

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:30 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1994

The meeting was opened by Mayor Fasanello who read the following statement: "This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that the requirements of the law have been met with the posting of the meeting notice on the Municipal Bulletin Board, filed with the Borough Clerk, and forwarded to the Bound Brook Chronicle, the Courier-News, the Home News and the Star-Ledger on January 3, 1994."

A prayer was offered by the Clerk-Administrator followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Fasanello, C. Pournaras, C. Nerger, C. Bruno, C. Jarus, C. Higginbottom  
Absent: C. Pres. Richardson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Pournaras, second by Higginbottom and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 1994.

Motion by Pournaras, second by Higginbottom and unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 1994.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pournaras - Public Safety - Reported on the fire department's responses to alarms in 1993. (Report on file.) Thanked them for their volunteer efforts. Commended police officers Dzergoski, Cozza and Henderson on their number of arrests in 1993. Commended detectives D'Allessandro, White, Brezin and Jannone for having no sick days in 1993.

Nerger - Negotiations - No report.

Bruno - Economic Development, Public Relations - Reported on the status of the Tea Street Property. The Promotions Committee of the Historic Bound Brook Main Street Program will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday at 7:00 PM at their Maiden Lane office. Last Wednesday night four "experts" reported on their findings following a review of the Main Street Program.

Jarus - Administration, Personnel, Finance - Two police dispatchers have resigned. Two replacements are now attending school. Two new police officers are being hired to replace two that are retiring. They will start February 14 and April 18. The budget committee has had two meetings. They should complete their work in a couple of weeks.

Higginbottom - Parks & Recreation - The Recreation Commission has several programs going on. The fifth and sixth grade basketball program has been a big success. Their wrestling program is going well. A volunteer planner is working on plans for the Rock Machine Property and on a five year plan.

Mayor Fasanello - Reviewed the status of individual Council assignments. Will respond to the County that the Rotary study is agreeable to us. It will start in the Spring. Requested Councilwoman Pournaras and the fire department to review all of the fire hydrants in town to determine if all are actually needed.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

94-7 - Property Maintenance Code

Motion to pass on first reading and set public hearing for final adoption for March 8, 1994 at 7:30 PM by Bruno; second by Pournaras

Roll Call: Aye - Pournaras, Nerger, Bruno, Jarus, Higginbottom.

Absent - Richardson

## ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING, FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION

94-1 - 1994 5% Budget Cap Ordinance.

Motion to open the public hearing by Jarus; second Pournaras: Unanimous.

Motion to close the public hearing by Jarus; second Pournaras; Unanimous.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 94-1 by Pournaras; second Jarus.

Roll Call: Aye - Pournaras, Nerger, Bruno, Jarus, Higginbottom

Absent - Richardson

94-2 - Decreasing Local Assistance Board membership from five to three.

Motion to open the public hearing by Pournaras; second Jarus; Unanimous.

Motion to close the public hearing by Pournaras; second Nerger; Unanimous

Motion to adopt Ordinance 94-2 by Pournaras; second Higginbottom.

Councilman Nerger indicated that he will be voting "no" because he felt the sensitive nature of issues would best be served by a larger board and also because he knew of volunteers willing to serve.

Roll Call: Aye - Pournaras, Bruno, Jarus, Higginbottom

No - Nerger

Absent - Richardson

C94-3 - \$60,000 Capital ordinance for the purchase of a rescue squad vehicle.

Motion to open the public hearing by Pournaras; second Jarus; Unanimous.

Motion to close the public hearing by Pournaras; second Jarus; Unanimous.

Motion to adopt Ordinance C94-3 by Pournaras; second Bruno

Councilman Nerger indicated that he voted "no" on introduction last month because he felt better fund raising efforts were in order. He indicated that he will be voting "yes" now because he has since learned that fund raising efforts for an ambulance several years ago raised under \$10,000. This combined with the belief that two ambulances may be "lemons", since they are continually breaking down, and that these volunteers need all the support that they can get has led him to vote "yes".

Roll Call: Aye - Pournaras, Nerger, Bruno, Jarus, Higginbottom

Absent - Richardson

B94-4 - Bond ordinance to authorize the reconstruction of West High Street from Vosseller Avenue to Tea Street in, by and for the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, a general improvement and a sidewalk improvement, to appropriate the sum of \$275,000 to pay the cost thereof, to make a down payment, to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation and to provide for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds.

Motion to open the public hearing by Jarus; second Higginbottom; Unanimous.

Charles Helfin, 355 West High Street, does not have a sidewalk in front of his house now and

does not want one because of the hill from the street up to his house and the location of two very large trees that would have to be removed.

Jules Lemasson, 357 West High Street, same as above.

Motion to close the public hearing by Jarus; second Nerger; Unanimous.

Motion to adopt Ordinance B94-4 by Nerger; second Jarus.

Roll Call: Aye - Nerger, Bruno, Jarus, Higginbottom  
 Abstain - Pournaras  
 Absent - Richardson

94-5 - Prohibiting rooming houses.

Motion to open the public hearing by Jarus; second Nerger; Unanimous.

Motion to close the public hearing by Jarus; second Nerger; Unanimous.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 94-5 by Pournaras; second Jarus

Roll Call: Aye - Pournaras, Nerger, Bruno, Jarus, Higginbottom  
 Absent - Richardson

94-6 - Increasing liquor license fees.

Motion to open the public hearing by Jarus; second Pournaras; Unanimous.

Motion to close the public hearing by Pournaras; second Jarus; Unanimous.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 94-6 by Pournaras; second Nerger.

Roll Call: No - Pournaras, Nerger, Bruno, Jarus, Higginbottom  
 Absent - Richardson

#### RESOLUTIONS:

94-22 - Authorize tax collector to refund duplicate tax payment in the amount of \$896.05.

Motion: Pournaras; Second: Higginbottom; Unanimous

94-23 - Authorize tax collector to refund tax overpayment in the amount of \$1277.75 due to an error in assessment.

Motion: Pournaras; Second: Nerger; Unanimous

94-24 - Accept resignation of police dispatcher Patricia Ricker.

Motion: Pournaras; Second: Jarus; Unanimous

94-25 - Authorize hiring of Vincent Bonaduce as police dispatcher effective January 28, 1994.

Motion: Jarus; Second: Pournaras; Unanimous

94-26 - Authorize hiring of Jan Babula as police officer effective February 14, 1994.

Motion: Jarus; Second: Pournaras; Unanimous

94-27 - Authorize hiring of Arthur Slocum, Jr. as police officer effective April 18, 1994.

Motion: Jarus; Second: Pournaras; Unanimous

94-28 - Transfers in appropriation reserves.

Motion: Jarus; Second: Pournaras; Unanimous

94-29 - Amendment to temporary municipal budget.  
Motion: Bruno; Second: Pournaras; Unanimous

94-30 - Authorize tax collector to refund tax overpayment in the amount of \$84.74.  
Motion: Bruno; Second: Jarus; Unanimous

94-31 - Authorize Clerk-Administrator to apply for 1993 Recycling Tonnage Grant.  
Motion: Pournaras; Second: Jarus; Unanimous  
PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.:  
Monthly Departmental Reports - Motion: Bruno; Second: Pournaras; Unanimous

APPROVALS:

Volunteer firemen applications from Joseph S. Caiazzo and John A. Rinehold for Hose Company #1 - Motion: Pournaras; Second: Nerger; Unanimous

Raffle license (RL-817) for St. Mary's Alter Rosary Society and Raffle license (RL-818) for Holy Family Academy - Motion: Nerger; Second: Jarus; Unanimous

Vouchers - Motion: Pournaras; Second: Jarus; Unanimous

The Clerk-Administrator was instructed to arrange for a structural inspection of the Armory buildings.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Pournaras: Second: Nerger; Unanimous

Time: 8:40 PM

Thomas R. Brodbeck  
Borough Clerk-Administrator