

+SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Minutes of the Special Meeting held Monday, July 28, 2008 at Council Chambers,
12 Main Street, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:44 PM with a reading of the Open Public
Meetings Law Statement by Mayor Terry Warrelmann.**

Roll Call:

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

The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the 2008 Budget and a Resolution to do a Dedication by Rider for three Trust Funds.

2008 Budget:

Motion by Councilperson Godleski for adoption of 2008 Budget, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan.

- **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan to open the meeting to the public for discussion of the 2008 Budget, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes.

- Willie Page - 231 Cedar Street

Asked where the monies contained in the Trust Funds in the Dedication by Rider Resolution are kept. They are in trust accounts at the Commerce Bank.

- Julius Kovacs - 162 Clinton Street

Asked how much is in these trust accounts. Approximately \$15,000.00

- Gerry Fasanella - 9 Baldwin Avenue

Asked if the original amount in the Budget for senior citizens was the same as last year. No, it was increased to \$4,000.00.

- Sean Lambertz - 215 Cedar Street

Asked if the Fire Department operating budget had been increased. Yes, increase of about 24% over last year.

Asked about the Fire Official line item. The amount is for salary for Barry Van Horn and for supplies needed for Fire Department Fire Prevention Week and other events promoting fire safety.

Asked about Fire Sub-Code Official line item. That includes salary for Bill Boyle who does the inspections and goes over plans concerning fire safety for new construction.

Asked how much money given to Rescue Squad. Rescue Squad gets \$18,000.00.

- Terry Pitman - Maple Avenue

Wanted to know how much money was appropriated in 2008 as compared to 2007. \$5,250,803.55 for 2008 and \$5,093,926.40 for 2007.

Asked how much money the Canal Crossings brought in. The amount was \$897,000.00. She also asked what services are provided to Canal Crossing. We pick up the garbage and plow the streets in the winter.

Discussion, roll call vote taken, 4 ayes and 1 nay (Councilperson Conner).

Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for Resolution placing specific funds in specific Trust Funds (Law Enforcement Trust Fund, POAA and Public Defender Fee) such Trust Funds to be considered Dedication By Rider for approval from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked if anything comes out of tax funds. No, this is money received from outside sources but it can not be used to offset the budget. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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

Willie Page - 231 Cedar Street

Asked about the lack of progress at the Washington Park site on Elizabeth St. The Mayor and Council are working with the County to try and find someone to come in and complete the project. We think owner of the property is having financial problems because they were unable to sell any of the units. The County has funds that may be available to a developer who wants to come in and finish the project. The property owner has been summons for maintenance issues. We also are trying to get them to open the walkway along Elizabeth St. We are determined to have that sidewalk opened before school opens, even if we have to do it ourselves. On the positive side we are making progress. Twenty-two town homes will be built on Johnson and Main Streets and there is someone interested in purchasing the GAF Research property and converting it to office space.

Mary Bowers - Stewart Street

Asked when the tax bills will be going out. Possibly the middle of August. Also, asked why these special meetings are not advertised better. The Courier is sent the legal notice. The message board could not have new information put on

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because of lightening damage to the Borough Clerks computer. Also, spoke about the inconvenience of the 5:30 PM meeting time. There are other meetings going on therefore we have to see when the room is available. However, the Mayor said her suggestion having the meeting at 7:00 PM will be considered.

Terry Pitman - Maple Avenue

Spoke about a fence being to close to the street. She feel it is a safety hazard.

The Building Inspector is already aware of this issue.

She also commented on the Police Department's response to calls about different activities at the Maple Avenue Park after dusk. She and her neighbors appreciate the quick response to their calls.

Sean Lambertz - 215 Cedar Street

Invited the Council and the Senior Citizens to come to the Wet Down at the Fire House on August 9th.

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

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to close Edgewood Terrace from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm between Cedar Street and Maple Avenue for purpose of a wet-down, seconded by Councilperson Conner, 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 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk