

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM, TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2002

The meeting was opened by Mayor Ryan 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 Courier-News, the Bound Brook Chronicle, the Home News and the Star Ledger on January 1, 2002".

A prayer was offered by the Clerk-Administrator followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ryan, C. Pres. Siebel, C. Gabrielski, C. Hasting, C. Thompson, C. Capalbo
Absent: C. Higginbottom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Hasting, second by Siebel and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2002.

Motion by Thompson, second by Capalbo and unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2002.

Motion by Siebel, second by Thompson and unanimously approved, with Hasting abstaining, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 6, 2002.

Motion by Siebel, second by Capalbo and unanimously approved, with Gabrielski and Hasting abstaining, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 6, 2002.

GREETINGS OF THE PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION:

Shirleen Roberts, 622 Encampment Drive, was concerned about an article in the Courier News regarding nuclear material being carried by trains throughout Somerset County. The proposal is to be voted on by the U.S. Senate within the next week.

George Plesa, 206 West Main Street, would like resident permit parking on West Main Street. They are getting an overflow of cars from Talmage Avenue. Nine cars currently parking on the street are not residents.

Elizabeth Plesa, 206 West Main Street, questioned why the current ordinance did not cover their portion of West Main Street.

Cathy Chubrick, 225 West Main Street, complained about overcrowding at 226 West Main Street.

Patrolman Wojciechowski, 319 Ware Court and president of PBA, requested the immediate replacement of three police officers. The League of Municipalities recommends 2.5 officers per 1000 population. That would mean twenty-five for Bound Brook. However, they are only requesting to get back to their previous force of twenty-two.

Patrolman Rivenbark, PBA delegate, requested that the hiring be expedited.

Sergeant Richard Colombaroni, Bound Brook Police Department, stated that there has been an increase in burglaries in the first half of this year. This has also resulted in an increase of arrests of persons in possession of drugs.

Sergeant David Czarcinski, Bound Brook Police Department, stated that three officers are no longer collecting salaries. They just want to get back to where they were.

Sergeant Steve Spolarich, stated that his shift is running short.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, stated that the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management does not see the trains carrying nuclear material as a problem. Asked if the May 26 bicycle races were a town function and what the process is to have an event. Asked if permits were required for street closings and what notification was given to residents and merchants. Stated that the roads were closed for seven hours and that there was a lack of communication. Questioned the use of the \$200,000 EDIP funding

John Doremus, 291 West Main Street, stated that he has sprayed his poison ivy and asked when the town was going to spray theirs.

Cathy Chubrick, 225 West Main Street, complained about litter from the Imperial.

Bill Slate, owner of Good Times Tavern, questioned the approval of liquor licenses.

Phyllis Pournaris, 570 Winsor Street, stated that the merchants are opposed to closing streets on Saturdays.

Cameron McEwen, 238 West Main Street, stated that no parking at the NJ Transit property on Vosseller Avenue would make the parking problem on West Main Street worse. There is already parking on only one side of the street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Siebel - Stated that the \$200,000 EDIP grant for redevelopment administration has been received.

Gabrielski - The rescue squad responded to 120 calls last month. The fire department responded to seventeen alarms and expended 190 man hours. There is a police department staffing issue. The police department has a bicycle rodeo, a DARE graduation and a torch run.

Hasting - No report.

Thompson - Pool sign ups are underway.

Capalbo - Gave the housing inspector's monthly report with a break down of violations.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

02-8 - Establishing resident permit parking on Church Street.

Motion by Siebel, second by Thompson.

Roll Call: Aye - Siebel, Gabrielski, Hasting, Thompson, Capalbo.

Absent - Higginbottom

02-9 - Increasing fees for CCO/smoke alarm inspections.

Motion by Capalbo, second by Siebel.

Roll Call: Aye - Siebel, Gabrielski, Hasting, Thompson, Capalbo.

Absent - Higginbottom

RESOLUTIONS:

02-46 - Establishing various "dedication by rider" trust funds.

Motion by Hasting, second by Siebel, unanimous.

02-47 - Designating the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and Lincoln Financial Group to administer the LOSAP program.

Motion by Thompson, second by Siebel, unanimous.

02-48 - Authorize 2003 Municipal Alliance Committee Grant application in the amount of \$22,290.00

Motion by Hasting, second by Capalbo, unanimous.

02-49 - Renew liquor licenses for 2002 - 2003.

Motion by Siebel, second by Gabrielski, unanimous.

02-50 - Award contract for the reconstruction of Cherry Avenue.

Motion by Thompson, second by Capalbo, unanimous.

02-51 - Acknowledge receipt of 2001 municipal audit.

Motion by Hasting, second by Capalbo, unanimous.

02-52 - 2001 municipal audit corrective action report.

Motion by Thompson, second by Hasting, unanimous.

02-53 - Accept resignation of school crossing guard Gordon Miller.

Motion by Siebel, second by Gabrielski, unanimous.

02-54 - Accept resignation of public works driver John Downey.

Motion by Hasting, second by Capalbo, unanimous.

02-55 - Authorize application for Bound Brook/South Bound Brook joint planning grant.

Motion by Siebel, second by Thompson, unanimous.

02-56 - Authorize issuance of certificates to verified exempt volunteer firemen.

Motion by Thompson, second by Hasting, unanimous.

02-57 - Hire replacement public works employee. ("Laborer" to be promoted to "Driver" upon obtaining CDL.)

Motion by Capalbo, second by Thompson, unanimous.

02-58 - Amend temporary budget.

Motion by Siebel, second by Gabrielski, unanimous.

02-59 - Hire replacement school crossing guard.

Motion by Hasting, second by Thompson, unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.:

Monthly Departmental Reports - Motion by Thompson, second by Capalbo, unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Siebel - Thanked police department, fire department and rescue squad for their assistance with the Memorial Day parade.

Brodbeck - Will be appearing before the Local Finance Board tomorrow to request waiver of 5% down payment on Bond Ordinance B02-7.

NEW BUSINESS:

Thompson - Proposed an ordinance waiving building department fees for emergency service personnel.

Ryan - June 14 will be the 225th anniversary of flag day. Last Thursday the mayors of Somerset County met with representatives of Somerset Medical Center.

APPROVALS:

Volunteer firemen application from Matthew A. Reedy for America Hose Company #2.
Motion by Siebel, second by Thompson, unanimous.

Bingo license (BL-293) for St. Mary's Church.
Motion by Thompson, Second by Capalbo, unanimous.

Vouchers - Motion by Gabrielski, second by Hasting, unanimous.

OPENING OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC ON AGENDIZED ITEMS ONLY:

Andrea Begane, 87 West Second Street, questioned the status of the Redevelopment Advisory Committee's recommendations.

George Plesa, 206 West Main Street, asked if we hold maintenance bonds on contractors.

Phyllis Pournaras, 570 Winsor Street, asked if council reviews police reports prior to renewing liquor licenses.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, questioned the status of the Bound Brook/ South Bound Brook joint planning meetings and if reports were going to be issued. Asked if the second round of meetings is also going to be closed to the public.

Sergeant Davis Czarcinski, Bound Brook Police Department, stated that the department has been receiving terrorist training.

Cameron McEwen, 238 West Main Street, stated that Bernie Moore of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission is retiring. Suggested that the Borough do something for him.

Motion by Siebel, second by Gabrielski and unanimously approved for a closed session to discuss legal advice and personnel.

Council back.

Resolution 02-60 - Hire replacement police officer at "Step 4" effective July 1, 2002.

Mayor Ryan nominated Antonio Munoz.

Motion by Thompson, second by Capalbo, unanimous.

Roll Call: Aye - Gabrielski, Hasting, Thompson, Capalbo

No - Siebel

Absent - Higginbottom

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Siebel, second by Hasting, unanimous.

Time: 10:30 PM



Thomas R. Brodbeck
Borough Clerk-Administrator