

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK –

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Abel Gomez with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement following by the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer.

Roll Call

Mayor Robert Fazen	absent
Councilman Vinnie Petti	present
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli	present
Councilman Abel Gomez	present
Councilwoman Elizabeth Jannuzzi	absent
Councilman Robert Dixon	present
Councilman Brad Galeta	present

Also Present:

Hector Herrera, Administrator
Borough Clerk – Donna Marie Godleski
Attorney- Andy Acebo, Esq. DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin
Police Chief Vito Bet- Police Department

Approval of Minutes: January 2 Reorganization Meeting;

January 2 Agenda Meeting

Motion: Dixon Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Aye

Advertised hearings or special presentations

>Parking presentation- Jerry Giosa- Level G Associates

Mr. Giosa provided a study findings and a preliminary parking program plan for the downtown. The purpose is to examine the utilization of municipal parking supply and evaluate the impacts of proposed projects. Also to develop a parking program plan designed to accommodate all parking user groups. Mr. Giosa noted that Bound Brook has the capacity and the land for this plan. A discussion followed on the preliminary conclusions. Presentation concluded.

Presentation of communications, petitions, etc. –none

Greetings for comments and invitation for discussion –none

Opening of bids -none

Engineers Report- Dale Leubner –Project Manager

Mr. Leubner reported:

Billian Legion Park parking lot permitting – construction of parking lot adjacent to ballfield is tentatively scheduled to commence March 2019.

2017 Road Improvement Program- project substantially completed. Punch list items have been completed. NJDOT has noted several deficiencies that remain with East Maple and Van Keuren. Once completed, remaining portion of funding will be requested.

The Reconstruction of East Second Street- punch list items have been completed. Project closeout is completed.

The Reconstruction of Grove Avenue and Thompson Avenue-received CDBG funding in amount of \$100,000 for project. Project to be constructed in spring of 2019 with completion date about July 4, 2019.

Sanitary Sewer Chamber Cover Replacement at South Main Street - Somerset County
Work has been completed.

Committee reports

Finance: Chair- C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi –absent

Liaison Committees: /Historic Preservation/

Council President Gomez reported that the committee met with all departments. The borough is looking to introduce the municipal budget in February.

Public Works, Bldgs., Grounds & Utilities-Chair- C. Robert Dixon

Liaison Committees: Board of Education/Library Advisory/Shade Tree/ Recreation Commission

Council Dixon gave the December activity report for public works. The Shade Tree is working on Arbor Day in April. The commission members will be getting laptops through “Eye Tree” for record keeping purposes. The library is moving forward on a grant and upgrades. There has been an increase in books being taken out of the library. Residents will be able to apply for passports at the library.

Recreation did not meet yet. The sport of wrestling has opened. Basketball, soccer and baseball will follow. Bound Brook has the largest girls wrestling team in the State.

Public Safety (Police & Fire)- Chair- C. Abel Gomez

Liaison Committees: Board of Education/Cultural Arts/OEM/Parking Commission/Rescue Squad

Council Gomez gave the December activity report for police and fire. The department participated in active shooter drills, county swat team and bomb response team.

Board of Education-attended a meeting with the superintendent.

Cultural Arts Committee- The first meeting was held on Monday. The 2018 mural for Hamilton and Main will be completed by August 1st.

Office of Emergency Management- Mr. Jim Suk is the coordinator and there is an ordinance on the agenda to allow a minimum and maximum salary for the position.
Parking Commission- The parking study presentation given today will be forwarded to the commission.

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- Chair- C. Brad Galeta

Liaison Committees: Green Team/Municipal Alliance/Special Improvement District
Council Galeta reported the personnel policy is still being completed. Employee evaluations and performances will be implemented. Two (2) public works employees will be retiring this year. The code enforcement department will be hiring a technical assistant officer.

Green Team and Municipal Alliance –no report

Special Improvement District- working on the 2019 budget; farmers market grant for benches and receptacles.

Security cameras have been received for placement downtown in the tunnel. The fence is in for the community garden. The committee is looking at placing ads on trash cans so they are working on sponsorship.

Economic Development- Chair- C. Anthony Pranzatelli

Liaison Committees: Architectural Review Board/Planning Board/Senior Citizens
Council Pranzatelli reported on the following redevelopment projects:

Reynolds-Bound Brook Arms-West Main Urban Renewal-site work is done; working on the foundation.

Reynolds-Skaleen- redeveloper designation extended for 120 days on December 18-2018- Awaiting signed escrow agreement.

Urban Renewal- former Bound Brook Hotel- last payment not received by the town; missing county approvals.

Talmage Commons-redeveloper designation extended for 120 days on December 18-2018 – Attorneys to discuss the financials.

Meridia Self Storage proposal- will break ground in the spring.

NJ Transit RFP for Downtown property-Transit recommend designation of Meridia as redeveloper for NJ Transit property with escrow obligation.

Planning Board had their re-organization meeting. The only change to their professionals was the planner. Carlos Rodrigues was appointed the board planner.

The installation for a camera in the tunnel will begin next week.

Zoning, Construction & Code Enforcement- Chair- C. Vinnie Petti

Liaison Committees: Board of Health

Council Petti reported the December activity report.

Board of Health- no meeting was held due to lack of quorum of members.

Introduction of ordinances -First Reading

Ordinance No. 2019- 01 Amendment to Salary Ordinance

Added: Office of Emergency Management Coordinator-

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi_absent___ C. Vinnie Petti yes ___ C. Brad Galeta__yes___
C. Anthony Pranzatelli _yes___ C. Robert Dixon yes ___ C. Abel Gomez _yes___

Ordinance No. B2019-06

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE GEAR BY THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$35,000 THEREFOR FROM MONEYS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Motion: Pranzatelli Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading,

advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on _February 12, 2019

Second: Dixon Discussion: none

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi absent ___ C. Vinnie Petti _yes___ C. Brad Galeta _yes___
C. Anthony Pranzatelli _yes___ C. Robert Dixon _yes___ C. Abel Gomez yes___

Ordinance No. 2019-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XXVIII OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK ENTITLED "WATER AND SEWER" SECTION 28-1.18 USE OF SEWER SYSTEM FOR NON-SANITARY SEWAGE

Motion: Pranzatelli Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading,

advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on February 12, 2019

Second: Dixon Discussion: none

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi __absent ___ C. Vinnie Petti _yes___ C. Brad Galeta _yes___
C. Anthony Pranzatelli _yes___ C. Robert Dixon _yes___ C. Abel Gomez yes___

Ordinance No. 2019-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XVII, OF THE GENERAL REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SECTION 17-12.5-GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Motion: Dixon Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on February 12, 2019

Second: Pranzatelli Discussion: none

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi _absent___ C. Vinnie Petti yes___ C. Brad Galeta _yes___
C. Anthony Pranzatelli _yes___ C. Robert Dixon yes___ C. Abel Gomez _yes___

Ordinance No. 2019-09

Motion: Dixon Movant: I move that ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, and a public hearing be held on _February 12, 2019

Second: Pranzatelli Discussion: none

Roll Call:

C. Elizabeth Jannuzzi _absent___ C. Vinnie Petti yes___ C. Brad Galeta _yes___
C. Anthony Pranzatelli __yes__ C. Robert Dixon __yes__ C. Abel Gomez _yes___

Ordinance on Final Reading and Consideration-Second Reading

Ordinance No. 2019-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 9, PERSONNEL POLICIES, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Motion to open public comment: Dixon Second: Pranzatelli

Public Comment: none

Motion to close public comment: Dixon Second: Pranzatelli

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL (TWA)
APPLICATION FOR MERIDIA DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL, BOUND
BROOK, LLC

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Approve property tax exemption for Cote, Joan & Wilford-722 Cedarcrest Drive-4th
quarter 2018 in the amount of \$423.15 and 2019

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Approve a refund to Crim School/Bridgewater BOE in the amount of \$52.12 for Police
Department PTO

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Approve a refund to Joyce Morales for a liquor license transfer fee in the amount of
\$250.00

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Approve member participation with the Middlesex County Municipal Joint Insurance
Fund for a period commencing January 1-2019 – December 31-2021

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Authorize execution of a shared services agreement with County of Somerset for Board
of Health services for the period March 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021

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Approve award of professional services contracts for 2019-

MUNICIPAL & LABOR ATTORNEY-
DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole LLP-Teaneck, NJ
Not to Exceed Amount: \$166,000

MUNICIPAL AUDITOR-
Hodulik & Morrison, P.A. Highland Park, NJ
Not to Exceed Amount: \$40,000

MUNICIPAL BOND COUNSEL-
McManimon, Scotland & Bawmann, LLC
Not to Exceed Amount: \$20,000.00

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER-
T&M Associates-Middletown, NJ
Not to Exceed Amount: \$50,000

MUNICIPAL GRANT WRITER-
Millennium Strategies, Caldwell, NJ
Not to Exceed Amount: \$36,000

MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR-
LAW OFFICE OF JOHN E. BRUDER –Bound Brook, NJ
Not to Exceed Amount: \$38,000

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER –
Robert Spengler, Esq. Bound Brook, NJ
Not to Exceed Amount: \$17,500
MUNICIPAL TAX APPEAL COUNSEL –
Shain, Schaffer & Rafanello, Attorney at Law
Not to Exceed Amount: \$25,000

PLANNING BOARD ATTORNEY-
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP
Not to Exceed Amount: \$20,000.00

PLANNING BOARD ENGINEER-
Maser Consulting, P.A.
Not to Exceed Amount: \$1,000.00

PLANNING BOARD PLANNER -
Carlos Rodrigues
Not to Exceed Amount: \$40,000.00

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Approve the appointment of Alternate Prosecutors for 2019 –
Not to exceed amount of \$38,000

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AWARD OF CONTRACT UNDER NEW JERSEY STATE APPROVED CONTRACT #83911 (RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT) FOR RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS, INC. 11C HARTS LANE, EAST BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY 08816 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,457.20.

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Approve Payment Certificate No. 3 to TopLine Construction Corporation in the amount of \$21,204.66

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Approve the transfer of public property to Somerset County for auction

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Approve the 2017 Audit

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Approve and adopt the replacement of the personnel policy in its entirety

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO EXAMINE WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTY, IN PARTICULAR, BLOCK 34, LOTS 4, 5, 6 AND 7; AND BLOCK 35, LOTS 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 9, LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, NEW JERSEY, SHOULD BE DETERMINED TO BE A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

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OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK SUBMITTING A RESOLUTION AND REPORT TO THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK TO REVIEW THE DETERMINATION THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY, IN PARTICULAR, BLOCK 1, LOTS 4, 5, 6, 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 7-30 AND 18.01; BLOCK 3, LOTS 7, 7.01, 7.02, 7.03 AND 8; BLOCK 4, LOTS 18-31, 23.01, 24.01, 28.01 AND 29.01; AND BLOCK 5, LOT 29, LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, NEW JERSEY, BE DEEMED AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

Unfinished Business- none

New Business

Firemen Membership Application

>Watchung Fire Company No. 3- Matthew E. Wingler

Motion moved by C. Dixon; second by C. Petti; All in favor-Aye

>A request from Wine Country –Bound Brook

To allow the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday February 3 2019 (Super Bowl) from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. – Consensus of council agreed to move a resolution to allow the sale for the Super Bowl Sunday Event.

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R2019-36 Approval of Vouchers - Motion to approve moved by C. Gomez; second by C. Pranzatelli; All in favor: Aye

Open meeting to the public for comments –

South Bound Brook councilwoman Alison Fetten introduced herself to the governing body. She was interested in both towns getting together and talking about what services can be shared.

R2019-37 Authorize executive session- No session

Adjournment @ 8: 15 p.m. -Motion moved by C. Pranzatelli; Second by C. Petti;
All in favor- Aye

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk