

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held May 13, 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, the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation by the Borough Clerk. Mayor asked those present to keep in their prayers his friend and also a firefighter from Somerville who is dealing with his second bout with cancer as a result of his efforts at ground zero after 9-11.

Roll Call:

Mayor Terry Warrelmann	(Present)
Council President Tom Ormosi	(Absent) Arrived 7:55 PM
Councilperson Dennis Quinlan	(Present)
Councilperson Kathleen Conner	(Present)
Councilperson Caryl Shoffner	(Present)
Councilperson Tony Godleski	(Present)
Councilperson Bob Allenovitch	(Present)

Attending:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Motion** by Councilperson Allenovitch for approval of the April Meetings Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, all ayes.

Mayor's Report:

- Attended second Mayor's Roundtable Meeting with Councilperson Quinlan. The meeting was about grants. Councilperson Quinlan will expand on this topic during his report. A review was done on some issues previously brought up. One of the topics was managing and storing Police Department evidence. Chiefs do not feel this is an issue that should be worked on. Information is being obtained for leaf composting. A list of names of local farms interested in accepting leaves is being compiled. Looking into getting some grant money to research cost and feasibility of having data backup storage for towns. These meetings are very helpful and informative and the Mayor will continue to attend.

- Met with Mayor Pilato of Bound Brook to discuss sharing services. Suggestions are Code Enforcement, Public Works and Municipal Court. Will continue to discuss ways to save money.

Council Reports:

Public Works/Historical Committee (Councilperson Quinlan):

- Met with Department of Public Works Union Local on April 17th. This was the second meeting. Some progress is slowly being made.
- Grant Writing Workshop information presented for Council to review. When applying for a grant you must read exactly what the criteria is and fill out every piece of information.
- Attended Board of Health meeting on May 1st.
- Battle of Bound Brook - Thank you to the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, OEM Department, the Reformed Church, the Historic Commission members and the Friends of the Abraham Staats' House. Having the activities at one site (the Staats' House) seemed to make everyone happy.
- **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan to appoint Mr. Ashesh Shah to the Façade Improvement Committee, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion, all ayes.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- Claims Voucher Resolution - Payment of the Bills - **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for approval of Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$999,831.30, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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

- Police Department Monthly Report submitted. Total calls 194, total arrests 17.
- First Aid Squad Monthly Report submitted. 19 calls, 170 miles and 46 ½ man hours.
- Police Committee has met to interview for the Chief of Police position. Met with three different officers and have agreed on Lt. King being Chief of Police. He will have a physical, psychiatric evaluation and a written agreement will be worked on. When all of this is complete the Council will be asked to vote on the Police Committee's recommendation.

Public Safety - Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Fire Department Monthly Report submitted - Man hours answering alarms were 54.1 and total man hours for April - 152.1.
- Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 26th at 11:00 AM.

- The old Fire Chief's truck is empty and will be moved over to the space next door to Borough Hall. That vehicle along with the other police vehicles will be auctioned off. The County auction has already taken place so the Borough Clerk will conduct a public auction here in town on a Saturday morning. It will be advertised for the end of June.
- Is reevaluation completed? The house to house is done. They will be sending out letters to the residents stating the assessed value. The residents have the right to meet with the Assessor and the Reval Company to discuss the assessment. There is an appeal process after that.

Recreation/Board of Education (Councilperson Shoffner):

- Recreation Social Committee is interviewing for the Summer Park Program. Recommendations will be brought to the Council in June for a vote.
- Ken Pine and the Department of Public Works is working on building a ping pong table for the Park.
- Recreation Committees have worked together and decided to purchase two park benches for the Memorial Park.
- South Bound Brook residents have now been given permission to join the Bound Brook Pool at Codrington Park. A fee will be charged which will also entitle our residents to participate in the summer programs provided by Bound Brook.

Police Week Proclamation:

- Mayor read Proclamation declaring the week of May 11th - May 17th as Police Week in the Borough of South Bound Brook and May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Councilperson Ormosi arrives at 7:55 PM.

Summer Business Hours:

- Mayor read a memo from Borough Hall employees requesting Summer Business Hours. As in the past they will be taking ½ hour lunch times and no lunch on Fridays in order to leave at 2:00 PM on Fridays. **Motion** by Councilperson Shoffner to approve Summer Business Hours, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Councilperson Godleski asked how the Court will handle ticket payments because the ticket says Court is open until 4:00 PM. This has not been a problem in the past. Roll call vote taken, 5 ayes and 1 nay. Summer hours will be prominently posted at Borough Hall and placed on the electronic message board.

At this time the Borough Clerk told the Council that the SBB web-site is up and running. It is called wwsbbnj.com. It is being developed by a group that does this for municipalities. When completed it will be handed over to the Borough for us to maintain.

Borough Attorney Report:

- Two items for Executive Session.

Officer In Charge Report:

- Lt. King thanked the Fire Department and the First Aid Squad for their help along with the Police Department in getting a resident, who had fallen from a roof, medical evacuation by helicopter. All three agencies worked perfectly together in getting this resident to the hospital as quickly as possible. The Mayor and Council also congratulated the members of all three agencies for the fine job they did that night.

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

Eric Schroeder - 70 Stewart Street

- Asked about the graffiti at the parks, especially all over the children's climbing structures and play areas. This is at all the parks, especially Maple Ave. Park. Clean Communities is looking for a grant to get special cleaning solutions to remove this graffiti. The Public Works Department will be asked to paint over it.

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

Agenda:

2008 Municipal Budget Introduction:

Motion by Councilperson Godleski for Introduction of the 2008 Municipal Budget, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Mayor reiterated that this is an introductory budget and that the Council will try to cut as much as possible and see what kind of aid we get from the State. Councilperson Ormosi has read that the State has found some extra money and Councilperson Godleski feels there may be some aid for small towns. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Ordinance 003-2208: Index Rate Ordinance (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Godleski for Ordinance 003-2008 Index Rate Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Since Councilperson Ormosi arrived late, Mayor asked if he had anything for Council Reports. Redevelopment/Code Enforcement - Monthly Report submitted for

Code Enforcement and Façade Committee is meeting this week. Councilperson Conner asked who was on that Committee. Mayor will get back to her with the names of the members of that Committee.

Personnel Policy:

Tabled because not enough copies were printed.

Police Week Proclamation:

Mayor read the proclamation earlier in the meeting.

Taxi Cab License Approval:

Motion by Councilperson Allenvoitch to approve Taxi Cab Licenses for the following: Juan Jose Salazar and Grzegorz Jozefacki, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked if we have had taxi licenses here before. Years ago we had applicants but they did not follow through. Councilperson Ormosi asked if there is a way for the town to revoke the license. They must follow the rules in order to keep the license. The license is only for the driver and can not be passed along to someone else. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Police Mutual Aid Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Allenvoitch for Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all ayes.

Fire Grant Resolution:

Councilperson Conner explained that the Fire Department will be applying for a grant. This is a federal government grant. It is a matching grant. They are applying for \$120,000.00 with a match of approximately \$5,000.00.

Sewer Connection Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan authorizing Block 4 Lot 77, 267 Main St. to apply to Franklin Township Sewer Authority for sewer connection, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion, all ayes.

Professional Service Contracts:

Copies of contracts not available. Tabled until next month.

Quick Claim Deed Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to approve Quick Claim Deed Resolution for Block 42, Lot 19 - 133 Warren St., seconded by Councilperson Conner,

discussion, all ayes.

EDIP Appointments:

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi to appoint Councilperson Ormosi, Mr. Shah, Bill Schubert and Colin Driver to the EDIP Committee (Façade Committee), seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked about the GAF Research building. What can be done with it? The property still belongs to GAF therefore nothing can be done right now. The Mayor has spoken to someone interested in that property and he referred him to our Redevelopment Coordinator. All in favor, all ayes.

Deferred Comp Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Resolution authorizing the Borough Administrator to execute the Service Agreement with AXA Equitable for the provision of administrative and investment services, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

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

Sean Lambertz - 215 Cedar Street

- Asked Councilperson Quinlan for grant information from the County.
- At the town auction can other departments bid on the old chief's truck. No. It is the intent of the town to sell it. We can't buy it from ourselves.
- Asked about fees for the website. Are there any? Right now there are none. If there are at some point in time it will be looked at very carefully.
- Have we taken possession of the Fanaro property. The town is giving Mr. Fanaro time to remove his equipment. He has been given until May 23rd to have all his equipment removed.

Andy Carlton - 215 Garfield Avenue

- Asked who is responsible if Mr. Fanaro gets hurt while removing his equipment. The town would be responsible if he sues the town.

Dominic Vatalare - 182 High Street

- After the buildings are demolished what is the town doing with the property. The Redevelopment Committee will talk to the developer about a time frame for demolition and construction of the retail part of the project.

Eric Schroeder - 70 Stewart Street

- Asked if there are any businesses interested in leasing space when the retail buildings are built. The Mayor does not know who may be interested now. In the past there had been a bank and several nationally know businesses that were interested.

Sean Lambertz - 215 Cedar Street

- Mr. Fanaro is stripping the buildings of everything. The Council is aware of this and wants to get him out by May 23rd.

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

Resolution for Excluding the Public:

Motion by Councilperson Godleski to approve Resolution to go to Executive Session for purpose of discussion of litigation or contract negotiation, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes. (8:50 PM)

Motion by Councilperson Conner to return to Public Session, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes.

Adjournment:

Having completed the peoples' business, a **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk

