

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Agenda Meeting held August 11, 2009 at Fellowship Hall, Clinton Street, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement by Mayor Terry Warrelmann.

Roll Call:

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

The purpose of this meeting is to set the Agenda for the Regular Meeting which will follow immediately after this meeting.

The following items were discussed and placed on the Agenda:

- Façade Resolution (Correction)	Councilperson Ormosi
- Somerset County Improvement Authority Ordinance	Councilperson Ormosi
- Canal Crossing Lighting Resolution	Councilperson Quinlan
- Ordinance 2009-006 Private Storm Drain	Councilperson Quinlan
- Ordinance 2009-007 Refuse/Dumpster Ordinance	Councilperson Quinlan
- Municipal Alliance Resolution	Councilperson Godleski
- Crossing Guards Hiring	Councilperson Ormosi
- Police Promotions	Councilperson Quinlan

Mayor spoke about Trenton not seeing fit to send us extraordinary aid. They felt there were other towns which needed the aid more than we did. A special meeting may be needed to go over the Budget and see where more cuts can be made.

Motion by Councilperson Godleski to open the meeting to the public for discussion of the Infall #21 at Barber Blvd., seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, all ayes.

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At this time Councilperson Godleski and the Representative from NJ Water Supply discussed the filtration system for the private storm drain. Councilperson Shoffner was interested in costs and maintenance of the system. Costs and maintenance was explained in detail.

Loretta Sulligan – Armstrong St.

- Asked how high the river has to be before we flood. She gets water in her basement. She gets clean water so it must be infiltration through the foundation or it could be the stream that runs near her house.

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to close this portion of the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes.

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

Jimmy Shah – 172 High Street

- Spoke about the proposed installation of lights at Memorial Park for the night games. He feels that this will create more traffic, more noise and problems for the people living on those streets bordering Memorial Park. He has a petition objecting to the lights signed by 30 people. Mayor told him that the lights are just proposed. The Council will take into consideration the objections of the residents.

Lorretta Sulligan – Armstrong Street

- Asked about getting outside donations to help defray the cost of having Community Day. The Recreation Director said that letters had been sent out to the businesses in town and there has been some response. She will take the suggestion of outside donations under consideration for future events.

Carmella Salerno – Van Sickle Blvd.

- Spoke about the tax bills. She wanted to know why a tax rate has not been struck yet. Mayor explained that we now get a tax rate because we were waiting to hear about aid from the State. She said her taxes would be going up \$3,000. Mayor tried to explain that the estimated bill that went out for August can not be used to gauge your taxes for the rest of the three quarters.

Jimmy Shah – 172 High Street

- Asked why surplus can't be used to lower taxes. Mayor told him that \$800,000 has already been taken from surplus and put in the Budget. We need to keep some money in surplus in case of an emergency.

John Salkeld – 224 Cedar Street

- Spoke about consolidating or merging with another town. Councilperson Quinlan said that many small towns costs per capita is lower than the surrounding townships or large towns. Consolidation does not always mean a large savings to the smaller town. Mayor has spoken to different towns about shared services and consolidation of services.

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Jimmy Shah – 172 High Street

- Asked if the reason we did not get extraordinary aid is because we are not consolidating or merging with other towns. Mayor does not think that is the reason because Trenton knows that we have been working with other towns to share services. Councilperson Shoffner explained that we have been looking into merging the school with Franklin or Bound Brook. We could save money by not having to pay a superintendent or business administrator but then we would also have to bus our students, inherit their debt for the new Franklin High School and pay our teachers what they pay.

Dennis Eickhorst – 21 Reid Street

- Asked the Mayor to define what he's looked into as far as consolidation of towns and regionalization of the school system. The County Superintendent is looking into regionalizing the schools. He asked about merging the Fire Department. Mayor did not participate in a study concerning the merging of fire departments because it would cost the Borough \$2,000.00 to participate and he felt we could not afford that at this time. Mayor did discuss merging the Court with Bound Brook. That fell by the wayside because there were issues about who appoints the Judges and the Attorneys. We do share their Courtroom for a nominal fee. Merging the Police Department and the Rescue Squad was also questioned. Mayor said that has not been looked into. Mayor explained that he has looked into other departments, such as Code Enforcement and Finance Department. Our Rescue Squad is already a shared service with Somerset Medical Center. They are used during the day and our volunteers are on call at night. As far as the Police Department is concerned, the residents for the most part, like having their own Police Department.

Marianne Manley – 164 Prospect Street

- Thanked the Borough Engineer and the contractor for replacing contaminated soil with good top soil on a portion of her lawn. This problem occurred after the reconstruction of Prospect Street.

Loretta Sulligan – Armstrong St.

- She is a member of the Bound Brook Seniors. She wanted to let the Mayor and Council know that the Bound Brook Seniors praised our Public Works Department for the work they do and for keeping costs down.

Carmella Salerno – VanSickle Blvd.

- Asked if all units in Canal Crossing were sold. Wanted to know why it does not alleviate some of the tax burden. Canal Crossing brings in \$900,000.00 to the Municipality. GAF was paying less than \$60,000.00. If we did not have the revenue from Canal Crossing we would be in a \$900,000.00 hole right now in revenue.

Jimmy Shah – 172 High Street

- Asked how much the tax money the Borough is losing on the Borough owned properties. Borough Clerk did not have exact figure but said that taxes collected on

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- those properties were shared by the Borough, the school, the County and Open Space. All revenue collected from Canal Crossing goes to the Borough alone.
- Asked how much did the Borough bond to purchase those properties. We bonded for \$600,000.00.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all in favor, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk