

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK-

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES –JANUARY 27, 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	absent –arrived at 8:50 p.m.
Council Pranzatelli	present
C. Dietrich	present
C. Petti	present

Also present: Randy Bahr, Borough Administrator, Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk, and Borough Attorney Louis Rainone, Esq.

Presentation-

Paloma Amar-Coleman, Executive Director-Resource Center for Women and Their Families-

Ms. Coleman gave a brief presentation on the submission of the application for the Somerset County Community Development Block Grant –Transitional Housing Facility located in Bound Brook. Their mission is domestic abuse. The submission request is for \$12,000. 00. The governing body is notified of the submission at a public meeting and the Mayor certifies the application.

Proclamations-

Mayor Pilato read two proclamations into the record of minutes for -

Radon Action Month- Month of February

National Wear Red Day –American Heart Association – February 6, 2009

Approval of Minutes-

Regular Meeting-December 23-2008

Reorganization Meeting-January 1, 2009

Motion: C. Vasquez Second: C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes

Abstain: C. Dietrich, C. Petti- December 23, 2008 minutes

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Greetings of the Public and Invitation for Discussion:

409 East High Street-

Resident was not in favor with the 2 hour parking stated in the ordinance that was being introduced this evening. He asked if there is a middle ground that we can agree with.

120 Farm Lane-

Resident asked if Ms. Coleman could repeat what she said about the Women's Resource Center in the borough. He then stated he thought it was very good for the community.

505 Helfin Street –

Resident expressed her concerns on permit parking for her street. Mayor suggested she attend the next parking commission meeting scheduled for February 24th @ 7:30 at borough hall.

Committee Reports :

Finance-Chair-C. Auletta-absent

Mr. Bahr reported that the finance committee is moving forward with the budget. A bill for deferred pension costs came out of the Assembly today. C. Auletta is getting together the public works negotiations.

Public Works, Buildings, Grounds & Utilities-Chair-C. Thompson

Mr. Thompson read his department monthly report into the record of minutes. He addressed a graffiti complaint addressed by Ms. Linda Brnicevic at the last council . Mr. Miller, Public Works Superintendent advised that he will inspect the graffiti in the train station tunnel. Also, the lights that were reported out downtown do require a pole number for Public Service in order to replace.

Public Safety(Police & Fire)-Chair-C. Dietrich

Mr. Dietrich read his department monthly report into the record of minutes

Personnel, Administration & Ordinances- Chair-C. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez reported he is working on the borough personnel policy, website, professional services contracts, and ordinances. Also performance reviews are in progress.

Economic Development-Chair-C. Pranzatelli

Mr. Pranzatelli reported negotiations have started with the Bolmer Building. The Army Corp has offered to demolish the Bolmer Site Building in order to continue the GreenBrook Flood Control Project. The Borough attorney is meeting this week regarding the Bolmer Site and Penrose/New Jersey Transit.

The borough received Letter of Credit in the amount of \$750,000 issued to secure performance associated with the developer's construction of the recreation center building

addition at Codrington Park.

No date has been scheduled yet for the Downtown Business Assistance Team to tour the downtown.

Committee met to discuss the sign ordinance. We are making progress. We need one more meeting before Planning Board and Council approve.

Zoning, Construction Code Enforcement-Chair-C. Petti

Mr. Petti read the department monthly report into the record of minutes.

Introduction of Ordinances –

First Reading -

ORDINANCE NO. 09- 01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE BOUND BROOK BOROUGH ORDINANCES RELATING TO PARKING REGULATIONS

Motion: C. Pranzatelli Second: C. Vasquez

Discussion: Consensus of council agreed to amend the ordinance as prepared to allow permit parking for East High Street North and South and eliminate Section 2- parking time limited

Roll Call: C. Thompson- yes; C. President Vasquez-yes; C. Auletta- absent
C. Pranzatelli-yes; C. Dietrich-yes; C. Petti-yes

ORDINANCE B09-02

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,362,875 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: C. Thompson Second: C. Pranzatelli

Roll Call:

C. Thompson- yes C. President Vasquez-yes

C. Auletta- absent C. Pranzatelli-yes

C. Dietrich-yes C. Petti-yes

Mr. Bahr stated the purpose of the bond is for the stimulus projects which are Watchung Road; Metape Area; High Street; Sanitary Sewer Lining Route 28 Vosseller. Public hearing will be held February 24th.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 09- 15-

Authorize Appointment of a Risk Management Consultant-Brown & Brown Insurance Company

Motion: C. Vasquez Second: C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes
Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-16-

Authorize Project Closeout-Vosseller Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement –Finne Building & Investment

Motion: C. Thompson Second:C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes
Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-17-

Authorize Army Corp of Engineers- Demolition of the Bolmer Site-530 East Main Street

Motion: C. Vasquez Second: C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes
Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-18-

Authorize bid for the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department

Motion: C. Dietrich Second: C. Vasquez All in favor: Ayes
Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-19-

Authorize T&M Associates to move forward with the Stimulus Projects for Water and Sewer/Roads

Motion: C. Thompson Second: C. Vasquez All in favor: Ayes
Absent: C. Auletta

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Resolution No. 09-20-

Approve the 2009 Somerset County Recycling Agreement

Motion: C. Thompson Second: C. Vasquez All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-21-

Authorize Release of Street Opening Bond – 21 West Franklin Street

Motion: C. Pranzatelli Second: C. Vasquez All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-22-

Authorize participation in the PARIS Grant with Somerset County for the 2009-2010 Grant Cycle

Motion: C. Thompson Second: C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-23-

Authorize agreement with Somerset County Prosecutor's Office /Use of Police Personnel

Motion: C. Vasquez Second: C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-24-

Authorize refund of overpayment-parking permit-Vendome

Motion: C. Pranzatelli Second: C. Thompson All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-25-

Authorize refund of tax overpayment –Weichert Relocation Resources - -320 Bryant Court

Motion: C. Pranzatelli Second: C. Thompson All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-26

Approve designation of Lt. Jannone as officer in charge due to the vacancy of a Deputy Police Chief

Motion: C. Dietrich Second: C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-27

Authorize promotion process for Deputy Chief and up to one Lieutenant and one Sergeant

Motion: C. Dietrich

Second: C. Petti

All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-28-

Approval of Vouchers

Motion: C. Thompson

Second: C. Dietrich

All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Resolution No. 09-29-

Authorize Executive Session - (Public Safety; Negotiations; Personnel; Potential Litigation) Matters for discussion: Redevelopment; Code Enforcement;

Motion: C. Vasquez

Second: C. Pranzatelli

All in favor: Ayes

Absent: C. Auletta

Old Business

- C. Thompson-
- Reported on meeting held with Recreation Facilities Committee and the Board of Education Facilities Committee on 1/26 regarding Somerset County Open Space Trust Fund-
- Recreation Department has a project ready to go for Billian Park; joint resolution for upgrade for Lamonte field. Recommend the council review if it is feasible to work with the school regarding a recreation building. Is it possible to do a project at Smalley School, not Codrington Park..

C. Dietrich-

- Reported on Board of Education Meeting held on 1/26/
- The Board of Education is asking for a status on \$7,500 to help fund the replacement of the exterior sign in the front of the high school. Mr. Bahr stated that the funding is there which part of the capital ordinance adopted is. The borough pays 50%; move ahead with a resolution to formalize.
- The Board of Education is asking the borough to consider changing the polling location just for the school election to be held at the High School.
- The current locations are St. Joseph's School Gymnasium and Codrington Park Fieldhouse. Mayor stated that this request was brought before the council last year and we stated that the school board charges us for the use of school facilities for the election and to change just for the school election would produce voter confusion. Are there any educational benefits for the school? Mr. Dietrich will bring this information back to the school board administrator.

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New Business

Mayor Pilato reported-

The Battle of Bound Brook will take place the weekend of April 18th/19th; ceremony at stone bridge; street battle up to east street to library grounds; event at old Presbyterian Cemetery; feed all soldiers lunch; beef stew; cornbread. The Holy Family Academy children will be involved.

As we move forward with approvals, we will discuss the event with Office of Emergency Management and Lt. Jannone.

Open to the Public on Agendized Matters Only

Phyllis Pournaras- 570 Winsor Street-

Ms. Pournaras asked if sewer bills were being discussed in executive session.

Mr. Bahr stated that this item is being discussed under potential litigation.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Marie  Godleski, Borough Clerk