

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2001

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, 2001.

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Ryan, C. Pres. Fasanello, C. Higginbottom, C. Carbone, C. Siebel, C. Gabrielski, C. Hasting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Fasanello, second by Siebel and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2001.

Motion by Fasanello second by Siebel and unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2001.

GREETINGS OF THE PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION:

Cathy Chubrick, 225 West Main Street, complained about the number of cars on West Main Street, Vosseller Avenue and Talmage Avenue. That should indicate overcrowding. Asked about the two building inspectors the borough has just acquired. Inspections should be done without advance notice.

Ruth Zorn, 10 Romney Road, asked if anything is being done at the house that burned down with the blue tarp on it.

Rosanne Short, 169 Cherry Avenue, asked when the reconstruction of the four street would be completed. She has a puddle in front of her driveway. Also complained about the number of cars on Vosseller Avenue, Talmage Avenue and West Main Street.

Carey Pilato, 222 West Second Street, questioned the time line for new housing inspections.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, asked if inspections are going on now. Complained about a mattress on a lawn on Talmage Avenue for over a year. Questioned the Green Acres diversion from Tea Street.

Frank Averso, property owner at 427 West Union Avenue, objected to a notice he received from the Health Department regarding tires on his property being a possible source for West Nile Virus.

Phyllis Pournaras, 520 Winsor Street, is tired of hearing about code enforcement. The firm should be hired tonight. The town is a slum from John Street to Tea Street. It is time to do something about code reinforcement.

Frank Morano, 655 Church Street, stated that his friend parked a boat in his yard and got a telephone call and a letter from the Building Department. However, he keeps seeing other boats around town.

Cathy Chubrick, 225 West Main Street, asked if any work is going to be done on West Main Street.

Phyllis Pournaras, 520 Winsor Street, stated that the redevelopment of West Main Street is not going to happen until the flood project is complete.

Dale Harris, owner of Bound Brook Ford, stated that he took over Bound Brook Ford 4 1/2 years ago and has taken it to be one of the top fifty Ford dealerships in the country. He finds it difficult to understand how things that seem so simplistic take so long.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fasanello - No report.

Higginbottom - No report.

Carbone - Public Works has moved into its new building. There is a meeting Thursday with the Shade Tree Commission and PSE&G regarding tree trimming.

Siebel - The fire department had fire department had fourteen calls, the police department 337 calls and the rescue squad 133 calls last month. The fire department inspection was Saturday and there was a large turn-out of former fire chiefs.

Gabrielski - No report.

Hasting - The initial negotiating meeting with AFSCME Local 2168 was canceled by the union.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

B01-17 - \$291,000 bond ordinance for upgraded emergency services communication system. Motion by Siebel, second by Carbone, unanimous.

01-18 - Relocation assistance. Motion by Hasting, second by Carbone, unanimous.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERATION:

B01-14 - \$500,000 bond ordinance for sanitary sewer and road reconstruction. Motion to open the public hearing by Higginbottom, second by Carbone, unanimous.

Rosane Short, 169 Cherry Avenue, would like to see entire sections of roads completed at one time.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue question the ordinance "including but not limited to" certain streets.

Motion to close the public hearing by Siebel, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

Motion to adopt ordinance B01-14 by Fasanello, second by Carbone. Roll Call: Aye - Fasanello, Higginbottom, Carbone, Siebel, Gabrielski, Hasting

01-15 - No parking on a portion of Tea Street. Motion to open the public hearing by Carbone, second by Hasting, unanimous.

Motion to close the public hearing by Carbone, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

Motion to adopt ordinance 01-15 by Siebel, second by Fasanello. Roll Call: Aye - Fasanello, Higginbottom, Carbone, Siebel, Gabrielski, Hasting

01-16 - Authorize lease of temporary public works facility. Motion to open the public hearing by Carbone, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

Ruth Zorn, 10 Romney Road, questioned the location of the public works facility.

Carey Pilato, 222 West Franklin Street, questioned the cost.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, questioned the need for more space.

Motion to close the public hearing by Higginbottom, second by Carbone, unanimous.

Motion to adopt ordinance 01-15 by Carbone, second by Fasanello.
Roll Call: Aye - Fasanello, Higginbottom, Carbone, Siebel, Gabrielski
No - Hasting

RESOLUTIONS:

01-93 - Approve amendments to Middlesex County Joint Insurance Fund By-Laws.
Motion by Higginbottom, second by Carbone, unanimous.

01-94 - Promote public works laborer to position of driver.
Motion by Higginbottom, second by Hasting, unanimous.

01-95 - Award contract for sanitary sewer reconstruction in Hanken Road from Welch Road south to Tea Street.
Motion by Hasting, second by Higginbottom, unanimous.

01-96 - Hire replacement police dispatcher.
Motion by Carbone, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-97 - Green acres diversion application.
Motion by Siebel, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-98 - Establish relocation assistance trust fund.
Motion by Hasting, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-99 - Oppose Assembly Bill A-1193 regarding family home applications.
Motion by Hasting, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-100 - Authorize amendment to 2002 Municipal Alliance Committee Grant Application increasing the amount from \$11,921 to \$17,290.
Motion by Carbone, second by Hasting, unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Hasting - November 19 is an acceptable date with the Board of Education for a joint meeting. Will work on an agenda. The Board of Education thought that the Council wanted the meeting. Therefore a meeting may not even be necessary.

Higginbottom - Asked if the Council wanted another meeting with the inspection company.

APPROVALS:

Raffle licenses (RL-907) for St. Mary's Alter Rosary Society, (RL-908) for St. Mary's Alter Rosary Society and (RL-909) for St. Paul's Church - In Reach Committee.
Motion by Higginbottom, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

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

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

Carey Pilato, 222 West Franklin Street, asked which streets were specifically named in Bond Ordinance B01-14.

Rosanne Short, 169 Cherry Avenue, said that it was confusing having Crusader Way in between two sections of Cherry Avenue.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, questioned the Green Acres diversion.

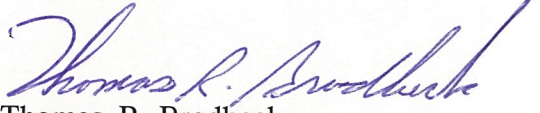
Rosanne Short, 169 Cherry Avenue, questioned the location of the road to the new Public Works facility.

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

Council back.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Carbone, second by Siebel, unanimous

Time: 9:00 PM


Thomas R. Brodbeck
Borough Clerk-Administrator