

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**7:00 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 17, 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 May 11, 1994."

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Fasanello, C. Pournaras, C. Nerger, C. Bruno, C. Higginbottom
Absent: C. Pres. Richardson, C. Jarus (Arrived 7:10 PM)

Resolution 94-53 - Promote police officer to rank of sergeant effective July 4, 1994.
Motion: Pournaras; Second: Higginbottom; Unanimous

At this time Patrolman Steven Cozza was sworn in as a police sergeant effective July 4, 1994.

At this time Mr. Jeffrey Raub was sworn in as a patrolman effective June 6, 1994.

Councilman Jarus arrived at this time.

Discussion of defeated 1994-95 Board of Education Budget followed:
Nerger - Read a statement thanking the Board of Education for their efforts regarding the Board of Education budget. Also thanked C. Pournaras and C. Higginbottom for their efforts on his committee regarding the budget cut recommendations.

Dr. Ted Settle, 506 Watchung Rd., questioned the numbers in resolution 94-54 regarding the amount to be raised by taxes.

Norm Matthews, 616 Vosseller Ave., thanked the mayor and council for not cutting the athletic trainer.

Jim Gilrain, Board of Education member, objected to the \$2,500.00 cut for new board member orientation. Stated that this orientation was required by state law.

Marcy Fiorentino, 662 North Meadow Dr./school teacher, objected to the recommended elimination of the position of curriculum director.

Debbie Pikulin, 559 Winsor St., objected to the \$140,000.00 cut in tuition for handicapped students.

Bob Kapp, middle school teacher, questioned the status of the middle school principal.

Jim Gilrain, Board of Education member, objected to the \$5,100.00 cut for summer guidance salaries.

Debbie Pikulin, 559 Winsor St., objected to the \$23,732.00 cut for a middle school principal's secretary salary.

Dr. Osborne Abbey, School Superintendent, objected to the amount of reductions since even if restored on appeal they will not be restored until 1995/96.

Mike Colalillo, 308 Codrington Pl., stated that the resolution pages should have been numbered. Stated that the school budget has too much fat and the Council did not cut enough.

Dan Carbone, 200 Farm Ln., questioned why two schools were needed for grades 1 through 8.

Dr. Ted Settle, 506 Watchung Rd., disagreed with Council's opinion that there are too many administrators.

Steve Sterner, interim high school principal, objected to the extensive cuts.

Norm Matthews, 616 Vosseller Ave., stated that when he was in school there were fewer schools with more students. Agrees that there are too many administrators.

Joe Greco, 609 Hayward St., supports the Council's cuts.

Wendy Spinner, Board of Education member, was really saddened that the Council feels that they must make this much of a cut.

Robert Horton, 227 West Maple Ave./substitute teacher, believes the Board of Education and Superintendent should learn more about priority setting. Agrees with the Council's budget cuts. He has witnessed waste upon waste as a substitute teacher.

Resolution 94-54 - Recommending cuts in the defeated Board of Education Budget.
Motion: Pournaras; Second: Nerger; Unanimous

Public Hearing on 1994 Municipal Budget.
Motion to open the public hearing by Bruno; Second: Jarus; Unanimous

Dr. Ted Settle, 506 Watchung Rd., requested a copy of the municipal budget which was provided by C. Higginbottom.

Dr. Norman St. Landau, 822 East Meadow Dr., objected to the amount of pay raise given to the Borough Clerk.

Dr. Ted Settle, 506 Watchung Rd., questioned the percent of tax increase in the 1994 municipal budget.

Dan Carbone, 200 Farm Ln., asked if potholes would be fixed with the money in this budget.

Dr. Ted Settle, 506 Watchung Rd., asked if the Council would provide information to a committee of residents to review their budget just like the Board of Education did for Council.

Dr. Norman St. Landau, 822 East Meadow Dr., stated that Council should spend more effort to cut down on things. Stated that the Weeping Willow trees in his neighborhood drowned.

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

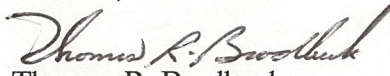
Resolution 94-55 - Amend 1994 Municipal Budget to include an additional \$252.00 in Clean Communities Grant funding.

Motion: Bruno; Second: Pournaras; Unanimous

Motion to adopt 1994 Municipal Budget by Jarus; Second: Pournaras; Unanimous

Approval of vouchers - Motion: Pournaras; Second: Higginbottom; Unanimous

Motion to adjourn: Nerger; Second: Jarus; Unanimous
Time: 9:15 PM


Thomas R. Brodbeck
Borough Clerk-Administrator