

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held May 11, 2010 at Council Chambers, 12 Main 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 a moment of silence in memory of Councilperson Godleski's father-in-law who passed away recently.

Roll Call:

Mayor Terry Warrelmann	(Present)
Council President Dennis Quinlan	(Present)
Councilperson Tom Ormosi	(Present)
Councilperson Caryl Shoffner	(Present)
Councilperson Tony Godleski	(Present)
Councilperson Peter Dykes	(Absent) arrived 7:34PM
Councilperson Harold Kildow	(Present)

Attending:

Chief of Police: William King
Borough Attorney: William Cooper Arrived 7:35 PM
Borough Engineer: Tom Herits

At this time the Borough Clerk requested that the Agenda Item – School Board Resolution be voted on as the first order of business since Councilperson Godleski needs to return to the viewing for his late father-in-law.

School Board Resolution:

- Councilperson Godleski thanked those who worked on the Committee for their time and efforts. **Motion** by Councilperson Godleski for approval of the School Board Resolution with an amount of local district tax levy requirements of the Board of Education for \$5,248,130.00 and said amount to be raised is considered by the Borough Council to be sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient educational system, seconded by Councilperson Shoffner, discussion. Councilperson Godleski listed cuts to the school budget totaling \$125,000.00. Councilperson Dykes asked what the Committee thought about the cuts to the budget. The increase will be 2.3 tax points. He wanted to make sure that all the protocols were followed. He was assured they were. Councilperson Shoffner gave him further details on out of district placements. Roll call vote taken, 5 ayes and 1 abstention (Councilperson Quinlan).

Letters and Communications:

- Invitation from the John Basalone Parade Committee to march in the annual parade to be held September 26th.
- Invitation from the SBB Fire Company to join them for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Fire House following the American Legion Ceremony at Memorial Park at 10:30 AM.
- Easton Avenue Corridor Plan – Borough Clerk sits on this Committee with people from Somerset and Middlesex Counties, DOT people and others. The Committee is seeking ways to improve traffic and pedestrian flow on Easton Avenue. The corridor is established from the Bound Brook train station to the New Brunswick train station. There is State funding for the study. We in South Bound Brook have one of the better pedestrian corridors because we already have sidewalks. They are looking to improve sidewalk conditions from Finchley Gardens to Easton Avenue so that people can walk on sidewalks instead of the roadway. Council members will look over the recommendations made so far and add any comments they feel may be helpful.

Approval of the Minutes:

- **Motion** by Councilperson Dykes to approve the April Meetings Minutes (Agenda and Regular Meetings), seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, all in favor, all ayes.

Council Reports:

Public Works/Historical Committee (Councilperson Quinlan):

- Asbestos pipe installation remediation – The contractor who did the remediation came in at the quoted price of \$21,000.00. RK Environmental who did the oversight and state reporting came in at \$1,500.00 below. The intention is to get all that money from the Historic Trust Grant, which got a verbal acknowledgement on April 9th in Trenton.

Public Safety – Police Department/Redevelopment (Councilperson Ormosi):

- Still waiting for the Police Contract to work its way through the process of negotiation.
- At the request of the Mayor, I will attend a County meeting in June for the Office on Aging Advisory Council. Look forward to attending to find out what plans they have to help out the seniors in this town and the rest of the County.

At this time the Borough Clerk informed the Council that the Governing Officials Meeting this month has been cancelled.

Finance (Councilperson Godleski):

- In the absence of Councilperson Godleski, the Finance Report will be given by Councilperson Ormosi.

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- 2010 Budget will not be introduced tonight. The Council's scheduled work meeting was cancelled due to the defeated School Board Budget meetings and the commotion caused by the lightning strike. The Borough Clerk would like to set up a special work meeting for May 18th at 7:00 PM. He would also like to set up a Special Meeting to Introduce the Budget next Thursday, May 20th at 5:30 PM.
- Claim Vouchers Resolution – Payment of the Bills – **Motion** by Councilperson Ormosi for approval of Claims Voucher Resolution in the amount of \$1,096,871.85, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked about the large amount this month. School taxes, County taxes, Open Space taxes, Insurance, Sewer Authority quarterly payments, all were due. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.
- Overpayment of Taxes/PILOT Payment – **Motion** by Councilperson Ormosi authorizing the Tax Collector/Chief Financial Officer to refund the following list of properties: Block 57.01 Lot 4.07, 15 Liberty Way, \$426.90; Block 57.01 Lot 5.01, 33 Liberty Way, \$1027.53; Block 54 Lot 11, 10 Elizabeth Street, \$683.57; Block 50 Lot 2.01, 7 Elizabeth Street, \$1,294.24 and Block 69 Lot 29, 53 Armstrong Street \$1,510.65, seconded by Councilperson Quinlan, discussion. Councilperson Shoffner asked why they are overpaid. Some have bank mortgages and when they sell the bank pays the taxes and the lawyer pays the taxes. Therefore a double payment is made. She also inquired about the Homestead Rebate for 10 Elizabeth. They may have been delinquent so the Homestead Rebate is sent to the town and when they pay their taxes the town will send them the rebate. Councilperson Shoffner wanted to know if Canal Crossing was fully occupied. There may have been a few foreclosures but that does not effect us. Roll call vote taken, all ayes.

Public Safety – Fire Department (Councilperson Dykes):

- Memorial Day Ceremony Invitation - already discussed in Letters and Communications Portion of the Meeting.
- Fire Department Monthly Report for April submitted. Total alarms answered, 3; 55.9 man hrs. answering alarms; 66 man hrs. on maintenance of trucks and equipment; 84 man hrs. Department training; 12 man hrs. Board of Engineers Meeting; 11 man hrs. Captain's administrative duties. Total man hrs. 228.9.

Personnel/Board of Education (Councilperson Kildow):

- No report. Would like to have the Personnel Committee meet on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM.

Recreation (Councilperson Shoffner):

- Recreation Social Committee met with the Finance Committee to discuss the Budget.
- Memorial Park Fields are being used for softball, soccer and baseball Monday through Thursday. Soccer teams are doing very well.
- Bound Brook pool sign-ups are going out this Wednesday to the school and to the web site. Invitation for any town to join.

- Working on spending grant money. Some ideas are for a volley ball court and for improvements at the pocket park. There was discussion on where a volley ball court could be constructed. Suggestions were made and more research will be done.

Mayor's Report:

- There is a Mayor's Roundtable on June 1st in Trenton. Mayor has talked with Councilperson Quinlan and Borough Engineer Tom Herits about attending. The topic is Brownfield's. Mayor would like to see if there is grant money or whatever else may be offered to finish the cleanup on the GAF Research Building.

Borough Attorney Report:

- Canal Road Park Lease will be addressed during the Agenda Portion of the meeting.

Borough Engineer Report:

- Jerome and Howard Avenues Road Project - need to get money together for the project. Borough Attorney has not been able to connect with Bond Counsel.
- Asbestos abatement at the Staat's House has been completed and come in under budget.
- Canal Lighting is in and working. Has been tested with a generator. It passed the electrical inspection. All that is needed is for PSE&G to put in the meter.
- Drainage pit at Maple Avenue Park was worked on by Public Works. They enlarged it and it seems to be working better.
- Letter was written to the Middlesex County Utilities regarding the first quarter flows which were outrageous. They need to be adjusted.
- The Annual Storm Water Report was submitted to Trenton.

Chief of Police Report:

- Nothing to report.

Mayor wished congratulations to Chief King on becoming a new Dad.

Borough Clerk Report:

- The June Agenda Meeting is the Primary Day. Would like to move the meeting time to 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM. **Motion** by Councilperson Quinlan to hold the June Agenda Meeting before the June 8th Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all in favor, all ayes.
- Lightning strike update - some computers are still being evaluated. Replacements will be needed for some of the computers. The forms have been submitted to the Insurance Company The antenna is up and final radio hook up will be made.

Councilperson Quinlan informed the Council that work is being done by the Old Stone Bridge. This is part of the Green Brook Flood Control Project. The Borough Clerk advised the Council that work is beginning on the gate for the underpass for the Green Brook Flood Control Project. There will be closures on South Main Street when they start putting the gate in. There will be road closures. We need to put up some sort of barrier or swing gate on this side of the bridge. The Borough Clerk will keep the Council informed on street and bridge closures.

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

Kathy Conner – Louis Avenue

- Asked about GAF Research Building parking lot sign. The sign says that there is an environment cleanup in progress. The sign is there to designate that the site is an active site that is being monitored and will need to be cleaned up.

John Salkeld – Cedar Street

- Reported again about the speeding cars on Cedar Street. Councilperson Quinlan asked about speed tables. DOT approval may be needed because the Street leads to another town. Speed tables are different than speed bumps. Borough Engineer will look into this.
- Spoke about children walking in the street where there are sidewalks.

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

Agenda:

Ordinance 2010-002 - Motor Vehicle Ordinance (First Reading):

Motion by Councilperson Quinlan for approval of Ordinance 2010-002 – an Ordinance amending the revised General Ordinance of SBB Chapter 3, Section 3-2 Regulation for Motor Vehicle, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, discussion. Length of time car could be on the driveway. Councilperson Dykes asked about extending 30 day time period to a longer amount of time for those working on restoring cars or repairing vehicles. At the second reading there will be a public hearing and the Council will also be able to suggest any amendments. Councilperson Kildow asked what spurred this. Borough Attorney explained that portions of the current Ordinance were declared unconstitutional by a Superior Court Judge in Somerset County. Enforcement of those portions of that Ordinance was stopped. We have been advised by citizens that there have been some problems with motor vehicles. We have tried to create an Ordinance that will stand up in Court. Roll call vote taken, all ayes 5-0.

Canal Road Park Lease:

Borough Attorney explained that this lease had been requested in 2004 because the Canal

Park was not being maintained. No word was received from the State either way so DPW began mowing the grass and maintaining the area. A couple of weeks ago a written acceptance of the Lease Proposal was received. Somehow it had gotten lost in Trenton until now. A copy of the Insurance will be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection. Nothing further needs to be done.

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

Kathy Conner – Louis Avenue

- Asked who takes care of the GAF sidewalk and parking lot. That is not our responsibility, GAF does it.

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

Adjournment:

Having completed the peoples' business a **Motion** to adjourn was made by Councilperson Quinlan, seconded by Councilperson Ormosi, all in favor, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald E. Kazar, Borough Clerk

