

BOROUGH OF SOUTH BOUND BROOK

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held September 9, 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 a request by the Borough Clerk for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the September 11th attacks.

Roll Call:

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

Attending:

Borough Attorney: William Cooper
Borough Engineer: Tom Herits
Chief of Police: William King
OEM Coordinator: Paul Kaminsky

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Motion** by Councilperson Shoffner to approve the August Meetings Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all ayes

Mayor's Report:

- Thank you to OEM Coordinator, Police Chief, Fire Chief and First Aid Squad Chief Public Works Supervisor and Councilperson Ormosi for their preparations and readiness for tropical storm Hannah. Each town had their procedures down and were ready.
- Thank you to the Recreation Sports Committee with the help of the Recreation Social Committee for the wonderful Community Day this year. Large groups of people attended and participated in the activities. Thank you again for the time and effort put in making this event so enjoyable.

- Spoke with a party interested in the Washington Park property. Further discussion is necessary.
- Another letter sent to GAF about the property on Canal Road. We asked for their assistance in letting us get into the building to assess what needs to be done to the building before the gentleman interested makes an offer.

Council Reports:

Redevelopment (Councilperson Ormosi):

- Spoke to someone interested in managing the Washington Park property. They are not interested in buying the property only managing it for someone else. Councilperson Shoffner asked if anyone was living in the building. No.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- Claims Voucher Resolution – Payment of the Bills – **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$524,991.45, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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

- Police Department Monthly Report – 28 calls answered, 23 arrests made, 5 DWI
- Working on Chief's Contract – hoping to bring to Council next month.
- Rescue Squad – 15 calls answered, 111 miles and 65.8 man hrs.
- Thank you to Emergency Management team for being well prepared.

Public Safety – Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Fire Department Monthly Report – 7 alarms answered, 53.3 man hrs.
- Thanked the Fire Department for the wet down at Community Day.

Recreation/Board of Education Liaison (Councilperson Shoffner):

- Recreation Social Committee – no meeting in August – no quorum
- Harvest Fest is scheduled for October 19th. There will be two horse drawn wagons for hay rides and a pumpkins for a pumpkin patch.
- No fall soccer program – not enough children signed up.
- Congratulations Donna and her team for a great Community day. Total cost for Community Day - \$4,372.00. The Bake Sale by the Seniors collected \$27.00 and they donated it to the children. Recreation made \$200.00 selling tee-shirts.
Thinking of having a dunk tank for next year
- Movie In The Park is set for September 19th. Pre-show is at 6:45 pm and the movie is at 7:30 pm.
- Teen Night – May start the beginning of October.

- Exit Interviews for the Summer Park Program employees. The Committee will meet at 6:00 pm on September 23rd before the regular meeting of the Social Committee.

Borough Attorney Report:

- Phase Two of the Abraham Staat's Project is gearing up. Historic Building Architects have been in contact with the state. The State has approved their bidder qualification package. This is the grant to do repair work on the Staat's House.
Motion by Councilperson Ormosi authorizing the Borough Attorney to advertise Resolution adopting the pre-bid qualifications will be on the October 14th Council Meeting Agenda, seconded by Councilperson Conner, discussion, all ayes.

Chief of Police Report:

- Nothing to report.

Borough Engineer Report:

- **Motion** by Councilperson Shoffner awarding the contract for demolition of Borough owned properties 16 and 19 Elm Street to Yannuzzi and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$57,300.00, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes. Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid documents and funds available and has approved them.
- Contracts sent to the contractor for the Prospect St. project. At a pre-construction meeting the sidewalk replacement for Washington Park will be brought up.
- Cost estimate for the Clinton Street bonding given to Borough Clerk.
- The New Jersey Water Authority hired a contractor to do drainage improvements by the Staat's House.

Councilperson Conner asked about the water fountain at the softball field at Memorial Park. The fountain needs major repair because of vandalism. Ken Pine will be asked to give an estimate on the cost of repairs. She also asked about the auction of Borough vehicles. Borough Clerk has been unable to find title to one vehicle. He will ask for a junk title or new title from DMV.

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

Charles Tomaro – Lincoln Street

- Spoke about parking problems on Lincoln Street. A school bus parks overnight on Lincoln Street. The bus driver lives on Elizabeth Street. This sometimes interferes with people getting out of their driveways. What can be done? Repealing the overnight parking Ordinance is an option. However, that would take a lot of time. The Chief of Police will call the bus company.

William Conner – Equator Avenue

- Was the regular garbage truck picking up grass on Tuesday because of the holiday on

Monday. Mayor did not know. Mr. Conner asked if the grass pickup could be done on the regular garbage day using the second truck. No, because two crews would be needed and DPW is short handed (only 5 employees).

August Carlton – Garfield Avenue

- Spoke about getting a title on line. Borough Clerk will check into that.
- Asked if more than one night for Teen Night could be possible. Sports Director said that they are thinking about having a special Teen Night on a Friday once a month.

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

Agenda:

Liquor License Transfer Resolution:

Problems at South Side still not straightened out.

Sidewalk Café:

Planning Board has to review the comments by Dennis Hudascko. Councilperson Shoffner asked about the tables out front of Bella Roma. Bill Boyle and the Fire Inspector have been told. A Resolution has been passed temporarily allowing outside dining. No alcohol may be served.

Washington Park Sidewalk:

Discussed during Mayor's Report and Engineer's Report.

Audit Report 2007:

Motion by Councilperson Shoffner for Resolution – Certification of the Annual Audit, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion. Copouncilperson Conner asked if after approving the Resolution could changes be made. Answer, yes. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Ordinance 006-2008: Salary Ordinance (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Godleski to approve Ordinance 006-2008 – Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion. Councilperson Conner had reservations about granting a 2% increase. Roll call vote taken, 4 ayes and 1 nay (Councilperson Conner). This Salary Ordinance also included an end to longevity pay with a one time buyout this year.

Borough Hall Discussion:

Borough Engineer was authorized to look into the cost figures and feasibility of constructing a steel building.

Clinton Street Bonding:

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi to authorize the Borough Attorney to start the bonding process with the Bonding Attorney for \$460,000.00 for the Clinton Street Project, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes. The Ordinance will have a first reading in October.

Crossing Guard Hiring:

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch to hire Jane Shuster as Crossing Guard alternate at \$11.75/hr., seconded by Councilperson Conner, all in favor, all ayes.

Reolution - Tax Exempt Obligations:

Motion by Councilperson Godleski designating a \$2,657,724.00 Bond Anticipation Note, dated August 22, 2008 and payable August 22, 2009 as a “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligation”, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

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

Donna Piazzolla – Cedar Street

- FYI - Little League has been granted permission to use Memorial Park for their picnic which was rained out last week.

Reminder from the Mayor that this Saturday there will be festivities at the Staats House. There will be Civil War Re-enactors, Abraham Lincoln will be there and there will be many activities.

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ay

Adjournment:

Having completed the peoples’ business a **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Godleski, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk

