

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held September 22, 2009 at Borough Hall, 12 Main Street, South Bound Brook, NJ 08880.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement by Mayor Terry Warrelmann. This is a special meeting to adopt the amended 2009 Budget.

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)

Motion by Councilperson Godleski to open the meeting for Public Hearing on the Amendment to the 2009 Budget, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion, all in favor, all ayes.

No public response.

Motion by Councilperson Godleski to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, all in favor, all ayes.

Resolution – Adoption of 2009 Budget:

Motion by Councilperson Godleski to approve the adoption of the 2009 Budget in the amount of \$5,320,102.99, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked if these were the changes made in the Budget. Councilperson Godleski informed the Council this Budget represents a zero increase in taxes. Councilperson Conner asked if this is the Budget being voted on tonight. The Budget is approximately \$700.00 less than last year. Councilperson Conner asked why she was not called and informed about the 0 increase. She was not able to make the meeting last week. Councilperson Shoffner asked about a line item and Councilperson Godleski said he did not wish to discuss line items tonight. Councilperson Quinlan pointed out the pages which reflected the changes. Roll call vote taken, 4 ayes and 2 nays (Councilpersons Conner and Shoffner). After the vote a heated discussion erupted because 2 Council members

had voted no on a 0 increase Budget. They felt they should have had more time to study the changes. Councilperson Godleski said he did not need to call them with the information that it was up to them to find out what changes were made in the Budget.

At this time the Mayor thanked Councilperson Godleski for work with the Auditors in getting the Budget down to a zero increase. Excellent job. Councilperson Godleski thanked the Auditors, Randy Bahr our CFO, Donald Kazar and the Finance Committee. Councilperson Shoffner thanked Councilperson Godleski for working hard on the Budget.

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

Mary Bowers – Stewart Street

- She did not know about the meeting tonight because it was not in the Community Calendar section of the Star Ledger. Borough Clerk said it was advertised in the Legal Section of the Courier News.
- Asked why some male Council members seem to talk down to the women members of the Council. Councilperson Ormosi disagreed.

Marge Eickhorst – Reid Street

- She wanted to know why Councilperson Shoffner's question about a line item was not answered by Councilperson Godleski. Councilperson Godleski said that he had been working on this Budget since January and that line item questions could have been asked at anytime during the nine months. She also wanted to know why the members of the Council could not all work together.

Motion by Councilperson Allenovitch to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, all in favor, all ayes.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Godleski, all in favor, all ayes. Meeting adjourned 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk