

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:30 PM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1995

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, 1995."

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. Richardson, C. Higginbottom, C. Custy
Absent: C. Pres. Bruno, C. Nerger (Arrived 7:36 PM)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Pournaras, second by Richardson and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 1994.

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Motion by Richardson, second by Higginbottom and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 20, 1994.

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Motion by Richardson, second by Higginbottom and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 1995.

Motion by Custy, second by Richardson and unanimously approved the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 1995.

GREETINGS OF THE PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION:

Robert Billian, 128 East High Street and Chair of the Rotary Park Committee, handed out a report to Mayor and Council as to where we were, where we are and where we want to be regarding Rotary Park. The walking trails are complete. The parking lot is complete except for a border. Plan to begin work in April on the baseball field and playing field. Wants to set up a \$50,000 trust fund with interest being used to at least partially offset park maintenance costs. If anyone has any questions regarding the park they should call him. (Copy of report included as a part of these minutes.)

Councilman Nerger arrived during the above report.

Jean Mangino, 338 West Maple Avenue, is a member of the Library Board of Trustees. Stated that the library employees would like to receive a dental plan.

Mike Colalillo, 308 Codrington Place, feels Phyllis Pournaras was justified on January 1 in requesting that the appointment of the borough engineer be tabled pending further discussion. Urged the sale of the Tea Street Property and the relocation of the Little League and that property be sold as well. Stated that we sit on things too long.

Andrew Rehm, Plymouth, Mass., read in the Bound Brook Chronicle that we may have to buy a

new garbage truck. The borough should not be in the garbage business. Would like to see restaurants have tables on the sidewalks when it gets warmer. Bound Brook has a finite amount of buildable space. You must either build up or tear down and re-build. The application process should be expedited. the S.I.D. tax should be reviewed. Feels it is of limited benefit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pournaras - Public Safety - The Fire Department swore in a new Board of Engineers on January 1. Their first meeting will be next Thursday. Reported regarding a "Community Security Awareness Program".

Nerger - Public Works, Buildings, Grounds & Utilities - No report.

Richardson - Administration, Personnel, Finance - Starting to get numbers together. Will have a meeting very shortly to start working on the budget.

Higginbottom - Parks & Recreation - The Recreation Commission has had a Community Development Block Grant Application prepared. Numerous programs are underway. Extended a special thanks to Bob Billian for his efforts on Rotary Park.

Custy - Economic Development, Public Relations - Linden, NJ has just formed the 39th S.I.D. in New Jersey. Funding to municipal governments has at best been on a level plane over the last several years. More burden is falling on residential homeowners. Business/commercial corridors contribute 18% of tax dollars. We need to nurture these districts.

Mayor Fasanello - He has received and accepted an invitation from Mayor Dobies of Middlesex to meet with him and other mayors regarding shared services. Everything is on the table.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

95-1 - Three year agreement with Somerset County to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Motion to pass on first reading and set public hearing for 7:30 PM on February 14, 1995 by Pournaras; second by Nerger.

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

95-2 - Increase liquor license fees by 8%.

Motion to pass on first reading and set public hearing for 7:30 PM on February 14, 1995 by Custy; second by Richardson.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

95-10 - Roof assessment resolution.

Motion: Pournaras; Second: Richardson; Unanimous.

95-11 - Authorize installment redemption of delinquent taxes.

Motion: Pournaras; Second: Custy; Unanimous

95-12 - Waiver of interest in connection with installment redemption.

Motion: Richardson; Second: Custy; Unanimous.

95-13 - Professional services agreement: Attorney, Prosecutor, Auditor.

Motion: Pournaras; Second: Richardson; Unanimous.

95-14 - Professional services agreement: Engineer

Motion: Richardson; Second: Nerger

Roll Call: Aye - Nerger, Richardson, Custy

No - Pournaras, Higginbottom

Absent - Bruno

95-15 - 1995 recycling agreement with Somerset County.

Motion: Pournaras; Second: Higginbottom; Unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.:

Monthly Departmental Reports - Motion: Richardson; Second: Higginbottom; Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pournaras - Would like us to look into the possibility of re-locating borough hall and the police department to the NatWest bank building on Main Street. You would be putting people onto Main Street.

APPROVALS:

Raffle licenses (RL-832 & RL-833) for Holy Family Academy.

Motion: Richardson; Second: Higginbottom; Unanimous.

Vouchers - Motion: Richardson; Second: Higginbottom; Unanimous

OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDIZED ITEMS ONLY

Jean Mangino, 338 West Maple Avenue, has heard of numerous problems with the borough engineer at previous meetings. The appointment should have been looked into more thoroughly.

Michael Solook, 18 East Union Avenue, stated that the borough should get the engineer's bound field book and questioned his inspection procedures.

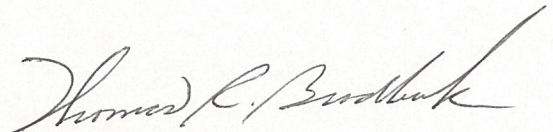
Andrew Rehm, Plymouth, Mass., questioned if the sidewalks on Maiden Lane are pitched toward the buildings who is responsible. Expects customers from those who are increasing liquor license fees.

Fred Hall, 518 West Second Street, suggested getting rid of the rotary.

Paul Psak, owner of property at 222 East Main Street, asked if the lights on Main Street were purchased with S.I.D. money. Is happy to see the new lights on Main Street. Would like to see internal bickering put aside.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Pournaras; Second: Richardson; Unanimous

Time: 8:30 PM



Thomas R. Brodbeck
Borough Clerk-Administrator