

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held on
February 12, 2008 at Council Chambers, 12 Main St., So. Bound Brook, NJ 08880.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement by Mayor Terry Warrelmann, the Pledge of Allegiance and a request for a moment of silence in remembrance of John Shoffner, father of Councilperson Shoffner and David Conner, Jr., brother-in-law of the Mayor.

Roll Call:

Mayor Terry Warrelmann	(Present)
Council President Tom Ormosi	(Present)
Councilperson Dennis Quinlan	(Present)
Councilperson Kathleen Conner	(Present)
Councilperson Caryl Shoffner	(Present)
Councilperson Tony Godleski	(Present)
Councilperson Robert Allenovitch	(Present)

Attending:

Borough Attorney:	William Cooper
Borough Engineer:	Tom Herits
Officer In Charge:	Lt. William King
Fire Chief:	Matthew Tomaro

Approval of the Minutes:

- Some members of the Council had not enough time to review the January Meeting Minutes, therefore the Approval of the January Minutes was tabled until next month.

Mayor's Report:

- Met with the Canal Crossings Association. The meeting was very cordial and the residents of the townhouses are very interested in learning more about the town and it's history.
- Met with Bound Brook Mayor Carey Pilato. Discussed safety at the train station in Bound Brook. This was an issue that was raised at the meeting with the Canal Crossing residents. We also discussed shared services. One service talked about was sharing the street sweeper.

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Council Reports:

Redevelopment (Councilperson Ormosi):

- Met with Matzel and Mumford - all 152 units have been sold. Talked about the retail portion. We will keep an eye on the Court outcome.
- Also met with Royal Club Communities - Washington Park - They are interested in changing the zoning from age restrictive.

Public Works/Historical Committee (Councilperson Quinlan):

- Storm water drainage at Somers Place needs major rehabilitation. Borough Engineer has looked at the problem and agreed. He also reported that Canal Crossing wants to get off of their performance bonds. The Association has their own punch list as well as the developer. There will be a Maintenance Bond for 2 years.
- Canal Plaza - Bond estimate is being done. They'll be ready to go as soon as the Court makes a decision.
- 231 Canal Road sewer repair.
- Safety audit for the parks completed.
- Borough street sweeper - 50 man hours to repair. It has broken down again and this time it needs major repairs. It is estimated to cost \$10,000.00 to repair. A new street sweeper would cost approximately \$150,000.00
- DPW Budget submitted to the Finance Committee. Capital budget - \$10,000 for signs, banners and miscellaneous.
- F450 dump truck
- Attended first meeting with union local.

- Encumbered money for fencing, demolition and cleanup of the barn and carriage house area on the Staats House property. Received 3 quotes. Shingrin LLC was the lowest bidder. Ken Pine has been informed.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- Youth Services Commission - two thirds through a very sophisticated survey. Should be completed by next meeting. The Commission has already been informed that monies will be cut by one third. The lack of money is going to be a problem.
- The Finance Committee met Monday night and will meet with Department heads on Saturday, February 23rd.
- This year we will not be going out for extraordinary aid. The Budget should be in on time as long as the State holds to its dates.
- Claims Voucher Resolution - Payment of the Bills - **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$990,794.93, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Public Safety - Police Department (Councilperson Allenovitch):

- Police Report for January submitted.
- New Crossing Guard hiring. **Motion** by Councilperson Allenovitch to hire David Wright as Crossing Guard, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, all ayes.
- The new police car is ready and should be in service by Friday.
- Rocky Hill Agreement - **Motion** by Councilperson Allenovitch to extend the Rocky Hill Agreement one month, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all ayes.
- First Aid Squad - answered 15 calls for 46 ½ man hours. We are in need of drivers and EMTs.

Public Safety - Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Resignation of Sean Lambert - **Motion** by Councilperson Conner to accept the resignation of Sean Lambert from the Board of Engineers to be replaced by Second Lt. John Diaz, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, all ayes.
- **Motion** by Councilperson Conner to accept the application of John Ritterson as volunteer fireman, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, all ayes.
- Fire Department monthly report submitted.
- New fire truck is back and new Chief's vehicle is going out for servicing in two weeks.
- The upgrading of the siren alarm system is being looked into.
- Incentive Program will be discussed at a Committee meeting and their recommendations will be brought to the Council.

Recreation (Councilperson Shoffner):

- School Board will hold a public meeting on the School Budget on March 19th at 7:30 PM.
- The Holiday Program in December was successful and cost \$1,152.57
- Easter Program will be held March 8th subject to change. May be presented on a weekday evening to get a better turnout.
- Another referee is needed for basketball.
- Adult Night is beginning tomorrow and Teen Night will end the end of March. Teen Night has been running smoothly.
- Registration forms for soccer and softball have gone home.
- Pitchers and Catchers Clinic will be held in March.
- Community Day will be held on September 7th and Movie In The Park will be September 19th.
- **Motion** by Councilperson Shoffner to reappoint Rob Hasson and Michelle Duh to the Recreation Committee, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes. Their terms will be 2 and 3 years respectfully.

Borough Attorney Report:

- One item for Executive Session.

Borough Engineer Report:

- Still waiting for the spec on the two demolitions and Prospect St. Former Borough Engineer is still working on them.
- Responded to letter from DEP regarding the Storm Water Regulations.

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes.

Mike Tomaro - Edgewood Terrace

- Questioned why the Fire Department Committee had to have a meeting then bring the recommendations to the Council. He would like to speed up the process concerning the incentive program by having the Council meet with representatives of the Fire Department directly.

Mike Kelly -

- Explained that what they want to do is get things moving so that they don't get bogged down in many meetings. This way decisions can be made in a reasonable amount of time.

Donna Piazzola - 136 Cedar Street

- Letter provided to the Mayor and Council to go to the Freeholders changing the purpose of the Recreation grant. Letter needs to be signed by the Mayor. **Motion** by Councilperson Ormosi authorizing the Mayor to sign the letter changing the purpose of the grant, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, all ayes.
- Waiting on a second quote for playground equipment. Both companies are state contracts. Would like to have this equipment installed by Spring at the pocket park on Warren St.

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes.

Agenda:

Parking Lease:

Borough Attorney and Colin Driver are trying to schedule a meeting with the representative of the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union to try and hammer out the differences that have come about with the lease agreement.

Canal Park Lease:

Lease signed by us but not signed by the State. The Borough Attorney will contact the State checking on the status.

Rocky Hill Agreement:

This item was voted on during the Council Reports portion of the meeting.

Ordinance 001-2208 Salary Ordinance (Second Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Conner for Ordinance 001-2008 Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Godleski.

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to open the meeting for public hearing on this Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes.

No public response.

Motion by Councilperson Conner to close the public hearing on this Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, all ayes.

Discussion, Councilperson Conner asked if this Ordinance was for a 2.5% increase. Yes it is. Roll call vote taken, 5 ayes and 1 nay.

Salary Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Salary Resolution in order to pay employees their yearly salary as per Ordinance 001-2008, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked if this was the 2.5% increase and Councilperson Shoffner asked about the same increase. Since the inflation rate is 3%, Councilperson Ormosi doesn't think 2.5% increase is excessive. Roll call vote taken, 5 ayes, 1 nay. All salaries are from Jan. 1, 2007 unless otherwise stated.

Professional Contracts - 2008:

Three contracts need to be voted on. Borough Attorney William Cooper, Maser Consulting for Borough Engineer, Labor Attorney Eric Bernstein. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan to approve all three contracts, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion. There are still a few more contracts that will need approval at a later date. Councilperson Conner asked if we pay according to their services. Yes, per hour. The hourly rate for the Borough Attorney is \$150/hr. The Borough Engineer rate depends on the person used and the Labor Attorney is \$125/hr. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Medical Policy for Fire Department:

Borough Clerk is still reviewing the policy and meeting with Dr. Kaladas to make sure everyone is on the same page. Will have something by the March meeting.

Facade Committee Appointments:

Councilpersons Tom Ormosi and Kathleen Conner will serve on the Committee.

EDIP Committee:

The South Bound Brook representatives for EDIP will be Tom Herits and Donald Kazar.

HUD Program:

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi to appoint Ron Henry as alternate to the HUD Program, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes. The Mayor's appointment is Bob Allenovitch and the Council appointment is Dick Barber.

Battle of Bound Brook Discussion:

This year's proposed budget for the Battle of Bound Brook is \$3,000.00. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan to transfer \$3,000.00 into the Historical Commission line item to manage this event, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked how the money is spent. The bulk of the money goes to the two food vendors (Fire Company and the Reformed Church).

Battle of Bound Brook Permissions:

For the Battle of Bound Brook permission is needed for the private consumption of alcohol at the encampment, the firing of weapons, the closing of Main Street to allow re-enactors to skirmish and fire weapons on the march between the Abraham Staats House and the Queens Bridge on Saturday morning to participate in a ceremony Bound Brook has planned at the Old Stone Bridge. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan requesting permission for the above mentioned items, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes.

At this time Councilperson Quinlan thanked the Friends of the Abraham Staats House for an extraordinary Tory Jack Day Event. The presenter has been here before and his presentation each year about the African American participation in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War is fantastic.

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, all ayes.

No public response.

Motion by Councilperson Conner to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes.

Executive Session:

Borough Clerk read the Resolution to go to Closed Session to discuss Lease Agreement and potential litigation. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan for this Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes. (9:18 PM)

Adjournment:

Upon completion of the peoples' business a **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk