids - none

Introduction of ordinances - First Reading

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

BOND ORDINANCE NO- B2013: 15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION), AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,710,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO FINANCE THE SAME.

Purpose: The improvement authorized and the purpose for which the bonds or notes are to be issued is the reconstruction including sidewalks and curbing where necessary of various Borough roads, including, but not limited to Grove Avenue from Vosseller Avenue to Highland Avenue,

Church Street from Chestnut Avenue to Piedmont Drive and Wahnetah Drive from Watchung Road to Church Street, and including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Motion to introduce: C. Hasting Second: C. Levin All in favor: Ayes

Roll Call: Unanimous

Second Reading: November 26 Regular Meeting

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration: -

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK ORDINANCE NO. 2013: 13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTED PARKING AT CERTAIN AREAS ON CERTAIN STREETS

Motion to open public comment: C. Hasting, second by C. Levin;

All in favor: Ayes

Public Comment: None

Summary: Parking prohibited specifically the West Main Street Area behind Nerger's Auto, off Columbus Place.

Motion to close public comment: C. Hasting; Second: C. Pranzatelli

All in favor: Ayes

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

Roll Call: Unanimous

Introduction/Discussion of Resolutions:

R2013: 187

Approve payment to 3R Painting and Contracting in the amount of \$134,197.50

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

R2013: 188

Authorize the tax collector to refund tax overpayments of sewer charges to 148 W. Maple Avenue and 12 Drake Street

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

R2013: 189

Authorize submission of 2013 grant extension from the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for the Bound Brook Municipal Alliance

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

Unfinished Business

Mayor Pilato announced he will provide an update in executive session on a Redeveloper for the Transit Village, "Diversified". They will present a concept plan at the next council meeting or we will schedule a special meeting the first week of December.

Mayor Pilato announced there is a link on the borough website for the Raritan Valley Line "One Seat Ride".

New Business

Review of the Best Practices Worksheet CY2013/SFY2014-

Mr. Bahr advised that the Division of Local Government Services requires the worksheet to be discussed and reviewed by the governing body at a council meeting.

Mr. Bahr announced that the Municipal Clerk is ready to advertise Request for Qualifications- 2014 Professionals

Mr. Bahr asked the governing body to confirm the date and location for the January 2014 Reorganization Day. Mr. Bahr suggested the Reorganization Meeting be held at the municipal building for the convenience of set up and recording system. Also, the term of the Board of Engineers is not up in 2014.

Mr. O'Donohue recommended a resolution be added for the Carriage Park Closing. A release of the performance bond by Mountain Funding and the issuance of a replacement in the name of Queens Gate.

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

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Councilwoman Bogart extended congratulations to the successful council candidates of the November election. She thanked Carol Holub for working as a challenger at the election poll. She thanked Councilman Hasting and Councilman Pranzatelli for their service.

Open to the public for comments

Roseanne Short- 169 Cherry Avenue

She asked if the windows will be replaced in Borough Hall. Mr. Bahr advised that improvements will continue. The windows will be replaced first, then the doors. The municipal building is 27 years old. The work should begin in the Springtime.

Public comment closed.

Meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:00 p.m.

R2013: 190

Authorize executive session for (Negotiations)

Matters: Developer Interest for Transit Village. No action will be taken after session.

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

Agenda meeting adjourned @ 9:30 p.m.

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