

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held October 14, 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 moment of silent prayer, requested by the Borough Clerk, for the recovery of Christina Ward's (a Borough employee) boyfriend who was badly hurt in a serious accident yesterday.

Rol Call:

Mayor Terry Warrelmann	(Present)
Council President Tom Ormosi	(Present)
Councilperson Dennis Quinlan	(Present)
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 (Arrived during Meeting)
Chief of Police: William King
OEM Coordinator: Paul Kaminsky
Redevelopment Coordinator: Colin Driver

Letters and Communications:

- Letter from the South Bound Brook Fire Company regarding their Coin Toss on October 3rd. There was one complaint concerning the backup of traffic. The Chief of Police said that the Fire Company followed the policy that we had established.

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor distributed a joint study done by Middlesex and Somerset Counties called the

Easton Avenue Corridor Study. They are going to look for different strategies. Somerset County requests a letter stating that the Borough is willing to participate in this study if this grant is funded. The deadline for them to receive the letter is October 22nd. The area involved is from the Bound Brook Train Station to the end of Easton Ave. in New Brunswick.

Council Reports:

Redevelopment (Councilperson Ormosi):

- Washington Park – there has been some interest shown. Someone wants to come in and look at the property and see if it fits what they are trying to do with their programs. The group is Community Housing Corporation.
- The GAF Research Building – still waiting for a tour to be set up for a businessman who wants to bring his business to South Bound Brook. GAF is interested in moving forward on this.

Public Works (Councilperson Quinlan):

- The Cut It and Leave It Seminar will be held at the Robert Morris School not here at Borough Hall on October 22nd.
- This past weekend was the Somerset County Historic Houses tours. Celebrates the five remaining house structures which hosted five of Washington's Generals during the Second Middlebrook Encampment 1778-1779. There was a great turnout for both events.
- \$87,820.00 in grant money received for the rehabilitation of the smoke house and corn crib at the Staat's House.
- Public Hearing on October 28th at 7:30 PM to adopt regulations for the bidding process for the 2005, 2006 grants.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- Claims Voucher Resolution – Payment of the Bills – **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$577,670.88, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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

- Police Department Monthly Report submitted. 290 calls were answered, there were 22 arrests made and 5 DWIs.
- Chief's Agreement is complete and is on the Agenda.
- Background check is being done on a candidate for officer hiring.
- First Aid Squad Monthly Report submitted. 17 calls were answered, 189 miles were done and 54.3 man hrs.used.

Public Safety – Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Fire Department Monthly Report submitted. 6 alarms answered, 59.3 man hrs. answering alarms, 25 man hrs. on maintenance of trucks and equipment, 22 man hrs. on department training, 14.5 man hrs. were at Board of Engineer Meetings , captain man hrs. for administrative duties were 28.
- Letter from Fire Company inviting Mayor and Council to a dinner on November 15th honoring Richard Barber and Robert Barber for 50 years of service to the South Bound Brook Fire Company.
- Attended Judge Chiarivalli's 100th Birthday Party. It was a wonderful party honoring a remarkable man.
- Courier News has a web site for events and information which can be put on for free and it will stay on until removed or something else put on. My.centraljersey.com
- Asked about repairing the ID machine. Clerk will contact the company to come in and service the machine.
- Inquired about the classes at the League of Municipalities Conference in November.
- The swivel ladder on 55-115 truck is being repaired

Recreation (Councilperson Shoffner):

- Basketball registration is scheduled for this Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall. Coaches are needed.
- Harvest Festival is being held this Sunday. Anyone wanting to help with set up the time is 12:30 PM. The festival runs from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
- Holiday Tree Lighting is December 7th at 6:00 PM.
- Contacted the "Y" about expanding the Summer Parks Program. Waiting to hear.
- Joint meeting of the Recreation Committees scheduled for tomorrow.

Mayor informed the Council that the Newsletter will be going to the Post Office tomorrow.

Borough Attorney Report:

- The Fifth Rider Resolution is on the Agenda.

Redevelopment Coordinator Report:

- Spoke about trying to arrange a meeting between GAF and the potential buyer for the GAF Research Building. Before we can enter the building we will have to talk to the Health Officer to see what will be needed in order to enter and walk around the building safely.

Borough Engineer Report:

- In his absence the Borough Engineer's Report was given by the Borough Clerk. Attended two pre-construction meetings for the Prospect St. Reconstruction Project.

That project should start in about seven to ten days. The road project should take about three weeks. The second project is the demolition of the two buildings on Elm St. The asbestos letters have been sent out to the residents. The removal of the asbestos should begin around October 25th. The demolition of the house should take one day and the other building should take three days.

- Bond Ordinance for Clinton Street is on the Agenda.
- Jenecar is the contractor for the Prospect St. Project. He has worked in the Borough before and has done a fine job with no complaints.
- Washington Park – Jenecar was going to do the sidewalk on Elizabeth St. Myself, Bill Boyle and the Property Maintenance person met at the site and did a walk through and we told him what needed to be done. His company advised him to get estimates for them to do it. He is waiting for approval of the estimate and then they will do the sidewalks. If not Jenecar will do it. This was all part of a Court ruling on what needed to be done on that property as far as property maintenance is concerned.

Borough Clerk Report:

- Will attend a meeting tomorrow at 5:00 PM concerning SASSA which is our shared service agreement with Somerset Hospital for Raritan, Manville, part of Somerville and ourselves. The Rescue Squad from Somerset answers calls 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM here in South Bound Brook. In the past we paid SASSA a fee based on the amount of calls answered and other services. We paid anywhere from \$5,000 to \$15,000. According to this year's agreement we will not be paying anything. This should save the Borough some money.
- Borough Clerk and the Mayor also reported that there are 5 people going to EMT Training at the present time. The course they are taking is one of the toughest EMT courses in New Jersey.

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

Sean Lambertz – Cedar Street

- Spoke about a Homeland Security Grant that was applied for and rejected. Wants to know where to get help with the process of applying for grants. Because the Historical Commission has been very successful obtaining grants, it was suggested that he contact Kathy Faulks of the Historical Commission and ask for assistance. If she can assist perhaps that will help. Also, the League of Municipalities can be of assistance.

William Conner – Garfield Avenue

- Asked about the Cut It & Leave It Seminar. Where and what time will it be. It's at 6:30 PM at the Robert Morris School.

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

At this time the Borough Clerk requested that the Agenda Meeting scheduled for November 4th, Election Day, be postponed and moved to November 11th at 7:00 PM. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion, all in favor, all ayes. Councilperson Conner asked what time the Clerk will open the school on Election Day. Answer, 5:00 AM. Polls open at 6:00 AM.

Agenda:

Washington Park Sidewalk:

This item was talked about during the Borough Engineer's Report.

Fifth Rider for Canal Crossing:

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi for approval of the Fifth Rider to the Redevelopment Agreement assigning all rights and obligations to Route 517 Development, LLC, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Ordinance 006-2008 – Salary Ordinance (Second Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Godleski for Ordinance 006-2008, Salary Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan.

Motion by Councilperson Godleski to open the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance 006-2008, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all ayes.

No public response.

Motion by Councilperson Godleski to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, all ayes.

Discussion – Councilperson Conner asked if this was just for the 2% salary increase. Answer, yes. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Salary Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Godleski for 2008 Salary Resolution, which includes Longevity Payment for 2008, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion. After a lengthy discussion about amounts to be paid a roll call vote was taken, 4 ayes and 2 nays (Councilpersons Conner and Shoffner).

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Ordinance 007-2008 Clinton Street Project (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Godleski for Ordinance 007-2008 Clinton St. Project, an Ordinance to appropriate \$460,000.00, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion, Councilperson Conner asked if that was the total cost of the project. Yes, that is the estimated cost of the project. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Ordinance 008-2008 Main St. Limited Parking (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Ordinance 008-2008, Limited Main Street Parking from Cedar Street to Canal Road, 2 hour parking from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion, all ayes.

Parking Restrictions on Public Roads (Canal Crossing Project):

This item is still being researched by the Police Chief and the Borough Clerk.

Bollards for Municipal Owned Walkway – Canal Crossing:

Motion for Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications, advertise and receive bids for construction and installation of Canal Walkway Lighting, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all ayes.

Chief of Police Memorandum of Understanding:

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch for Chief of Police Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion. There was some discussion, however, Borough Attorney said that the Council Meeting was not the place for the discussion, objections should have been worked out in Committee. Roll call vote was taken, 4 ayes and 2 nays (Councilpersons Conner and Shoffner).

Service Contract for COAH Regulations:

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi for Service Contract for COAH Regulations, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Façade Improvement Grant Program:

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi to approve payment of \$27,258.53 to Mr. John Saboukh owner of Johnny's Auto Painting and Body Work for Façade Improvement work under the Façade Improvement Grant Program, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. All in favor, all ayes. Amount represents 50% of the final cost of \$54,513.05.

Tonnage Grant Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Resolution endorsing the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. All in favor, all ayes.

Hazardous Mitigation Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to approve Hazardous Mitigation Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion. All in favor, all ayes.

Public Sale of Borough Vehicles - Date Change:

Motion by Councilperson Godleski approving the change of date of Public Sale of vehicles to November 22, 2008 at 9:00 AM at Borough Hall, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all in favor, all ayes.

At this time the Mayor recognized Borough Engineer Tom Herits for any additions to his report which was given in his absence. He had nothing to add.

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

Steve Fry – 244 Maple Avenue

- Spoke about the congestion in the parking lot at the school and on Madison Street at the drop off lane. Cars are parking and not moving along after dropping children off.
Lt. Prudente will investigate the situation and work with the school to try to alleviate this problem. If that fails an Ordinance may have to be adopted.

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

Adjournment:

Having completed the peoples' business a **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk

