

# **SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held Nov. 10, 2009 at Fellowship Hall, Clinton 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 was delivered by members of the American Legion and a prayer was offered by their Chaplain. The Chaplain also asked those present to remember those soldiers and civilians who were killed and those wounded at Fort Hood.**

## **Roll Call:**

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

## **Attending:**

**Borough Attorney: William Cooper**  
**Borough Engineer: Tom Herits**  
**Chief of Police: William King**

Councilperson elect Peter Dykes, present in the audience, was invited to sit at the Council table. He remained seated in the audience

Borough Clerk congratulated Peter Dykes on his election and Chris Shoffner on her re-election and thanked Councilperson Conner for her service to the community.

## **Letters and Communications:**

- This letter was received just recently. It concerned an incident which occurred a couple of years ago. Mrs. Pipitone wrote thanking the Police Officers and Rescue Squad members who responded to her call for help and saving her 15 month old child who at the time was unresponsive. She applauded their professionalism and the care they gave her child. She apologized for taking so long to thank everyone.

### **Proclamation:**

- Mayor read Proclamation declaring September 16<sup>th</sup> as American Legion Day in the Borough of South Bound Brook. American Legion spokesperson said he believed that we are the first Mayor and Council to proclaim September 16<sup>th</sup> as American Legion Day. He thanked the Mayor and Council for doing this. Mayor thanked those present and all veterans for their service to our Country. Borough Clerk reminded everyone that tomorrow is Veteran's Day and the ceremony will take place at 11:00 AM at Memorial Park. Also, Bella Roma Restaurant is offering a free buffet for all veterans both past and present from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The charge for non-vets is \$5.00.

### **Presentation:**

- Mike Kerwin of the Somerset County Business Partnership spoke about what the Business Partnership is trying to accomplish. The Business Partnership is an advocate for business and economic vitality within the County. They are working to improve the infrastructure in the County. He encouraged our town to come up with an Economic Development Plan suited to us. We have participated in the Façade Improvement Program through EDIP. In the last 50 years Somerset County transformed itself into one of the most prosperous counties in the Country. The economists now are saying that just because we were successful the last 50 years doesn't mean that we will necessarily be leading the charge for the next 50 years because of New Jersey's competitive disadvantages. It's up to the State, County and local governments to deal with the challenges before us.
- Councilperson Godleski attended the program presented by the Business Partnership at Raritan Valley College. He felt the program was very informative.
- Councilperson Quinlan commented on how helpful the Business Partnership has been promoting the Battle of Bound Brook.

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

- **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for approval of the October Meeting Minutes, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

### **Mayor's Report:**

- The Department of Transportation informed us that South Bound Brook has received a Municipal Aid Program Award for the Howard Avenue Improvements in the amount of \$225,000.00.

### **Council Reports:**

#### **Public Works/Historical Committee (Councilperson Quinlan):**

- Public Works Committee met tonight. One of the topics discussed was the bids for the

solid waste removal. We will get some clarifications on the numbers and discuss this next month. Other items talked about were – equipment needs, salt domes and truck purchase and a switch from plastic bags to paper bags for leaves.

- Quarterly Report sent to the State for the 2006 Grant of \$339,000.00 for work at the Staat's House.

### **Redevelopment/Personnel (Councilperson Ormosi):**

- Met with Amboy Bank about the Washington Park Project. They will be coming back to us with some numbers as to what they are planning on doing and how much the units are going to be going for. They want to go forward with the project and get a developer who will buy into the project.
- Councilperson Shoffner asked about the GAF Research Building – the building needs to be inspected and cleaned up before anything can even begin. There are environmental and structural issues that need to be addressed.

### **Finance (Councilperson Godleski):**

- Claims Voucher Resolution – Payment of the Bills – **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$970,598.76, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- Transfer Resolution – **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Transfer Resolution in the amount of \$19,047.20, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Conner asked if the money needed to be put in certain accounts because they went up. Yes. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- Chapter 159 Resolution – **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation – Drunk Driving Enforcement (\$12,572.79), seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion, roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- 2008 Corrective Action Plan – Tabled to December Meeting

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

- Police Department Monthly Report (October): 82 calls answered, 15 First Aid, 5 Fire. 6 arrest and 0 DWI's.
- **Motion** by Councilperson Allenovitch to approve renewal of the following companies as On-call Wrecker Service for 2010: Mike's Towing and Recovery; Dependable Motors; Somerset Hills Towing and Rescue Wreckers, LLC, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked are these the only ones the Police can call. Yes. All in favor, all ayes.

### **Public Safety – Fire Department (Councilperson Conner):**

- Fire Department Monthly Report (October): 7 alarms answered, 29.4 man hrs. answering alarms; 45.1 man hrs. maintenance of equipment and trucks; 116.5 man hrs.

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department training; 14 man hrs. Board of Engineers; 18.5 man hrs. Captain's Administrative duties. 230.5 total man hrs.

**Recreation/Board of Education (Councilperson Shoffner):**

- Halloween Parade – turnout was a little less then previous years but nevertheless a good event
- Fall Harvest Fest was very successful. Several things happening at the same time therefore no backup.
- Holiday Program will take place on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Robert Morris School.
- No recommendation for appointment to the empty seat on the Social Committee
- The Sport's Committee put in grant money for soccer and basketball nets. The equipment has arrived waiting until Spring to set them up.
- Teen Night has gotten off to a slow start (approximately 20 teens a week). Will try some better advertising. There's been a request to have Adult Night, calling it Gym Night or Volley Ball Night.
- Pocket Park on Canal St. – Discussion about whether to put new equipment in there or sell the property. Mayor and Council will meet with residents to see if there is still a need for a pocket park at that location before any decisions are made.
- Basketball Teams are set – 2 boys teams and 2 girl's teams. 1 boy's team will be 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and one will be 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Same for the girls.
- Basketball clinics will be conducted in December and January.
- Tree Lighting will take place at Borough Hall on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. If the weather is bad the Committee is looking into using Fellowship Hall for the event.

**Professional's Report:**

**Borough Attorney:**

- Nothing to report. Both items on the Agenda.

**Borough Engineer:**

- Bids for solid waste pickup were discussed. Borough Engineer will meet with DPW Committee and come up with some recommendations.
- **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan for approval of Resolution Change Order #1 and Final Improvements to Clinton Street Project - Net change \$7,802.10, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked what happens to the \$7,802.10. It stays in the Ordinance. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

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

Steve Fry – Maple Avenue

- Asked about getting appointed to the Recreation Social Committee. He has someone

who is interested and asked who that person should talk to. Since this is a Council appointment, the Mayor said that anyone interested should see him after the meeting. Councilperson Shoffner has a name to submit. **Motion** by Councilperson Shoffner to appoint Colleen Fry to the Recreation Social Committee, seconded by Councilperson Conner, all in favor, all ayes.

Mary Bowers – Stewart Street

- She asked how this private garbage collection will impact the taxpayer. Part of the Public Works Budget is for garbage collection and one bid that is being looked at is for approximately \$100,000.00 less than what it is costing now. She also asked how the public will be made aware of the change. The only change will be a different truck picking up the garbage.

Peter Dykes – 122 Van Sickle Blvd.

- Invited veterans and non-veterans to Bella Roma for a buffet lunch on November 11<sup>th</sup>. For veterans it is free, non-veterans will have to pay \$5.00. Congressman Lance will be attending and State Senator Kip Bateman will join us at 12:30 PM. Councilperson Quinlan apologized to Peter and the veterans for not being able to attend the Ceremony. He has a mandatory class for his Company tomorrow.

Marge Eickhorst – 21 Reid Street

- Asked if the Corrective Action Plan will be openly discussed next month. Councilperson Godleski said he has no objections to openly discussing the Plan. She feels that things discussed in Committee should be openly discussed at the Council Meeting.

**Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all in favor, all ayes.**

**Agenda:**

**Animal Control Ordinance:**

Tabled until December.

**Administrator Ordinance (First Reading):**

The Administrator's position has been included in the Salary Ordinance. Now it will be in the General Ordinance. **Motion** by Councilperson Ormosi for Ordinance Establishing The Position of Administrator Within the Borough of South Bound Brook, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

**Anti-Nepotism Ordinance:**

Question as to whether it should be an Ordinance or be put in the Personnel Policy Book.

Borough Attorney mentioned a statute General Code of Ethics for Elected Officials 40A:9-22.5 which would be a way to enforce it. He suggested that it be adopted more towards the Personnel Policy. Councilperson Shoffner will get more information on conflict of interest and anti-nepotism for the December meeting.

**Motion by Councilperson Quinlan to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, all in favor, all ayes.**

Marge Eickhorst – 21 Reid Street

- Asked about the Ordinance creating an Administrator. This is a formal creation of the position, instead of Resolution every year at the Reorganization Meeting for the position of Administrator.

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

**Adjournment:**

Having completed the peoples' business, **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all in favor, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk