

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:30 PM, TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 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 led by members of Brownie Troop 713.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Custy, second by Richardson and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 1995.

Motion by Richardson, second by Nerger and unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 1995 with one correction.

GREETINGS OF THE PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION:

Andrew Rehm, Plymouth, Mass., questioned the status of restaurants being allowed to put tables outside on Main Street.

Terry Prokop, 318 Grove Avenue, stated that on Friday nights in Somerville they have antique cars and a flame thrower. You have to walk single file on the sidewalks because of the outside restaurant tables. However, everyone likes it.

Mike Colalillo, 308 Codrington Place, stated that the dead tree on Main Street should come down. Questioned the status of the John Street bridge which has been closed for months. Asked what made the Republicans want to take council committee and liaison appointments away from the mayor.

Jean Mangino, 338 West Maple Avenue, agrees with Mike Colalillo regarding mayoral appointments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bruno - Negotiations - No report.

Pournaras - Public Safety - The Rescue Squad responded 106 calls in February consisting of 492 man hours. The fire department has been very busy. There was a large fire on East Second Street last month. There was another house fire this past Saturday night on Hardy Avenue. Expressed her appreciation to the volunteer members of the fire department and rescue squad. The police department had a total of 456 summonses/arrests for the month. The detective bureau handled 12 arrests and had 10 ongoing investigations. Three of the arrests were adults and nine were juveniles. One tavern has had three complaints in two months. Congratulated Officer Jan Babula on his successful completion of probationary status.

Nerger - Public Works, Buildings, Grounds & Utilities - The Shade Tree Commission will discuss the tree in Van Horn Plaza tomorrow night. He met with the Architectural Review Board regarding the Main Street lights. They supported the type of light selected and their location. They would like the lights put up throughout the area. Kathleen Gayta suggested Hamilton

Street next. The council school budget committee has a meeting with the board of education Monday night.

Richardson - Administration, Personnel, Finance - Two borough positions are open. One due to a resignation and one due to retirement. The new dispatcher started yesterday. Still searching for a deputy tax collector.

Custy - Economic Development, Public Relations - The District Management Corporation has begun their search for a new program manager. Van Horn Plaza plans and specification are complete. They show the large tree down. They are awaiting NJ Transit approval for a new bus stop. The bid process can begin following approval by NJ Transit.

Mayor Fasanello - The next mayor's meeting will be March 29. An interpreter will be present. He complimented the fire department and rescue squad for their quick response to a car fire on Mountain Avenue.

ADVERTISED HEARING:

Resolution 95-25 - Special Improvement District Budget.

Motion to open the public hearing by Custy; second by Richardson; unanimous.

Andrew Rehm, Plymouth Mass., feels that too many people in the Special Improvement District are being taxed that are not receiving any benefits. He used the street lights and garbage cans as an example. He is opposed to the Special Improvement District budget. It is taking money from people to help other people who won't help themselves.

Mike Colalillo, 308 Codrington Place, stated that the Special Improvement District has been going on for two years and nothing is moving.

Motion to close the public hearing by Custy; second by Nerger; unanimous.

Motion on Resolution 95-25 by Custy; second by Nerger.

Roll Call: Aye - Bruno, Nerger, Richardson, Custy

No - Pournaras

Absent - Higginbottom

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

95-4 - Increase rooming house fees.

Motion to introduce and set public hearing for 7:30 PM on April 11, 1995 by Bruno; second by Nerger; unanimous.

95-5 - Registration of multifamily dwelling units and apartments.

Motion to introduce and set public hearing for 7:30 PM on April 11, 1995 by Bruno; second by Nerger; unanimous.

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING, FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION:

B95-3 - Bond ordinance to authorize the improvement of the sanitary sewer system in, by and for the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, to appropriate the sum of \$500,000 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 Custy; second by Richardson; unanimous.

Ed Gabrielski, 151 West Maple Avenue, asked what projects were to be included.

Mike Solook, 18 East Union Avenue, asked about the Winsor Brook sanitary sewer repair.

Motion to close the public hearing by Custy; second by Richardson; unanimous

Motion to adopt Ordinance B95-3 by Richardson; second by Nerger.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

95-26 - Accept resignation of police dispatcher Christopher Martin.

Motion: Richardson; Second: Custy; Unanimous.

95-27 - Supporting Green Brook Flood Control Commission's position regarding Green Brook Flood Control Project.

Motion: Nerger; Second: Richardson; Unanimous

95-28 - Library agreement with South Bound Brook.

Motion: Custy; Second: Richardson; Unanimous.

95-29 - Authorize hiring of police dispatcher.

Motion: Richardson; Second: Bruno; Unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Nerger; second by Richardson to revise the 1995 Borough By-laws.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion for a closed session regarding personnel and negotiations at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 21, 1995 by Richardson; second by Custy; unanimous.

Motion by Nerger; second by Bruno to change council committee and liaison assignments as follows:

Administration, Personnel, Finance - Custy, Bruno, Higginbottom

Economic Development - Bruno, Custy, Pournaras

Negotiations - Pournaras, Richardson, Bruno

Public Works, Buildings, Grounds & Utilities - Nerger, Pournaras, Richardson

Parks & Recreation - Higginbottom, Nerger, Custy

Public Safety - Richardson, Higginbottom, Nerger

Bound Brook Youth Commission - Nerger

Office of Emergency Management - Richardson

Public Events - Bruno

Rescue Squad - Richardson

Senior Citizens Affairs - Bruno

Shade Tree Commission - Nerger

Roll Call: Aye - Bruno, Nerger, Richardson, Custy

No - Pournaras

Absent - Higginbottom

Piedmont Farms Drainage Project - Consensus was to include curbs and overlay where needed and to check downstream erosion.

APPROVALS:

Remove Patrolman Jan Babula from probationary status.

Volunteer Fireman Application from Brent T. Slack for Hose Company #1.

Motion: Richardson; Second: Custy; Unanimous.

Vouchers - Motion: Pournaras; Second: Richardson; Unanimous

OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDIZED ITEMS ONLY

Jean Mangino - 338 West Maple Avenue, stated that the vote on the revisions to the by-laws was a disgrace and a political move.

Mike Colalillo, 308 Codrington Place, stated that the merchants in Bound Brook have to help themselves.

Mike Solook, 18 East Union Avenue, questioned who is being registered in accordance with Ordinance 95-5.

Andrew Rehm, Plymouth Mass., was initially 100% for the Main Street Program and the Special Improvement District. He is now opposed to it.

Mayor Fasanello named Neger, Bruno and Richardson to the school board budget committee.

Motion for a closed session to discuss personnel by Richardson; second Custy; Unanimous.

Council back.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Richardson; Second: Custy; Unanimous

Time: 10:45 PM



Thomas R. Brodbeck
Borough Clerk-Administrator