

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2000

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 2, 2000".

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ryan, C. Higginbottom, C. Siebel, C. Fasanello  
Absent: C. Pres. Carbone (Arrived during closed session), C. Bruno, C. Slater

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Siebel, second by Fasanello and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2000.

Motion by Fasanello second by Higginbottom and unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2000.

## GREETINGS OF THE PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION:

Rosanne Short, 169 Cherry Avenue, asked if another street could be done since the bids came in so low for the four that were awarded last week. Asked if that project included replacing the sidewalks. Suggested a group of volunteers be formed to inspect properties.

Steve Chubrick, 225 West Main Street, thanked the mayor for there being less train whistle blowing in his neighborhood. Complained about kids on four wheel ATV's at Rock Machine Park. Handed out a copy of an article in today's Courier News about children in our schools not being able to prove their residency.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Higginbottom - The finance committee met last Saturday regarding the transfers on tonight's agenda. Wants to inspect properties damaged by the flood to prevent potential fire hazards.

Siebel - There were sixteen structural fires in the borough this year. There were fourteen fire alarms in October requiring 229 man/ hours. There were 1723 calls to the police department, 237 motor vehicle violations and sixty-three criminal arrests. One liquor license establishment has had thirty-seven complaints year to date. He and the Mayor went to Atlantic City Saturday and Sunday for a New Jersey Emergency Management Conference.

Fasanello - Read from the Courier News article about Bound Brook school children not being able to prove their residency. Recommended that the Clerk-Administrator offer the assistance of the borough, as needed, to the Board of Education.

Ryan - Went to Trenton last week with the Board of Education Administrator to testify regarding a \$330,000 aid bill for the Bound Brook Board of Education. Reported that we have received a \$140,000 Department of Transportation Grant towards the reconstruction of Chestnut Street from Winsor Street west.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

2000-16 - Updating fire zone ordinance.

Motion by Siebel, second by Higginbottom, unanimous.

2000-17 - Cablevision consent ordinance.  
Motion by Fasanello, second by Higginbottom, unanimous.

2000-18 - Handicap parking space in front of Congregation Kneseth Israel.  
Motion by Siebel, second by Higginbottom, unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS:

00-115 - Change order for Fairview Avenue reconstruction.  
Motion by Higginbottom second by Siebel, unanimous.

00-116 - Chapter 159: \$20,000 Somerset County/Municipal Planning Partnership Grant.  
Motion by Higginbottom, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

00-117 - Accept resignation of Police Officer Diana T. Titus.  
Motion by Siebel, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

00-118 - Transfers in appropriations.  
There being only three councilmen present at this time, this resolution was held pending arrival of a fourth.

00-119 - Hire replacement police officer.  
Motion by Siebel, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.:

Bingo license for St. Mary's United Organization - Motion by Higginbottom, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

Monthly Departmental Reports - Motion by Higginbottom, second by Fasanello unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Higginbottom - Stated that he did not get any information from Councilman Bruno regarding the over crowding ordinance which he proposed last month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Siebel - Will have a Toys For Tots program at Borough Hall beginning December 1. He is requesting new, unwrapped toys.

APPROVALS:

Vouchers - Motion by Higginbottom, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

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

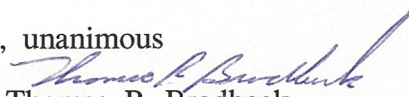
Andrea Begane, 87 West Second Street, questioned the status of hiring a Redevelopment Director.

Motion by Siebel, second by Fasanello and unanimously approved for a closed session to discuss personnel and negotiations.

Councilman Carbone arrived during the closed session.  
Council back.

Resolution 00-118 - Transfers in appropriations.  
Motion by Siebel, second by Higginbottom, unanimous.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Siebel, second by Fasanello, unanimous  
Time: 8:05 PM

  
Thomas R. Brodbeck  
Borough Clerk-Administrator