

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held July 14, 2009 at Fellowship Hall, Clinton Street, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880.

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 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	(Present)
Councilperson Kathleen Conner	(Present)
Councilperson Caryl Shoffner	(Present)
Councilperson Tony Godleski	(Present)
Councilperson Bob Allenovitch	(Absent)

Attending:

Borough Attorney: William Cooper
Borough Engineer: Tom Herits
Chief of Police: William King
OEM Coordinator: Paul Kaminsky

Letters and Communications:

- National Night Out will be held Tuesday August 4, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Memorial park. The event is organized by the Police Department.

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for approval of the June Meetings Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, all in favor, all ayes.

Mayor's Report:

- Spoke about a letter from the Conference of Mayors making him aware of Catastrophic Illness In Children Relief Fund. He assumes it is grant monies for those families who have children with catastrophic illnesses who are having trouble

- paying their bills. Since 1988 this fund has supplied more than \$115,000,000 in grants to 4800 families. We will have to make residents in this situation aware of what is available.
- Reported on meeting with the DCA Commissioner Joseph Doria in Trenton on June 15th. He, Councilperson Quinlan and Borough Clerk Kazar along with State Senator Kip Bateman met with the Commissioner to discuss South Bound Brook's need for extraordinary aid. Mayor feels we will get some aid but does not know an amount. He will keep the residents informed.
 - Somerset Community Action Program, Inc. – According to Federal Regulations SCAP. Inc. is required to have community officials on their Board of Directors. They are looking for two candidates from South Bound Brook to interview for a position on the Board. Mayor asked that this request be considered by the Council.

Council Reports:

Public Works/ Historical Commission (Councilperson Quinlan):

- Reported that there is a large pot hole on Jefferson St. Ken Pine will be notified.
- Talked with the Borough Engineer about lighting along Canal Crossing Walkway. Will possibly have some information on this at the August meeting.
- Received an estimate for lighting at Memorial Park Field. The numbers are preliminary which we might be able to go out and ask for grant money. If there is no grant money available the project would not be done.
- Private garbage removal is still being researched.

Redevelopment (Councilperson Ormosi):

- Items on the Agenda.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- Claims Voucher Resolution – Payment of the Bills- **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$651,493.14, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Conner did not get a chance to look at the bills because they were not ready this morning. Councilperson Shoffner asked if the school was paid out of this month. Yes, they are paid every month. Roll call vote, 4 ayes and 1 nay (Councilperson Conner).

Public Safety – Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):

- **Motion** by Councilperson Conner to accept an application for membership on the Fire Department from Timmy Sickoria, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

Recreation/Board of Education (Councilperson Shoffner):

- Reported on Board of Education Meeting – Board approved contract for Superintendent through 2010 and salaries for the two administrators (Principal and Special Ed.)
- Mrs. Coddington was named Teacher of the Year and there was a ceremony at the Board Meeting and at Graduation.
- Inter-scholastic sports were cut out of the revised Budget and Bound Brook has asked if they can use our gym for their sports program. We will do that if they take our kids into their program for free. This is being worked on.
- A new Business Administrator was hired by the Board at a salary of \$87,500.00. He is from Kenilworth.
- Sports and Recreation – Applications for the soccer program are still be accepted.
- Music In The Park – having trouble getting funding. There is one sponsor so far. Recreation is going to look for local bands that could perform gratis. Mayor has given a name to Recreation of someone who will perform for free.
- Movie In The Park – The movie will be *Hotel for Dogs* (PG)
- Because of the Budget constraints this year Recreation would like to know how the Council feels about not having Community Day this year. It costs approximately \$5,000.00 for that event. Mayor and Council would like Community Day to go on as usual but cut back on certain expenses. Recreation will look into scaling down the event in order to save money. Community Day is scheduled for September 6th.

Public Safety – Police Department/First Aid Squad (Councilperson Allenovitch):

- First Aid Squad Monthly Report submitted. 19 calls were answered for 135 miles and 50.1 man hrs.
- Police Department Monthly Report submitted. 213 calls were answered, 27 were first aid, 6 fire. There were 6 arrests and 1 DWI.
- Rocky Hill Report – January 1 to June 30,2009 – 255 summons issued, total dollars received for the half year from Rocky Hill \$27,845.20.
- Lt. John Prudente has submitted his letter of retirement. His official day of retirement is October 1st.

Borough Attorney Report:

- Item on the Agenda.

Borough Engineer Report:

- A pre-construction meeting was held for the Clinton Street Project. Residents will be notified by the contractor as to the starting date for the project.

Borough Clerk Report:

- Informed the Mayor and Council that his assistant, Arleen Lih will be on vacation

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- next week. He will also be out of the office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. He will be available by cell phone.

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

Marianne Manley – 164 Prospect Street

- Asked the price of Movie In The Park – the cost is \$500.00.
- Asked for the salaries voted on by the Board of Education. The salaries are as follows: Superintendent - \$180,000.00; Principal - \$126,000.00 and Special Ed. Director - \$112,000.00.
- Asked what is on the tonight's Agenda – Borough Clerk read the five items.
- Asked when the Clinton Street Project will begin. Answer – maybe the end of this week. No definite date yet.

Donna Piazzolla – 136 Cedar Street

- Asked if the meeting she requested with Randy Bahr has been arranged. Borough Clerk has not been able to do that. He is looking at this Thursday or next Monday afternoon.

Mr. Gonzalez – Ayres Place

- Spoke about the Washington Park property. The property is loaded with weeds, poison ivy and critters. He asked the Council to do something about it. Borough Clerk explained that the property is in foreclosure and we finally have been able to get a hold of the Bank. The Construction Official has been able to get a contact number and he has spoken to the contact person and he is going to try to get someone in there to clean up the property. If the bank does not get someone in there to clean it up then we (the Borough) will hire someone to do it and put a lein on the property.

Adam Manley – Elizabeth Street

- Informed the Council that there are not only weeds but animals. There are gophers, rabbits, mice and others inhabiting the property. Borough Clerk will inform the Board of Health.

Loretta Sulligan – Armstrong Street

- Asked if the Borough had any rules about keeping farm animals as pets. Neighbor of hers is going to rescue goats and keep them on her property. The Borough does not have an Ordinance specific to farm animals. If they become a nuisance then a complaint can be filed.

Unnamed Resident

- Asked about the grass clippings. She was told that they can be taken to Reliable Wood Products on Foothill Road in Bridgewater.

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

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Agenda:

Facade Improvement Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi for approval of Façade Improvement Resolution for Mr. Al Doimi owner of A&D Automotive, 111 Canal Road setting aside \$8,857.00 from the County EDIP Grant which is 50% of the estimated cost of \$17,714.00 for this project, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked if we have the money to cover this. Half is covered by the County and the other half is the owner's responsibility. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi for approval of Façade Improvement Resolution for Mr. I. Legvari owner of SnS Autosports, 267 Main Street setting aside \$11,675.33 from the County EDIP Grant which is 40% of the estimated cost of \$29,188.33 for this project, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked why this Resolution was for 40% not 50%. Mr. Legvari's construction company will undertake some of the work. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Somerset County Improvement Authority Ordinance (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Ormosi for approval of Ordinance authorizing the leasing of certain property by the Borough of South Bound Brook, New Jersey from the Somerset County Improvement Authority and the execution of a sublease purchase agreement relating thereto, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked about the process. Borough Attorney explained. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Summer Park Program Hiring:

Motion by Councilperson Shoffner accepting the resignation of Nancy Kordell from the Recreation (Social) Committee, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Roll call vote taken, 3 ayes and 2 abstentions (Councilpersons Godleski and Conner).

Motion by Councilperson Shoffner to hire Nancy Kordell as Summer Park Program Coordinator effective this Thursday, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner suggested that the Council Recreation Committee be in charge of hiring. Mayor suggested that the Recreation (Social) Committee review applications and then give the applications to Council Liaison who would set up the interviews and the Council Recreation Committee do the interviews and make the recommendations for hiring. Roll call vote taken, 4 ayes and 1 abstention (Councilperson Godleski).

Infall #21 Drainage Project:

Discussion about suspended solids entering into the D&R Canal. One out of eight people get their drinking water from the Canal. Environmental Protection has been investigating

this problem for a couple of years. Infall #21 is one of higher infalls spilling suspended solids into the Canal. This is one of the priority projects and EPA has come up with a couple of suggestions. The Finance Committee will be consulted along with the rest of the Council to see what kind of project will be brought to the public.

August Agenda Meeting:

Councilperson Conner would like to have the Agenda Meeting on a separate night not on the same night as the Regular Meeting. She feels that there is not enough time to study the Agenda before having to vote on items at the Regular Meeting. Councilperson Conner made a **Motion** to have the Agenda Meeting on August 4th at 8:00 PM. There was no second, so the **Motion** does not carry.

Emergency Appropriations Resolution:

Motion by Councilperson Godleski for Resolution Authorizing Emergency Appropriations in the 2009 Temporary Budget in the amount \$489,600.00, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked for an explanation. This is an appropriation that is in our normal budget but because we are working with a Temporary Budget we have to do emergency appropriations. When we get our aid from the State we won't have to do this. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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

Rich Ungerleiter – Maple Avenue

- Asked about the Program for National Night Out. Chief King explained the activities. Councilperson Shoffner asked for an explanation of what National Night Out is. It's a gathering of residents (at Memorial Park) for activities and information on crime prevention. Afterward residents are to go home, turn on their lights and sit on the porch.

Adam Manley – SBB First Aid Squad

- Asked about the rumors concerning Somerset Medical Center taking over 24/7 Rescue Squad calls. Mayor and Council have not authorized anyone to look into this at this time.

Councilperson Conner asked how many members on the Squad. There are 13 riding members altogether. Councilperson Shoffner asked for a round of applause for the Squad.

Borough Clerk asked if the Squad had heard anything on the Grant that they applied for. Nothing yet.

Mary Bowers – Stewart Street

- Asked if the Mayor and Council will be having a Town Meeting on the Budget. If we

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get more aid and the Budget is adjusted there will be a public hearing on it. This will probably take place September or October at a Council meeting.

Donna Piazzolla – 136 Cedar Street

- Asked for clarification on full time employees for the Park Program. Are the two assistant supervisors full time or do they alternate? At a Special Meeting she thought it was said that they are both full time. Are there any alternates to fill in if someone is missing? Council will look into this and clarify.

Motion by Councilperson Godleski 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 Shoffner, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk