Final Agenda December 12, 2023



BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA DECEMBER 12, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that the requirements of the law have been met with the posting of the meeting notice on the Municipal Bulletin Board, filed with the Borough Clerk and forwarded to The Courier News and The Star Ledger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor David Morris Council President Abel Gomez

- C. Vinnie Petti
- C. Anthony Pranzatelli
- C. Dominic Longo
- C. Linda Brnicevic
- C. Kendall Lopez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 28, 2023 Regular Meeting			
Motion:	Second:		
Roll Call:			
C. Abel Gome	z C. Vinnie Petti C. Anthony Pranzatelli		
C. Dominic Lo	ongo C. Linda Brnicevic C. Kendall Lopez		

2023-333

Brook Fire Department



November 28,	, 2023 Executive Session	
Motion:	Second:	
Roll Call:		
C. Abel Gome	ez C. Vinnie Petti C. Anthony Pranzatelli	
C. Dominic L	ongo C. Linda Brnicevic C. Kendall Lopez	
ADVERTISE	ED HEARING OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION	
PRESENTAT	ΓΙΟΝ OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.	
GREETINGS	S FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATIONS FOR DISCUSSION	
OPENING O	OF BIDS	
INTRODUC	ΓΙΟΝ OF ORDINANCES – FIRST READING	
ORDINANC	E ON FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION- SECOND READING	
INTRODUC	TION/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS	
2023-321	Resolution of the Borough of Bound Brook Reappointing Natasha Turchan as the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Bound Brook Effective January 1, 2024 and Authorizing an Amendment to the Existing Agreement	
The resolution by one motion	as listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted a.	
If separate dis	cussion is desired, the resolution may be removed by council action.	
Motion:	Second: All in favor:	
2023-331	Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds	
2023-332	Resolution Authorizing An Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs American Rescue Plan Firefighters Grant Program	

Resolution Memorializing Confirmation of Acceptance of Kevin Mora's New

Jersey State Firemen's Association Application for Membership to the Bound



2023-334	Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Radio Dispatching Services with the County of Somerset
2023-335	Resolution of the Borough Council Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Execute an Agreement with the Borough of North Plainfield for the Use of a New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Licensed Ambulance
2023-336	Resolution Approving Relief of Moratorium on West Maple Avenue for Road Opening Permits
2023-337	Resolution Authorizing the Partial Waiver of Refuse Fees for One (1) Unit Located at 312 Ware Court, Also Known on the Tax Map As Block 40, Lot 5
2023-338	Resolution Memorializing Confirmation of Acceptance of Mykhalo Voronych's New Jersey State Firemen's Association Application for Membership to the Bound Brook Fire Department
2023-339	Resolution Memorializing Confirmation of Acceptance of Paulo Voronych's New Jersey State Firemen's Association Application for Membership to the Bound Brook Fire Department
2023-340	Chapter 159, Youth Services in the Amount of \$12,000.00
2023-341	Chapter 159, Youth Services in the Amount of \$5,843.00
2023-342	Award of Contract to Ocean Computer Group, Inc. for Police Department Computer Services

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

2023-343 Resolution Approving Vouchers in the Amount of \$2,507,804.60

Motion: Second:



Roll Call:

C. Abel Gomez	C. Vinnie Petti	C. Anthony Pranzatelli

C. Dominic Longo___ C. Linda Brnicevic ___ C. Kendall Lopez___

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION

2023-344 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session-Contract Negotiations

Motion: Second: All in favor:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Second: All in favor:

RESOLUTION 2023-332

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$50,000 to carry out a project to purchase twelve new sets of turnout jackets and pants for the Bound Brook Fire Department.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

- 1) That the Borough of Bound Brook does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and.
- 2) Recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Bound Brook and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith;

Attest:	Approved:
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris
Date of Adoption: December 12, 2023	
•	of the Borough of Bound Brook hereby certify that a December 12, 2023, the above RESOLUTION was duly
	Jasmine D. McCoy
	Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2023-331

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that Budget transfers may be made during the last two months of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, there has been determined a need for such transfers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the following transfers be made:

DEPARTMENT	CATEGORY	FROM	TO
Police	Salaries and wages		40,000.00
Legal	Other Expenses		35,000.00
Recreation	Salaries and wages		20,000.00
Parking	Other Expenses		4,000.00
Fire Hydrants	Other Expenses		2,300.00
Group Health Insurance	Other Expenses		20,000.00
General Administration	Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Planning Board	Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Other Insurance	Other Expenses	10,000.00	
Recreation	Other Expenses	5,000.00	
Gasoline	Other Expenses	20,000.00	
Police	Other Expenses	66,300.00	
TOTAL		\$ 121,300.00	\$ 121,300.00

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Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris	

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- 1) That the Borough of Bound Brook does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith;

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Date of Adoption: December 12, 2023	
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	Borough Clerk

RESOLUTION 2023-333

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF KEVIN MORA'S NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOUND BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Kevin Mora has applied to become a volunteer firefighter in the Borough of Bound Brook Fire Department Bound Brook Relief Fire Company No. 4; and

WHEREAS, evidence of physical fitness has been produced and a background check has been performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the New Jersey State Fireman's Association Application for Membership for Kevin Mora to Bound Brook Fire Company No. 4 is hereby accepted.

Attest:	Approved:	
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris	
Date of Adoption: December 12, 2023		

RESOLUTION 2023-334

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR RADIO DISPATCHING SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

WHEREAS, Shared Services Agreements are authorized under and by virtue of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset, a public body politic of the State of New Jersey (the "County"), offers Radio Dispatching services to municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has presented the Borough of Bound Brook with a proposed Shared Services Agreement for radio dispatching services, annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, proposed Shared Services Agreement provides that the County shall provide continuous 24-hour per days acceptance of and transmission of emergency calls and radio transmission services, shall maintain a record of calls dispatched, provide reports and notifications to Borough officials as required by the Borough, provide reverse 9-1-1 communications to the Borough and provide and pay for all personnel to be hired, paid and supervised by the County to be located at County facilities, at no cost to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Shared Services Agreement further provides the Borough shall be responsible for all of its agency computers and general equipment inclusive of Mobile Data Terminals; and

WHEREAS, the Borough attorney has reviewed the proposed Shared Services Agreement and recommends the Borough execute same; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to execute the Shared Services

Agreement with the County of Somerset.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of

Bound Brook the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into the Shared Services

Agreement with the County of Somerset and to execute the Shared Services Agreement

effectuating same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon receipt of a fully executed agreement from

the County of Somerset, the Bound Brook Clerk shall file the Shared Services Agreement with the

Department of Community Affairs.

Attest:	Approved:	
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Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris	

RESOLUTION 2023-335

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE USE OF A NEW JERSEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LICENSED AMBULANCE

WHEREAS, the Borough of North Plainfield and the Borough of Bound Brook have available ambulances licensed by the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services; and,

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Borough of North Plainfield or the Borough of Bound Brook may have a need for the use of an ambulance licensed by the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services, such as, but not limited to, during fleet maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook wishes to join with the Borough of Plainfield to provide such services pursuant to the terms and conditions of an Agreement, a copy of said Agreement being maintained in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and the contents of which are incorporated herein as if more fully set forth at length herein; and,

WHEREAS, said Agreement provides for the use of an ambulance licensed by the State of New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services without costs or fees to the Borough of Bound Brook and upon stated terms; and,

WHEREAS, the said Agreement provides that the parties shall maintain insurance to cover any risk, damage or injury which may occur to or because of the use of said ambulance during such time as the other party, its officials, officers or employees are using said ambulance under the Agreement and shall name the other as an additional insured.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Clerk or designee, on behalf of the Borough, to sign and/or execute the Agreement received from the Borough of North Plainfield for the occasional loan or use of an ambulance licensed by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services. Said Agreement is incorporated herein by reference as if same was fully set forth, without the need for any further action of this Borough Council.

Attest:	Approved:	
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris	
Date of Adoption: December 12, 2023		

RESOLUTION 2023-336

RESOLUTION APPROVING RELIEF OF MORATORIUM ON WEST MAPLE AVENUE FOR ROAD OPENING PERMITS

WHEREAS, road opening permits were submitted by New Jersey American Water for water service replacements on West Maple Avenue; and

WHEREAS, West Maple Avenue was resurfaced in 2021 and therefore is currently under a five (5) year moratorium; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook that the moratorium be relieved during this work and subject to approval of the Superintendent of Public Works including, but not limited to, an infrared pavement repair of all utility patches the roadway.

Attest:	Approved:	
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris	
Date of Adoption: December 12, 2023		

RESOLUTION 2023-337

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTIAL WAIVER OF REFUSE FEES FOR ONE (1) UNIT LOCATED AT 312 WARE COURT ALSO KNOWN ON THE TAX MAP AS BLOCK 40, LOT 5

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2023, there shall be no exceptions to the annual per dwelling unit charge for the disposal of garbage through the Borough of Bound Brook; and

WHEREAS, the property owner of 312 Ware Court has been billed for 2 units and has submitted a request to waive Refuse fees for 1 unoccupied unit at the aforementioned address; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has no intent to rent the 1 unoccupied unit(s) for which a waiver is being requested; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel billing and any accrued interest for 1 unit(s) at 312 Ware Court; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council may waive Refuse fees on a case-by-case basis;

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook approve the request for cancelation of 1 unit(s) of refuse billing at 312 Ware Court.

Attest:	Approved:
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris

RESOLUTION 2023-338

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF MYKHAYLO VORONVYNCH'S NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOUND BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Mykhaylo Voronych has applied to become a volunteer firefighter in the Borough of Bound Brook Fire Department Watchung No. 3; and

WHEREAS, evidence of physical fitness has been produced and background check has been performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the New Jersey State Fireman's Association Application for Membership for Mykhaylo Voronych to Watchung No. 3 is hereby accepted.

Attest:	Approved:
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris

RESOLUTION 2023-339

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF PAULO VORONYNCH'S NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE BOUND BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Paulo Voronych has applied to become a volunteer firefighter in the Borough of Bound Brook Fire Department Bound Brook Watchung No. 3; and

WHEREAS, evidence of physical fitness has been produced and background check has been performed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the New Jersey State Fireman's Association Application for Membership for Paulo Voronych to Bound Brook Watchung No. 3 is hereby accepted.

Attest:	Approved:	
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris	
Date of Adoption: December 12, 2023		

RESOLUTION 2023-340

PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

Youth Services \$12,000.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special items of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, Said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook hereby requests the director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2023, in the amounts listed below, which item is now available as a revenue from the Somerset County

Youth Services, Other Expenses \$12,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum, be, and the same, hereby is appropriated under the above appropriation titles.

Attest:	Approved:
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris

RESOLUTION 2023-341

PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

Youth Services \$5,843.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special items of revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been made by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, Said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for an equal amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook hereby requests the director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of items of revenue in the budget of the year 2023, in the amounts listed below, which item is now available as a revenue from the Somerset County

Youth Services Competitive, Other Expenses \$5,843.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum, be, and the same, hereby is appropriated under the above appropriation titles.

Attest:	Approved:
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris

RESOLUTION 2023-342

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO OCEAN COMPUTER GROUP, INC. FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Police Department of the Borough of Bound Brook has a need to acquire computer services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough solicited and advertised for proposal for said services which were duly advertised on November 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook received two sealed proposals as follows:

Pascack Data Services, Inc., 200 Central Avenue, Suite 100, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Ocean Computer Group, 90 Matawan Road, Suite 105, Matawan, NJ 07747

WHEREAS, upon review and evaluation, Ocean Computer Group of Matawan, New Jersey was recommended for award of a contract based on their experience and reputation in the field, knowledge of the Borough and the subject matter addressed under the contract and other factors demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Borough,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in an amount not to exceed \$23,000 for year one (1) of the contract from account #01-2022-0125-0240-2-00101;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. That the aforesaid recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth at length;
- 2. That a contract is hereby awarded to Ocean Computer Group, and that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Ocean Computer Group, 90 Matawan Road, Suite 105, Matawan, NJ 07747 to provide computer services for two (2) years in accordance with their proposal submitted to the Borough, dated November 20, 2023, and the contract shall remain on file with the Borough Clerk; and
- 3. That first contract year of contract be awarded in an amount not to exceed \$23,000.

Attest:	Approved:
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	Mayor David Morris

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

RESOLUTION 2023-343

RESOLUTION APPROVING VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,507,804.60

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey that vouchers are approved for the following funds in the amount of \$2,507,804.60.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CURRENT	\$ 2,416,560.78
GRANT FUND	\$ 13,574.36
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 40,569.24
DOG/CAT TRUST	\$ 1,330.00
RECREATION TRUST	\$141.60
TAX COLLECTOR TRUST	\$3,100.00
TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION	\$7,401.18
DEVELOPER'S ESCROW	\$18,149.75
PERFORMANCE ESCROW	\$6,977.69
TOTAL	\$ 2,507,804.60
	Approved:
Attest:	Mayor David Morris
Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk	
Date of Adoption: December 12, 2023	

RESOLUTION 2023-344

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION-CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

WHEREAS, NJSA 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Borough of Bound Brook will reconvene.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council will go into closed session for the following reasons as outlined in NJSA 10:4-12; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Bound Brook hereby declares that the discussion of subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises the Borough Council that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Borough is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the discussion(s) shall take place and hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Reason for Closed Session – Contract Negotiations

Date of Adoption: December 12, 2023

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as lawyer. Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the borough's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded, or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact.

	Approved:	
Attest:	Mayor David Morris	_
Jasmine D. Mathis, Borough Clerk		