

BOROUGH OF SOUTH BOUND BROOK REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held March 11, 2008 at Council Chambers, 12 Main Street, South 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.

A **Motion** was made by Councilperson Quinlan to recess the meeting in order to move the meeting to Fellowship Hall because of an overcrowding condition at Borough Hall, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes. The meeting was recessed to 8:00 PM in order to accomplish this move.

Mayor Warrelmann led those assembled in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Borough Clerk asked for a moment of silence to remember Tony Mignella a former Police Lieutenant and Councilperson who died recently.

Roll Call:

Mayor Terry Warrelmann	(Present)
Council President Tamas Ormosi	(Present)
Councilperson Dennis Quinlan	(Present)
Councilperson Kathleen Conner	(Present)
Councilperson Caryl Shoffner	(Present)
Councilperson Tony Godleski	(Absent)
Councilperson Bob Allenovitch	(Present)

Attending:

Borough Attorney: William Cooper
Officer In Charge: Lt. William King

Letters and Communications:

- Letter from South Bound Brook/Somerset Little League announcing that their parade and Opening Day Ceremonies will be held on April 11th. The parade will begin at 11:00 AM at Maple Ave. Park.

Approval of the Minutes:

- Councilperson Conner did not remember making the motion for the Salary Ordinance at the February Regular Meeting, therefore the February Meeting Minutes Approval was tabled until next month's meeting. Councilperson

Conner will have listened to the tape by that time. **Motion** by Councilperson Allenovitch for approval of the January Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all ayes.

Mayor's Report:

- Next meeting of the Mayor's Roundtable will be April 23rd. At that time there will be a grant writing class.
- Spoke with Chief Financial Officer about the Governor's proposed budget. If the cut in aid is what is proposed the average tax bill in town would go up \$241.00. We will have to start looking into where we will be able to make cuts in our 2008 budget to lessen the impact from the cut in State Aid.
- Overnight Parking - Since the Overnight Parking restrictions were done away with there are a large number of cars parking on the streets overnight. The Police Department will be taking a look at this situation and make recommendations.

Council Reports:

Code Enforcement/Redevelopment (Councilperson Ormosi):

- Code Enforcement Office monthly report submitted.
- Met with Matzel and Mumford concerning the retail space. Almost ready to start construction
- Councilperson Shoffner asked about the property across the street from the Ukranian Church. That property is owned by someone and there have been many ideas as to what should go there. There is someone interested in putting a used car lot there but he has not been able to secure the proper permits in order to tie into the Franklin sewer system.

Public Works/Historical (Councilperson Quinlan):

- Attended Board of Health Meeting. Everything going smoothly as far as health issues are concerned. Board of Health may be looking for a new member in the near future. Present member may be moving out of town.
- Battle of Bound Brook plans are moving along on this end. Bound Brook had stated that they would not be participating this year but since then they have changed their minds. Their plans have not been finalized. South Bound Brook will be doing a ceremony at the Old Stone Bridge in Bound Brook and they will be out of the way before the Little League Parade gets started. The encampment will be open to the public with no fees, however the programs being run in the Staats House will need to have an entry fee to get in the House to see these vendors and their displays. The demolition project at the site of the barn and the carriage house was completed today. County Community Service crews will be doing some more work on the site.

- Reported on the meeting March 6th in Trenton. The proposed state budget was discussed. The meeting was hosted by the League of Municipalities. Governor's representatives feel the small towns are not doing enough shared services. All the services we share with other towns should be organized in order to show how much the small towns are sharing. This should be reported to the D.C.A. Commissioner Doria.

Public Safety - Police Department (Councilperson Allenovitch):

- Police Department Monthly Report reviewed and submitted.
- Rescue Squad Monthly Report reviewed and submitted.
- Agreement with retired Police Chief Robert Verry for him to keep his pistol. This item added to the Agenda.

Public Safety - Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Fire Department Monthly Report reviewed and submitted.
- Cell Phone Law - Police and Fire exempt.

Recreation/Board of Education Liason (Councilperson Shoffner):

- Public Hearing on the School Budget will be held March 19th at 7:00 PM at the school.
- Recreation Social Committee had a wonderful turnout for their Easter Program. The program was held on a Thursday evening instead of Saturday morning.
- Cup Stacking Tournament at the school on Thursday at 6:00 PM.
- Recreation Sports Committee had election of officers. Everything remained the same. Sports Committee is looking for a web site. Basketball for the 5th and 6th grade boys is over. 7th and 8th grade girls have one more game as does the 3rd and 4th girls on Thursday. Teen Night is over as of March 19th. The number of teens attending was very good. The program is well utilized.
- Opening Day for Little League is April 12th.

Borough Attorney Report:

- One item concerning personnel for Executive Session.

Finance (Councilperson Ormosi in for Councilperson Godleski):

- Claims Voucher Resolution - Payment of the Bills - **Motion** by Councilperson Ormosi for Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$564,489.28, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- Transfer Resolution - **Motion** by Councilperson Ormosi, for Transfer Resolution as presented, seconded by Councilperson Conner, discussion.

Councilperson Conner asked where we went over. Actual costs were more than what was appropriated for Legal and Engineering. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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

Marianne Manley - Prospect Street

- Asked if the retail space was going to be on Washington Street? Retail space will be on Main Street. Artist rendering of what it will be like is in the trailer.

Bill Conner - Equator Avenue

- Asked if a new Personnel Policy Book has been written? New Policy was approved in December but rescinded in January for some corrections. He asked if a light duty policy for Public Works had been added. A light duty policy was never discussed for adding to the Personnel Policy.

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

Agenda:

Rocky Hill Discussion:

Discussion about the amendments to the Rocky Hill Contract. The Contract will be a two year contract with a 10% increase on the base sum per month starting the first year. The second year will increase another 10%. Other changes would be a six month walk away clause (either party can use this clause). A straw poll was taken to see how many Council members are ready to vote on this Contract. The result was 3 in favor and 2 against. **Motion** by Councilperson Allenovitch to go ahead with the Contract for Rocky Hill, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Ormosi thinks we should take advantage of a shared service when it comes our way. Roll Call vote taken, 3 ayes and 2 nays.

Planning Board Appointments:

Mayor appointed John Elder who lives at 7 Liberty Way as an alternate for the Planning Board.

Ordinance 02-2208 - Capital Repairs Ordinance (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Ordinance 02-2008 - Capital Repairs Ordinance in the amount of \$20,000.00, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked about the difference in the amount for the repairs to the street sweeper and also about the replacement of signs. Street sweeper will be repaired by an outside company. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Budget 2008:

Borough Clerk explained that Finance Committee is still working on putting numbers in the Budget. Should have a Budget by next week. If nothing changes With the Governor's proposed budget we will have to make cuts. Last year every department was asked to cut their line items by 10%. We may have to do the same this year.

Façade Committee Appointment:

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi to appoint Bill Schubert to the Façade Committee, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, all ayes.

Capital Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY'S SOMERSET MUNICIPAL BANC PROGRAM, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Hiring of Intern for Police Department:

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch to approve the hiring of an intern for the Police Department (Luke Mont) at a rate of \$11.75/hr., seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, all ayes. He will be filling in for Christina Ward who will be on maternity leave from May 8th to July 31st.

Hiring of Crossing Guard:

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch to approve the hiring of Jessica Rodriguez as backup Crossing Guard, seconded by Councilperson Conner, discussion, all ayes.

Old Fire Chief's Vehicle:

Motion by Councilperson Conner to table this item (1992 Chevy Blazer) until next meeting, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all ayes.

Incentive Program for the Fire Department:

Need to amend the Ordinance. Will be done at the April Meeting.

Coin Toss Approval:

Motion by Councilperson Conner to approve Fire Company Coin Toss on

May 9th and September 26th (alternate dates May 16th and October 3rd) from Noon to 4:00 PM on Main Street and Elizabeth St., seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, all ayes.

Resolution - Municipal Planning Partnership Grant Program - Fiscal Year 2005:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH BOUND BROOK TO AMEND THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH BOUND BROOK AND THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET CONCERNING THE SOMERSET COUNTY MUNICIPAL PLANNING PARTNERSHIP 9MPP0 GRANT PROGRAM - FISCAL YEAR 2005, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner what exactly to Grant Program does. It enables us to get reinstated as a Town Center. All ayes.

Resolution - Creation of the Plan Endorsement Citizens Advisory Committee:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Resolution to CREATE THE PLAN ENDORSEMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all ayes.

Resolution Opposing The Failure of the Governor's Proposed State Budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year to Treat Property Tax Relief As Our Priority:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Resolution OPPOSING THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED STATE BUDGET FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR TO TREAT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AS OUR PRIORITY, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all ayes.

Resolution - Municipal Alliance Activities:

Motion by Councilperson Shoffner authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the original agreement for municipal alliance activities, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, all ayes.

Retired Chief Verry's Duty Weapon:

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch to give Retired Chief Verry his duty weapon as per his contract, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, all ayes. This will be effective March 2nd.

Alternate Prosecutor Resolution:

Tabled until next month.

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

Mike Tomaro - Edgewood Terrace

- Discussed the 1992 Fire Chief Vehicle. Fire Department thinks we should keep this vehicle as a support vehicle.
- Incentive Program - he wanted to know why it will take so long to amend the Ordinance. Before it can be voted on there needs to be a draft, then an introduction, then publication and finally a seconded reading with a public hearing on the Ordinance.

Andy Carlton - Garfield Avenue

- He feels the Council is dragging its feet on the Incentive Program issue. He would like to process to move along faster. Feels it has taken too long to get to this point.

Sean Lambertz - 215 Cedar Street

- He sees no communication between the Council and the Fire Department to move the issue of Incentive Program along. He also brought up the Personnel Policy and how it was voted on and then the vote was rescinded because of corrections which needed to be made. He sees a lack of communication between the Council, Mayor and the Committees and Departments.

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

Borough Clerk Resolution to go to Closed (Executive) Session to discuss a personnel matter, Robert Verry and his settlement. **Motion** by Councilperson Shoffner to go to Executive Session, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all ayes. (10:03 PM)

Motion by Councilperson Shoffner to return to Regular Session, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all ayes. (10:10 PM)

Motion by Councilperson Conner to transmit to Robert Verry \$96,321.80 in settlement of all claims, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Adjournment:

Upon completion of the peoples' business a **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk