

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held November 11, 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 silence to remember our veterans on the Veterans Day and to remember Brian Kelly, South Bound Brook Firefighter who passed away recently.

Roll Call:

Mayor Terry Warrelmann	(Present)
Council President Tom Ormosi	(Present)
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
Borough Engineer: Tom Herits

Letters and Communications:

Letter from South Bound Brook Senior Club thanking the Mayor and Council for the \$4,000.00 allotment given to the Club. This allotment will help subsidize their social events for the coming year.

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Motion** by Councilperson Allenovitch to approve the October Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all ayes.

Mayor's Report:

- Budgets need to be handed in early. All Committees and Department Heads need to submit their budgets ASAP. Councilperson Godleski will send out a memo requesting this.

Council Reports:

Public Works/Historical Committee (Councilperson Quinlan):

- Washington Park – e-mail from Mary May Henley to Redevelopment Committee - interested in setting up a walkthrough of the property. This will be arranged as soon as possible.
- Waiting for approval of Chapter 159 insertion into the 2006 Budget, by the State.
- Thank you to Ken Pine for the Yard Waste Composting Seminar. Very informative.
- Letter from Ken Pine requesting a replacement for the mower deck. The estimated cost would be \$4,621.95. A Capital Ordinance may have to be done.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- Claims Voucher Resolution – Payment of the Bills – **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for approval of Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$1,069,218.97, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Resolution Requesting Approval Of Items Of Revenue And Appropriation (*N.J.S.A. 40A 4-97*) for the appropriation of \$20,000.00 to insert in the budget for Canal Plaza Façade Assistance Program, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked if this was the grant money. It is the grant we were given by the County to be inserted in our Budget. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Public Safety – Police Department (Councilperson Allenovitch):

- Police Department Monthly Report submitted. There were 211 calls answered, 27 arrests made and 8 DWIs.
- Rocky Hill – as of October 9th we've received \$39,250.41 through this Agreement.
- 5 street lamps reported out.
- Hiring of Probationary Police Officer – **Motion** by Councilperson Allenovitch to appoint Kevin Klink of Hillsborough as Probationary Police Officer at an annual salary of \$33,120.00 contingent upon Mr. Klink successfully completing a psychological and medical examination, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner did not realize that the Committee was interviewing people to hire. She thought it was just to have a list for the future. She was unaware that we needed an additional officer. It was explained that she should have voiced her concerns and had her questions answered at her Committee meeting.
- Rescue Squad Monthly Report submitted – 11 calls answered and 121 miles logged.
- OEM Report – no report.

Public Safety – Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Fire Department Monthly Report submitted – 7 alarms answered – 36.2 man hrs., truck maintenance – 32 man hrs., department training – 18 man hrs., Board of Engineers Meeting – no meeting, Captain administrative duties – 46 man hrs., total man hrs. for October 132.2.

- New member application for South Bound Brook Fire Department submitted. Joseph D. Ciazzo is the name of the applicant. **Motion** by Councilperson Conner to accept the new member Fire Department application of Joseph D. Ciazzo, seconded Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- Boat registration was discussed.
- Asked about leaf collection. Two residents wanted to know why their leaves were not picked up on Monday. Leaves are being picked up on various days because of the large amount.
- Asked about the status of the ID machine. The repair service is being called and the machine will be checked and an estimate of the cost of repairs will be submitted.

Recreation/Board of Education (Caryl Shoffner):

- Halloween Parade went very well. Since Halloween falls on a Saturday next year, it was suggested that the Halloween Parade and Fall Harvest be combined into one event. The Recreation Committee members and the PBA will discuss this suggestion and come up with a plan for next Halloween.
- The Holiday Program is scheduled for December 18th at 6:30 PM. Since holding the Spring event on a Thursday evening was so successful it was decided to have the Holiday program on a Thursday evening.
- Teen Night started two weeks ago. Sixteen kids were in attendance the first night. Last year it started the same with 16 kids.
- The Holiday Tree Lighting will take place at 7:00 PM on December 7th at Borough Hall. The rain date festivities will have to be moved to the school since Fellowship Hall can not be used.
- School Board is waiting for the results of the yearly tests. Mr. Donahue is not happy with the fifth and sixth grading of literature (reading and writing).
- Field trips out of state are being looked at again.
- The South Bound Brook School Board will meet with the Bound Brook School Board on November 4th.

Borough Engineer Report:

- Nothing to add.

Borough Attorney Report:

- Two items are on the Agenda.

Borough Clerk Report:

- Reported that next week is the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City. The Registrar and Clerk (Donald) and Deputy Registrar (Arleen Lih) will be attending. They will be attending classes in order to pick up their Continuing Education Credits to maintain their certifications. The office will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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

Mary Bowers – 76 Stewart St.

- Spoke about the rudness shown to the two female Council members. She feels that the female Council members speak up at the meetings because their voices may not be heard at the Committee meetings.
- Asked why Ken Pine and DPW cannot repair the loose metal plate on school property. We do not own that property therefore it is not our responsibility.
- Questioned some of the campaign literature that was left at her residence. She was told that the Council Meeting was not the right place to voice her opinion on this subject. She should contact the Republican Committee or the candidates with her objections to what is stated in the literature.

At this time the Mayor tried to explain that the Council had voted in August to authorize the Chief of Police to advertise for the hiring of a probationary police officer. 5 finalists were brought to the Police Committee to be interviewed. One was selected and recommended to the Council for hiring. It was his understanding that everyone was on the same page and knew that this was the situation.

Bill Schubert – 12 Von Steuben Lane

- Asked how and where the Budget will be cut in order to have the funds for LOSAP. Asked if the information on cuts and reduced services will be made public. Yes, it will be made public.
- He commented on the inattentiveness of some of the Council members that he has observed at meetings.
- He also wanted to speak about campaign literature but was told that it would not be discussed at the Council table.

Mary Bowers – 76 Stewart St.

- Asked why \$130,000.00. She was told that that number came from the Fire Department itself. It was the amount that was voted on, therefore it is the amount that must be set aside for LOSAP.

Donna Piazzolla – 136 Cedar Street

- Asked why the No Parking (Cedar St. to Canal Rd.) Ordinance was tabled until December. It did not get into the newspaper on time.

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

Agenda:

Land Exchange Agreement Resolution (Canal Crossing):

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi to approve Resolution Consenting to an Amendment to the Land Exchange Agreement, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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Ordinance 007-2008 – Clinton St. Ordinance (2nd Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for approval of Ordinance 007-2008 – Bond Ordinance authorizing the Reconstruction of Clinton St., seconded by Councilperson Ormosi.

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to open the meeting for public hearing on this Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes.

No public response.

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

Discussion. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Main St. Parking (2 Hrs. – Cedar St. to Canal Rd.)

Tabled until the December meeting.

Parking Restrictions on Public Roads (Canal Crossing Property):

Tabled until the December meeting.

Bollards for Municipal Owned Walkway – Canal Crossing:

Tabled until the December meeting.

Ordinance 009-2008 - School/Park Drug Free Zone (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch to approve Ordinance 009-2008 creating Drug Free Zone in the Borough of South Bound Brook, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Ordinance 010-2008 – Outside Dining Ordinance (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch for approval of Ordinance 010-2008, Outside Dining Ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Conner, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Probationary Patrolman Resolution:

This item was addressed in the Council Reports Section of the meeting.

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

Ed Scanell – Barber Blvd.

- Asked about Item 4 – Parking Restrictions on Public Roads, Canal Crossing being tabled. Asked what this was. Mayor explained that the roads in Canal Crossing are now

public roads and there are parking rules and regulation issues that we need to get straightened out. Plus we need signage for those roads. Therefore the tabling of this item. His next question was what is the Borough going to do about snow there. We are responsible for snow removal on the roads. We already have a snow policy established by the Public Works Department for snow removal. The law says that when it snows cars must be removed from the street.

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 Godlesk, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk