

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on July 8, 2008 at Council Chambers, 12 Main Street, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement by Mayor Terry Warrelmann, the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence requested by the Borough Clerk in memory of Don Csontos Fireman and former Fire Chief.

Roll Call:

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

Attending:

**Chief of Police: William King
OEM Director: Paul Kaminsky
Borough Engineer: Tom Herits**

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch to approve the June Meetings Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all ayes.

Mayor's Report:

- Attended the Robert Morris graduation and the Bound Brook High School Graduation.
- Working on getting something done with the former GAF Research Building. Writing a letter to Holding Company that is taking care of the liquidation of the GAF properties explaining that there is someone interested in purchasing the property, refurbishing it and creating office space.

Council Reports:

Public Works/Historical Commission (Councilperson Quinlan):

- Attended a seminar on grass and yard waste disposal called "Cut It and Leave It". Ken Pine, Public Works Manager and the Mayor also attended. Since the number of places to bring yard waste and grass clippings is diminishing, it is important to find another way to handle this situation. It was suggested that composting or mulching may be the answer. More information is needed and the availability of grant money to get a program started will be looked into.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- Claims Voucher Resolution - Payment of the Bills - **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$607,086.32, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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

- Police Department Monthly Report submitted - 227 calls answered by police.
- The turnout for the Chief's swearing in was great.
- Chief's Contract still being worked on.
- PBA will have a rubber duck race on July 26th at 10:00 AM.
- The Rescue Squad Monthly Report submitted - 20 calls answered, 54 man hours and total mileage 175 miles.
- The Rescue Squad conducted a Coin Toss and a Door to Door collection. The response was tremendous. Final figures are not yet available. The Squad would like to thank everyone for the success of this drive.

Public Safety - Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Nothing to report. Lacked a quorum, no meeting.

Recreation/Board of Education (Councilperson Shoffner):

- Kick-off of the Summer Park Program took place yesterday. 35 kids attended. Still purchasing equipment for the program.
- Web site for Town is up and running. Recreation registrations are now on-line i.e. soccer, basketball, etc.

Borough Engineer Report:

- Prospect St. - contract should be awarded at the August meeting. It will be advertised in the newspaper next Tuesday.
- Attended EDIP meeting last month - was able to get \$20,000.00 for Canal Plaza façade.

- Clinton St. project - pushing to get it done this year.
- Demolition of two buildings - specs did not include asbestos removal. Both buildings have asbestos. Demo companies usually work with asbestos removal companies. Specs will be revised to include asbestos removal and we will go out to bid.

Borough Clerk asked about an alley way between Clinton and Prospect Streets. There is a drainage problem there. It needs to be looked at. Mayor asked Borough Engineer to take a look at a dry well at Maple Avenue Park. It apparently is not draining off the water as it used to and it breeds mosquitos.

Chief of Police Report:

- Nothing to report other than to thank people for coming out for the swearing-in ceremony.

Borough Clerk Report:

- Nothing to report.

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

Paul Kaminsky - 18 Washington Street

- Asked about the Sidewalk Café Resolution. He was concerned about accessibility. If the sidewalk is blocked people will have to go out into the street to get around the tables. Ovarions Restaurant was used as an example, however they have patio for outside dining. Perhaps that should be treated differently than a sidewalk café. Those applying for this will have to submit a plan with the proper access and egress and space for a proper walk area will have to be provided. The Zoning Official will have to approve the plan.

Bill Schubert - 12 Von Steuben Lane

- Spoke about the grass clipping pickup issue. This issue will be talked about at meetings and information will be gathered to come up with a plan for disposition of grass clippings when and if it is no longer feasible to take them to the farm.

Marianne Manley - 164 Prospect St.

- Spoke about the grass clippings. The farms make money on the grass we give to them by making mulch. However, there are not enough farms to take it to.
- She spoke about the alley way behind her house. She has lost about \$4,000.00 worth of trees and plants plus there is a mosquito problem. Something needs to be done. Borough Engineer will check into this problem.

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

Agenda:

ABC Liquor License Renewal:

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch for ABC Liquor License Renewal for Main Street Liquor from July 8, 2008 to June 30, 2009, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked why they all can not be done at the same time. Borough Clerk has to wait for the State of New Jersey to okay the issuance of the license. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Sidewalk Café Ordinance (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Sidewalk Café Ordinance, First Reading, seconded by Councilperson Conner, discussion. Councilperson Godleski asked if this was for alcohol and food. The answer was yes. Councilperson Conner asked about how businesses in town could apply for outside dining. They would have to have a plan approved by Bill Boyle. Roll call vote taken, 4 ayes and 1 nay.

Main Street Parking Ordinance:

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch for Main Street Parking Ordinance (2 hour Parking - Main Street, both sides from Cedar Street to Maple Avenue), seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan authorizing Bill Boyle to open the sidewalk in front of Washington Park property on Elizabeth St. by any means i.e. lien on property if necessary, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion, all ayes.

Professional Services Contract:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for hiring of Historic Building Architects, LLC for the execution of the 2005 Somerset County Historic Preservation Grant in combination with the 2006 NJ Historic Trust Capital Level 2 Grant, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion. All in favor, all ayes.

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

No public response.

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Borough Clerk informed the Council that a Newsletter is being put together. Any information should be sent to the Borough Clerk as soon as possible.

Adjournment:

Having completed the peoples' business a **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk

