

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held February 10, 2009 at Council Chambers, 12 Main Street, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880.

The meeting was called to order with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement by Mayor Terry Warrelmann. Boy Scouts presented the Colors for a flag salute. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mayor Warrelmann issued a Proclamation naming the Week of February 2, 2009 – February 9, 2009 as Boy Scout Anniversary Week.

At this time several of the leaders spoke to the Mayor and Council about the activities the boys are involved in. They also spoke about their community service and the badges they have earned. They invited the boys in town to come and join the Boy Scouts. The Mayor thanked the Scouts and their leaders for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Warrelmann issued another Proclamation. This one was for declaring March 2, 2009 as Read Across America Day in South Bound Brook. The purpose is to encourage the community to help make our students the best readers.

Roll Call:

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

Attending:

Borough Attorney: William Cooper
Chief of Police: William King
Rescue Squad Members
Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Leaders

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch to approve the January Meetings Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes.

Council Reports:

Public Works/Historical Committee (Councilperson Quinlan):

- The DCA has approved the Bidder's Qualifications for the work at the Staat's House. The funding for the work is from a grant.
- Updated the Council on existing grants and the upcoming 2009 Grant application.
- Thanked the Public Works Department for the great job they did making sure our roads were safe after the snow and ice storms during January.

Redevelopment (Councilperson Ormosi):

- Talked to Cooperative Housing Corp. representative about the tour of Washington Park buildings. Working on getting a tour set up for the end of February or the beginning of March.
- The Ukrainian Orthodox Church is also interested in the Washington Park property for senior housing.
- Talked people at the County about the grant for recreation facilities. The Grant is not just for park land. It can be used for other kinds of facilities. Councilperson Shoffner has talked to the County and gotten the guidelines needed. Several projects are being considered but no decision has been made.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- Claims Voucher Resolution – Payment of the Bills – **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Claims Voucher in the amount of \$950,400.84, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- Councilperson Godleski wants to set up a Finance Committee Meeting for next week. It was decided that the meeting would be next Tuesday (February 17th) at 5:30 PM.

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

- Police Department Monthly Report submitted. 221 calls were answered; 21 calls for First Aid. 8 fire calls. There were 20 arrests – 3 DWI.
- Rocky Hill 2008 Report - \$51,659.04.
- Rescue Squad Monthly Report submitted. 21 calls were answered. Total mileage was 208 miles. Total man hours 67.5 hrs. Two ambulances went down because of brake lining bursting but are now back in service. LOSAP was talked about at their meeting.

Public Safety – Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Fire Department Monthly Report submitted. 18 alarms were answered for a total of 143.2 man hrs.; 24 man hrs. on maintenance of equipment; 26 man hrs. on department

training; 12.2 man hrs. Board of Engineers Meetings and 24 hrs. on Captain's administrative duties. Total hours for the month of January – 247.5 hrs.

- Will meet this month to discuss LOSAP point system.
- **Motion** by Councilperson Conner to accept Fire Department application of Michael Cononica, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, all ayes.

Recreation//Board of Education (Councilperson Shoffner):

- The Holiday Program went very well. There were over 200 children present.along with parents.
- Basketball season has begun and Recreation is looking forward to the start of Spring Soccer.

Borough Attorney Report:

- Nothing to report for this meeting.
- Asked to schedule meeting with the Redevelopment Committee. Meeting set for next Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

Borough Clerk Report:

- The ID machine was looked at and is burned out. It is beyond repair. Chief King got some quotes from another company - \$1100 - \$1500 including the program and printer. Also looking for a shared service with Bound Brook.
- Letter in packets from the Tax Assessor requesting the hiring of an appraiser for the Tax Appeal of 41 Canal St. Assoc. LLC. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan to retain Appraisal Systems Inc. for fighting tax appeal of 41 Canal St. Assoc. LLC, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- Congratulations to Adam Manley and Marianne Manley on their recent passing of the State EMT exam. Two others are waiting for their test results to come back.

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

- No public response.

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

Agenda:

Labor Attorney Discussion:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to appoint Mr. Frank Tadeo as our Labor Attorney,

seconded by Councilperson Conner, discussion, roll call vote taken, 5 ayes, 1 nay (Councilperson Godleski).

Raffle Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Shoffner to approve Raffle Resolution for Our Lady of Mercy Holy Name Society, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all ayes. The Off-Premise Raffle will be conducted on April 25, 2009 and October 17, 2009.

Ordinance 001-2009 – Parking Ordinance for Canal Crossing (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to approve Ordinance 001-2009 Parking Ordinance for Canal Crossing, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

Parking Lot Ordinance for Elizabeth St. Parking Lot:

Not quite ready. Tabled to March Meeting.

Municipal Prosecutor/Alternate::

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to hire James Fitzgerald as Municipal Prosecutor, and Steven Rothblatt as Alternate, seconded by Councilperson Conner, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

Permission to Use Memorial Park:

Motion by Councilperson Shoffner for permission to use Memorial Park on Mondays starting at 5:30 PM from April 6th to August 24th for softball and August 14th for the Annual Exempt Game, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion, all ayes.

Governing Officials Monthly Meetings Discussion:

Mayor does not think everyone should attend these meetings because of the cost involved. Perhaps one or two Council Members should go when the topic and/or the information gathered will have a benefit to the Borough. Those who attend could report back to the Mayor and Council on what they learned. He feels that due to the present economic situation discretion should be used when spending Borough funds.

HUD Grants and Appointments:

Borough Clerk recommended Richard Barber to be appointed as an Alternate on the Somerset County Community Development Board. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan appointing Richard Barber as Alternate as per recommendation, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

Borough Clerk asked for a motion to approve the HUD Grant application for the following:

- Basketball courts resurfacing at Maple Ave. Park
- Playground equipment improvements for Memorial and Maple Ave. Parks – replacing equipment removed in keeping with the new Recreation Laws. Seeking to get more handicap accessible equipment.
- Sidewalk Improvement – continue park sidewalk between Elizabeth St. and Madison St. on High St for Memorial Park and possibly putting a sidewalk along Maple Ave. Park from Edgewood Terrace to Main St.

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to approve the three HUD Grant applications, seconded by Councilperson Conner, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

Borough Engineer Report:

- Grant for Clinton Street went down to DOT for their approval.
- The tractor on the Elm St. property has been removed.

Chief of Police Report:

- Nothing to report.

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

No public response.

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Adjournment:

Having completed the peoples' business a **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk

