

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK-
AGENDA/WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2009**

Mayor Pilato called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement, Opening Prayer read by the Borough Clerk and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor Pilato	present
Council Thompson	present
Council President Vasquez	present
Council Auletta	present
Council Pranzatelli	present
Council Dietrich	present
Council Petti	present

In attendance: Randy Bahr, Borough Administrator, Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk; T&M Associates-Supervising Engineer- Leonard Miller, P.E.

Mayor Pilato announced he will have two presentations for the next council meeting. The Bound Brook High School Robotics Team 56 is the winner of the New York City Regional Competition and Bound Brook High School Sophomore Andrew Campolattano was recently honored as State Wrestling Champion.

Mayor Pilato provided an update on 100 West Main Street-Dirt pile. A successful court action against owner and business of 100 West Main. Judge ordered to start removing the dirt by date certain yesterday. They have begun the process of removing the dirt. All dirt must be removed by April 30, 2009. The borough will monitor this situation.

Mayor Pilato stated Congressman Lance has had conversations with the head of the Army Corp. He has also spoken with the Chief of Engineers. We will have a list of all stimulus projects by end of March. Between the stimulus bill and the budget bill, the project should have all necessary funding. This is a good sign to have the monies committed.

Mayor Pilato stated he would need to leave at 7:30 for his son's basketball game and Council President Vasquez will chair the remainder of the meeting.

T&M Associates- Engineers Monthly Report- February 1-28-2009

Associate Engineer Leonard Miller reported on the following-

- *Talmage Avenue Bridge; soil analysis review is being done by the Army Corp.
- *2008 CDBG grant for High Street--95% complete; will be ready to go out to bid shortly.
- *Highland Place Phase 2-held a meeting with contractor; project to start late April; should complete in a month.
- *Grant Project-Vosseller Avenue Phase 2- design work is done; has been submitted to the county for review; ready to bid.
- *I&I flow study is drafted; will be sent over to the borough shortly.
- *09-CDBG Sanitary sewer rehab phase 3 has been submitted; looking to get costs back.
- *Bid for the road resurfacing was held today. Mr. Bahr advised 9 bids were received and amounts were under the engineers estimate.
- *09 road reconstruct program went out to bid today and bids are to be received on 3/24/09.
- *Working on Watchung Road, High Street, and Metape area for application submission for these streets.
- *Mr. Bahr advised he attended a preconstruction meeting on Highland Place. A question was brought up on the Planning Board approval on Highland/West Union Avenue.

Greetings of the Public and Invitation for Discussion

Cerminara- 795 Watchung Road-

Resident asked if there was any update on Watchung Road. Mayor Pilato responded stating that the Shade Tree Commission identified trees. Borough Engineer has submitted plans potentially to get stimulus monies for the reconstruction. We will wait to see what will happen to those monies. If we do not receive monies; we will then decide to pass a resolution for bond submission.

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We have not yet passed a resolution to move forward on this project. We are in the information stage.

Resident asked what the qualifications were for a shade tree commission member. Mayor Pilato responded.

James Suk- 28 West High Street-

Mr. Suk, the borough's Office of Emergency Coordinator reported on a Citizen Corp Council that has been started for Bound Brook. This group will promote public awareness for any major disaster and fix on resources to deploy. Volunteers are needed. Training is provided. The Office of Emergency Management has about 27 members now. We have a strong group now. If anyone is interested in joining the Citizen Corp Council, there is a meeting tomorrow evening.

Ed Hoffman-Superintendent-Bound Brook Schools-

Mr. Hoffman stated that discussions have been taking place with Recreation Commission regarding a possible joint venture. The project would entail building an attachment onto Smalley School which would service a gymnasium and also a community facility for Bound Brook. Mr. Hoffman stated that it was their understanding that funds were available to the borough in two phases; letter of credit from Kalian Properties and a grant. Funding is available to the school district for 40-50% of a project. Would the borough be interested in a joint venture?

Mayor Pilato provided Mr. Hoffman with a summary of the borough's funding that will go toward the potential construction of a Recreation Building at Codrington Park. The sum of \$250,000 was bonded last year. A 20 year note which will go toward the construction of a recreation building. 250,000 was bonded money last year; 20 year note that will go toward potential construction of recreation building at Codrington Park. The \$750,000 was conceived as a discussion with Kalian Properties at that time. Kalian was going to build a recreation site behind their site behind The Shop-Rite. When they went from age restrict to non age restrict, the borough asked would it not be better for your residents to have use of all amenities at Codrington Park. They said it would make sense and that is where it began.

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Now, Kalian is no longer the driver of the negotiations. Capital One is the sub-holder of this project. We are waiting to hear from Capital One if they are going to do the whole project. The \$750,000 is contingent upon being at that location. Mayor Pilato asked do we open this up for renegotiations; do we know if this is doable?

Mayor Pilato was excused from the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

C. President Vasquez chaired the remainder of the meeting.

C. Thompson asked the council whether or not we want to revisit this. Do we want to contact Capital One/Kalian whether they are interested in moving the recreation building and having a combined project with the school. C. Pranzatelli stated that we need to see a site plan. C. Dietrich suggested the council take a straw poll. Consensus of the council suggested the borough go to Kalian first then engage the attorney.

Mark Gleason, President of the School Board stated that the board would designate a few people to discuss the terms of usage.

C. Thompson, C. Dietrich and C. Auletta offered to meet with the school board to discuss the possibilities and shared services.

Paul Lasko- Church Street-

Mr. Lasko stated that the borough has held Monday Nite Cruise Nite for over ten years. He would like to take this event over and asked how he would proceed to do this.

C. Thompson stated that he would start with filling out a Special Event Permit Application from the Clerks Office.

Roseanne Short-169 Cherry-

Ms. Short stated there was a major water break on her corner. She recommended the borough look into a whole new pipe.

Proclamation-

Council Vasquez announced National Poison Prevention Week- March 16-22-2009.

Agenda/Workshop items were reviewed for the March 24th meeting agenda

Introduce 2009 Municipal Budget Tax Resolution - Mr. Bahr reported that the budget is to be introduced by March 31st. Aid applications are due by April 15th.

2009 Project Item List-Councilmember's to review committee items for action/timelines.

Services Agreement-Design Services Group, LLC – Pre-construction services related to Codrington Park Field house Recreation Building Expansion/Addition. For review.

Phillips Preiss Shapiro Draft Report – Amended Redevelopment Plan for Area No. 2.- Councilmember's to review and comment.

Ordinance Introduction-amendment to uniform construction fees- Mr. Bahr will e-mail the fee schedule to councilmember's.

Agenda Resolutions:

Authorize Professional Services Contracts for Auditor, Attorney, Bond Counsel, Engineer, Prosecutor, Public Defender

Approve the salary compensation for the Municipal Judge

Appointment of Maritza Arias as Municipal Registrar for a three year term- 2009-2012

Authorize Professional Service Contract to Regional Plan Association for Transit Oriented Planning and Design Assistance

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Authorize tax overpayment refund for 541 East Second Street

Authorize Release of Escrow Funds- Frank Settembrino

Authorize Budget Transfer

Oppose Assembly Bill No. 3686 which proposes the transfer of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to the New Jersey Department of Human Services

Unfilled Appointments to the following Boards/Committee/Commission

Economic Development Advisory Committee-
1 member

Parking Commission-
2 regular members

Planning Board-
Alternate for Mayor

Historic Preservation Committee-
Appointment by the Mayor with advice and consent of council
5 regular member-4 year term
2 alternate member- 2 year term

Somerset County Planning Board- Appointment of 2009 Municipal
Wastewater Management Planning Committee -
Members-elected official; planning board representative; engineer;

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting February 24, 2009; Special Meeting February 28, 2009;

Old Business-

Leaves/ grass clippings-

C. Thompson recommended collection at least one more month. Mr. Bahr stated that he will work out the schedule with Tom Miller, Public Works and C. Thompson. For the next meeting we will have a schedule.

C. Dietrich asked for an update on the borough's new website. Mr. Bahr reported that administration is moving quickly; we hope to have the website up very shortly.

Open to Public on Agendized Matters Only

Roseanne Short-169 Cherry-

Ms. Short asked how long the borough would be picking up leaves. Mr. Bahr stated that leaves would also be worked into the public works schedule being worked on.

Cerminara- 759 Watchung Road

Resident stated government is, by and for the people. The concerns of the residents should be heard regarding the reconstruction of Watchung Road.

Suk-28 West High Street

Mr. Suk stated that the NIMS resolution adopted by the borough requires a termination date. Also, he was not aware of the budget department head meetings that were scheduled. Mr. Suk discussed further training requirements by the Office of Emergency Management.

Carol Holub-518 W. Second

Ms. Holub complained about litter downtown. Can we approach the Chamber of Commerce to have the businesses clean up their properties? She asked how many times does the street sweeper sweep the streets. C. Thompson stated that we need to revise the "no parking" on streets. Mr. Holub asked if there were any ordinances on the books for keeping properties clean.

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Adjourn to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Resolution No. 09-42B

Authorize Executive Session for Matters: (Personnel; Negotiations;
Litigation; Possible action afterwards.

Motion: C. Dietrich; second C. Pranzatelli, all in favor-ayes

Regular meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Motion: C. Vasquez; second C. Dietrich, all in favor-ayes

Respectfully submitted by-


Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk