

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 8, 2008 at Fellowship Hall, Clinton 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, the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation by the Borough Clerk.

Roll Call:

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

Attending:

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

Letters and Communications:

- Street Encroachment Permit filed with the State of New Jersey concerning the remediation of the land that we know as asbestos mountain. Fencing and capping of the soil will be done.
- Letter from American Water Co. advising that there will be a public hearing on rate increase for water service and sewer.
- Letter from the Borough of Raritan inviting South Bound Brook to march in the John Basilone Parade in September. Letter was passed along to the Fire Department.

Awards and Presentations:

- Police Officer Sandra Valadyka will be awarded the 2007 Annual Award for Outstanding Achievement in Victim Services in the Field of Domestic Violence. The award will be presented April 16th at the Prosecutor's Office.

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Motion** by Councilperson Conner to approve the February and March Meetings Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, all ayes.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor met with Landmark Developers who own the property on Johnson and Main Streets. They want to build 22 town houses on the property. They will come before the Planning Board to get a change from their original plan of building 34 apartments.
Councilperson Conner asked if the land could be used for something else. She was informed that it is privately owned and therefore we had no say in what should be built there.
- Mayor also appointed Harold Kildow of 116 Van Sickle Blvd. to the Planning Board as an Alternate.

Redevelopment (Councilperson Ormosi):

- Discussed the development of Main Street - retail space on Main St.
- Building Department Monthly Report submitted and reviewed.
- No appointment yet for the Façade Committee. Still looking for someone in the business community to fill the last spot.

Recreation/Historical (Councilperson Quinlan):

- Battle of Bound Brook - If there is rain then the fighting will not take place. Black powder does not work in the rain.
- **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan for Resolution authorizing Dennis Quinlan and the Historical Commission to prepare and execute an application for a Grant from the Somerset County Open Space Recreation Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund - Historic Preservation Grant Program for the Abraham Staat's House, seconded Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes. This grant does not require a local match.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- 2008 Budget is in the hands of the Auditors.
- Claims Voucher Resolution - **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$599,940.51, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Public Safety - Police Department/Rescue Squad (Councilperson Allenovitch):

- First Aid Squad will be holding a Coin Toss on June 21st and September 20th

- from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Rain dates June 28th and September 27th.
- The First Aid Squad needs volunteers.
 - The First Aid Squad Monthly Reports Submitted. First Aid Squad answered 14 calls in March - 58.9 man hrs.
 - Rocky Hill Contract is signed and in effect.
 - Police Department Monthly Report submitted. Police Department answered 176 total calls, 24 arrests.
 - Pedestrian Yield Signs - cost looked into - cost would be about \$300/yr. and last for a year. Councilperson Conner felt that was expensive since they only are good for one year.
 - **Motion** by Councilperson Allenovitch granting permission for the First Aid Squad to conduct a Coin Toss on June 21st and September 20th (alternates June 28th and September 27th), seconded by Councilperson Conner, all ayes.

Public Safety - Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Asked if our web site was up and running. No. Borough Clerk said there is someone interested in helping to get us up and running for no cost.
- Girl Scouts will be planting a tree by the school. DPW will dig the hole for them.
- Fire Department Monthly Report submitted. 7 alarms were answered, total man hrs. answering alarms 175.4 and total man hrs. for March 275.4.
- Barry Van Horn is looking into the sprinkler location identification situation at Canal Crossing.

Borough Attorney Report:

- Nothing to report.

At this time the Borough Clerk explained a letter from X-Tel. This company cuts phone expenses drastically and were recommended by the League of Municipalities. They can save us up to 35% on our phone bills.

The Borough Engineer was supposed to get back to the Borough Clerk with a Resolution to put the Prospect St. project out to bid and also the demolition of the two buildings on Elm Street. Borough Clerk should have this information by the end of the month.

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

Erica Ciancia - 100 Canal Street

- Asked about the pocket park on Canal Street. All the equipment was removed because it was not up to code. New equipment has been applied for through grant.

Mary Bowers - Stewart Street

- Asked if there will be a PILOT Program for the property that Landmark wants to build on. The property is not in a designated redevelopment zone therefore there will be no PILOT Program.

Councilperson Conner asked if the Fanaro property is part of the PILOT Program. Commercial property is not part of the PILOT Program. That property will be surrendered by the end of April.

Kathy Faulks - 90 Canal Street

- She thanked Ken Pine and the Public Works Department for their work in preparing the Staat's House property for the Battle of Bound Brook. Councilperson Quinlan also thanked Sheriff Provanzano for providing the Community Service people to help.

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

Councilperson Conner asked the Attorney if the Fire Department could use the buildings waiting to be demolition for training. Since they are located on a County road the County will have to give permission.

Agenda:

Ordinance 02-2008 Street Signs, Repairs for Public Works Equipment (Second Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Ordinance 02-2008 - Ordinance authorizing the general capital repairs and purchase of equipment for the Borough of South Bound Brook funded through the Capital Fund Balance in a total amount of \$20,000.00, 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 Quinlan to close public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes.

Discussion. Councilperson Conner asked if unused money would go back into the general fund. She asked if the street sweeper would last another three years with the repairs. The answer was yes. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

2008 Budget:

Talked about earlier in the meeting.

Old Fire Chief Vehicle:

Motion by Councilperson Conner to take the old Fire Chief vehicle out of service and put it up for auction, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Incentive Program for Fire Department:

After a lengthy discussion with the meeting opened to the public for comment on this item it was decided to table this until the next meeting. There were several questions that needed to be answered before an ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance could be drafted.

Raffle License Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Off-Premise Raffle Resolution for the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Mercy Church (May 17, 2008 & Oct. 18, 2008) and The Friends of the Abraham Staat's House to hold a 50/50 raffle between April and December 2008, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all ayes.

Personnel Policy:

Changes will be reviewed. Tabled until next month. Borough Clerk would like to have a meeting before the next Council meeting to discuss the changes.

Alternate Prosecutor Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for appointment of Elia Pelios as Alternate Prosecutor as required by the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes. Mr. Pelios will be paid per diem as needed by the Municipal Court.

Exemption from Sewer Ban (Van Sickle Blvd.):

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to allow the application for a sewer exemption on the Van Sickle Blvd. property to be sent to the State DEP, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked if this was for only one house. It is for one house. All in favor, all ayes.

DOT Grant Applications:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to submit the following three streets for DOT Grant: Sanders Avenue, Jerome Avenue and Howard Avenue, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

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

Mary Bowers - Stewart Street

- Asked about salaries of Council members, employees and stipend given to Assistant Supervisor of Public Works. Will the Council consider lowering or freezing their salaries and those of the employees? Council will look at everything, including salaries, to keep the taxes from going up too much.
- Asked how you get a Raffle license. Given the information.
- Asked if Borough Clerk title change to Administrator involved a salary increase. No it did not.
- Spoke about the Council setting up a meeting so quickly for the Personnel Policy and how they could not set one up for the Fire Company. Told that they had to check on the availability of the CFO.

Bob Fives - Equator Avenue

- Asked if the Fire Department could form a fire district. Borough Clerk informed him that the State will not allow any new districts but they could join a fire district already in existence. There is grant money available for this. This is something that will have to be looked into.

Sean Lambertz - 215 Cedar Street

- Spoke about how an Incentive Program would help to get new members.

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

Adjournment:

Having completed the peoples' business a **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, all ayes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk

