

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held on June 9, 2009 at Robert Morris School, Madison 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 an Invocation by the Borough Clerk.

Roll Call:

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

Attending:

Borough Attorney Representative: Frank Taddeo
Borough Engineer: Thomas Herits
Chief of Police: William King

Letters and Communications:

- Note from Police Officer Sandra Valadyka thanking everyone for their support during this sad time after her Mother's passing. She also thanked the Mayor and Council for flowers that were sent.
- Letter from Mr. Frank Stallone requesting a street closing on July 4th for a Block Party. Catherine Street is the street which would be closed from Lawrence St. to Cedar St.

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski to approve the May Meetings Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all in favor, all ayes.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor thanked the Fire Department for the great job they did the other night on

- Franklin Street. He commended them for not only putting the fire out but also containing it to the one side of the building. He also thanked the neighboring Fire Departments which responded. The Rescue Squad and OEM were also thanked for a job well done.
- Monday the Mayor, Council President and Borough Clerk will be attending a meeting in Trenton with DCA Commissioner Doria, and St. Sen. Kip Bateman. The Mayor will be pleading the Borough's case for Extraordinary Aid. He will report on that meeting next month.

Council Reports:

Public Works and Historical (Councilperson Quinlan):

- Spoke about removal of asbestos from the Staat's House. One pipe needs to be looked at. Historic Building Architects Consultants will be asked what exactly needs to be removed. Moving closer to get the bids advertised.
- Public Works Meeting – May 21st - discussed Reliable Wood Products in Bridgewater regarding the disposal of grass clippings for our residents.
- Discussed the \$3,200.00 from last year's line item to reserve it for a new water line from American Water to be hooked up to Barber Blvd. The project has been started because an additional \$400.00 was encumbered from Buildings and Grounds line item. This hook up at the Staat's House will stop the outrageously large water bills because of the broken pipe somewhere underground.
- Geese Police - Councilperson Shoffner is looking into applying for a grant. Not too many geese now. Will follow up in the Fall.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- Claims Voucher Resolution – Payment of the Bills – **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$597,625.00, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked why the amount is so high. Part of the amount is for the school (approximately \$450,000.00 every month). Roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- Councilperson Godleski asked about the letter from Mr. Taddeo about layoffs. Letter has not been distributed.

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

- Police Department Monthly Report submitted. There were 208 calls answered, 24 First Aid, 3 Fire calls, 17 arrests and 4 DWI's.
- First Aid Squad Monthly Report submitted. 13 calls were answered for 140 miles and man hours unavailable (too much background noise on tape).
- Thank you to the Fire Department and First Aid Squad for their efforts at the Franklin St. fire. Sixteen people were displaced.

Public Safety – Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- Fire Department Monthly Report submitted. Alarms answered – 6, total man hrs. answering alarms 29.4, total man hrs. on maintenance of trucks and equipment 7.5, total man hrs. on department training 204.5, Board of Engineers Meeting 21 man hrs., Captain’s Administrative Duties 16.5 man hrs., total man hrs. for the month of May 284.9.
- Thanked the Fire and Rescue Department for job well done on Franklin St.
- Attended the Leadership for Somerset County dinner. Brought flyers for adults with information on meetings and also information on the Youth Leadership for Somerset County. This information will be given to the Guidance Counsellor at school.
- Leadership of Somerset County is having a blood drive May 14th to July 23rd at Somerset Medical Center.

Recreation/Board of Education (Councilperson Shoffner):

- Board of Education Meeting tomorrow. Agenda item – hiring a Business Administrator.
- Recreation Sports Committee – all three programs are now playing. Softball Tournament for the seniors. Fall soccer sign-up sheets are going out this week. Soccer Tournament is on June 13th. The Summer Sports Program is accepting applications until this Friday.
- Music In The Park has received only one donation (Elmer’s Catering). Reaching out to Police, Fire and Rescue and the local businesses for sponsorship. We have heard from two businesses in town.
- Movie In The Park – Sept. 18th or 25th tentatively. Community Day is Sept. 13th.
- Thank you letter from Parents Helping Parents Program regarding SBB joining the County Therapeutic Recreation Program. This program is for special needs children and adults. South Bound Brook will only have to pay half the cost to join because it is late in the year.
- The Bound Brook pool will open June 20th.

Councilperson Conner asked about a fee that is charged on the cable bill for municipalities. Every public utility bill has a fee associated with it. The Board of Public Utilities is responsible for this. Cable Company also does have a special discount rate for senior citizens.

Councilperson Shoffner also asked to be on record as informing the Council that the Easter Program did not cost \$491.00 it cost \$1,291.00.

For the record Councilperson Quinlan advised that the \$400.00 encumbrance turned out to be \$460.00 to be exact.

Borough Engineer’s Report:

- Setting up a pre-construction meeting for Clinton St.

- Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to advertise for bids for solid waste collection.
- Met with sports lighting company regarding lights at Memorial Park. No numbers available as yet. There may be grant money from the County and also energy grants.
- Submitted estimates for Canal Walkway.

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

Donna Piazzolla – Cedar Street – Sports Coordinator

- PO's have been issued for equipment for the Pocket Park on Canal and Warren Sts. Funds come from the Somerset County Grant (\$15,000.00). We will apply again when the grant applications come out.

Sean Lambertz – Cedar Street

- Asked about free internet access from Cablevision for municipal buildings. The final documents have not been signed yet.
- Asked if the Borough has a junk car ordinance. No.

Marianne Manley – 164 Prospect Street

- Asked Borough Engineer when the contractor will be starting the Clinton St. Project. As soon as he starts, her dirt and grass will be replaced.
- Asked if organizations and businesses have been asked for donations to sponsor Music in the Park. Answer – Yes.
- How much is Movie in the Park going to cost this year. No exact figure available but it will be significantly less than last year. Also, is the title of the movie going to be kept a secret. Movie title will be posted on the marquee and also on the web site.

Natalie Coward – Cedar Street

- Asked how the Council feels about the Board of Education hiring a Business Administrator. Councilperson Shoffner thought that a part-time BA would suffice or whether a principal or superintendent could do the job. They would need to be certified. Somerset County Superintendent was asked for help but did not get back to the Board of Ed.

Steve Fry – Maple Avenue

- The State does not require that you have a Business Administrator. Whoever you have needs to be certified.

Frank Stallone – Catherine Street

- Asked about closing Catherine Street for a block party on July 4th. The street would be blocked from Cedar to Lawrence Street from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan to close Catherine Street from Cedar Street to Lawrence Street on July 4th for a block party, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

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

Agenda:

Place to Place Liquor License Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to approve Place to Place Liquor License #1819-33-002-002 for Ovations Restaurant, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked what is a Plenary Retail License. It is a license to be able to serve liquor as a bar. Councilperson Shoffner asked if we changed the license. No. If there is an expansion of the premises (outside dining) the State requires a Place to Place Transfer. Ovations can serve liquor on the patio effective June 9th. All in favor, all ayes.

ABC Liquor License Renewal Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for approval of a renewal Retail Consumption License for the following: South Brook Corp. T/A South Side Grille; Meera Trading Corp. T/A Krauszer's Food and Liquor; Ovations Restaurant and Bar LLC; Vinayak Group Inc. T/A Main Street Liquor and Bar, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked what are Plenary Retail License Types. Type 33 covers consumption and Type 44 covers distribution. Councilperson Godleski pointed out that the LLC was missing from Ovations Restaurant on the first Resolution. All in favor, all ayes.

Councilperson Quinlan made a **Motion** to amend the the Place to Place Resolution to read Ovations Restaurant and Bar LLC, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked what LLC means. It means limited liability. All in favor, all ayes.

Summer Hours Request:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for approval of the request for summer hours by the following: Marianne Manley, Maria Caemmerer, Rachel Inzano and Arleen Lih, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked if the DPW employees were starting work earlier. No, they still start at 5:00 am. All in favor, 4 ayes and 1 nay (Councilperson Godleski).

At this time the Borough Clerk asked if the Public Works Committee members had received a letter from the union regarding contract talks. The Committee will meet on June 17th at 6:00PM and will meet with the union members at 7:00 PM.

Summer Meeting Schedule:

After a discussion of times and dates for the Agenda Meetings in July and August there

was a **Motion** by Councilperson Conner to hold the Agenda Meetings on July 14th and August 11th both at 7:00 PM. The Regular Meeting will be at 7:30 PM on those dates. Meetings to be held at Fellowship Hall. Seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, all ayes.

Howard Avenue Improvements Projects:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with N.J.D.O.T. for Howard Avenue Improvements Project, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked if the whole street will be done. The improvement project is from the Franklin border to Canal Road. All in favor, all ayes.

Koehler Drive Improvements Project:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to submit a grant application and execute a grant agreement with N.J.D.O.T. for Koehler Drive Improvements Project, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked if all the new roads would be Belgium Block. Answer, yes. All in favor, all ayes.

Summer Park Program Hiring:

The Summer Park Program will begin on July 6th and run for six weeks until August 14th. The Committee has recommended 2 supervisors and 2 assistants (who will alternate). The names are as follows: Stephen Strickland, Nancy Kordell, Kaitlyn Piazzolla and Pam Sellers. **Motion** by Councilperson Shoffner to approve the hiring of those named above for the Summer Park Program, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Roll call vote taken, 4 ayes and 1 nay (Councilperson Conner).

Grass Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan authorizing the Borough Clerk to sign an agreement with Reliable Wood Products to take our brush, tree parts and leaves at their site in Bridgewater. In exchange residents will be able to drop off their grass clippings free of charge, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner said that when she was there all kinds of trees and brush was being accepted. We are trying to establish a formal agreement with them. Councilperson Conner asked why our Public Works can't pick up the grass and bring it there. It would not be cost effective. Mayor gave the address and times for grass dropoff. He also informed the Council and public that a new schedule from the Department of Public Works would be sent out to residents soon. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Solid Waste Collection Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan authorizing the Borough Engineer to advertise and receive bids for weekly Solid Waste (Type 10) Collection, 3 year contract, seconded by

Councilperson Shoffner, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked what exactly this is for. This is for normal household trash collection. This is to see if this would save the Borough money using a private hauler. All in favor, all ayes.

At this time Councilperson Shoffner asked for authorization to apply for a grant to fund the Geese Police. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan authorizing Councilperson Shoffner to apply for a grant to fund the Geese Police, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all in favor, all ayes.

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

Mary Bowers – Stewart Street

- Asked if the residents would be able to vote on private garbage collection. Mayor said that the Borough is looking to have a private hauler bill the town. The cost would be included in the resident's tax bill, the same as it is now. Nothing would change.
- Asked if Public Works would lose employees by the Borough going to private garbage collection and not picking up grass. There may be a cutback on man power.

Marge Eickhorst – 21 Reid Street

- Asked how long and how much it will cost for the Borough Engineer to put together a bid package for garbage collection. Borough Engineer replied 10 hrs. at \$125/hr.

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

Executive Session Resolution:

Borough Clerk read Resolution authorizing Executive Session for Matzel & Mumford Property Settlement and Officer Fittin hearing. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan to approve Executive Session Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Conner, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

A short recess at 9:08 PM then right to Executvie Session.

Back to public session at 9:39 PM.

Route 517 Settlement Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to approve Route 517 Settlement Resolution, seconded by Councilperson Allenovitch, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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

No public response.

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

Adjournment:

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all in favor, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk