

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 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. Siebel,  
C. Hasting  
Absent: C. Carbone, C. Gabrielski (Both arrived 7:05)

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Fasanello, second by Siebel and unanimously approved, with Hasting abstaining, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2000.

Motion by Siebel second by Fasanello and unanimously approved, with Hasting abstaining, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2000.

Carbone and Gabrielski arrived at this time.

Motion by Fasanello, second by Higginbottom and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2001.

Motion by Carbone, second by Fasanello and unanimously approved the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2001.

## GREETINGS OF THE PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION:

Rosanne Short, 169 Cherry Avenue, questioned how the streets are selected for reconstruction. Stated that residents have been smelling gas in her neighborhood recently. PSE&G has been there.

Charlie Tomaro, 527 Longwood Avenue, complained about St. John's Place.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fasanello - Borough representatives will be at the Freeholders Meeting tonight to accept \$130,000 for redevelopment project management.

Higginbottom - The first Finance Committee Meeting was held Saturday regarding the 2001 budget. We are still significantly down in ratables and are still experiencing extraordinary expenses related to the flood. We will be introducing our budget early and applying for discretionary state aid. We will be hiring a new construction official, Al Hopping, who started yesterday. He is a borough resident and has numerous licenses.

Carbone - Complimented public works for their efforts during the snow. However, they were greatly hindered by cars parked in the roads.

Siebel - The police department responded to 1651 calls for service in December. There were 220 motor vehicle violations, 95 parking violations and 55 criminal/disorderly persons arrests. The fire department responded to 157 general and 25 still alarms expending 2888 man/hours during 2000. The rescue squad had over 2000 call-outs for the year.

Gabrielski - No report.

Hasting - There is one union contract up this year. He has a copy of it and has discussed it with the clerk-administrator.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

B01-1 - \$258,000 Bond Ordinance for the reconstruction of Chestnut Street from Winsor Street west.

Motion by Fasanello, second by Siebel, unanimous.

01-2 - Cablevision consent ordinance.

Motion by Carbone, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-3 - Increase parking commission membership from five to seven.

Motion by Carbone, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-4 - Regulating multiple office holding by borough employees.

Motion by Siebel, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS:

01-11 - 2001 recycling agreement with Somerset County.

Motion by Higginbottom, second by Carbone, unanimous.

01-12 - Authorize \$20,000 DCA grant application for senior citizen facilities.

Motion by Carbone, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-13 - Professional services: Borough Attorney, Engineers, Auditor and Animal Control Services.

Motion by Siebel, second by Carbone, unanimous.

01-14 - Professional services: Growth Strategies as Redevelopment Project Manager funded by Somerset County.

Motion by Carbone, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-15 - Professional services: Dennis Hudacsko and Scarlett Doyle to perform a Bound Brook/South Bound Brook shared services evaluation funded by Somerset County Grant.

Motion by Fasanello, second by Siebel, unanimous.

01-16 - Transfers in appropriation reserves.

Motion by Higginbottom, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-17 - Hire construction official/ building sub-code official/ building inspector/ zoning officer.

Motion by Carbone, second by Higginbottom, unanimous.

01-18 - Hire temporary, part-time, replacement receptionist/typist.

Motion by Siebel, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-19 - Approve funding for fire official and fire inspector appointed by fire prevention bureau.

Motion by Siebel, second by Carbone, unanimous.

01-20 - Hire replacement police dispatcher.

Motion by Siebel, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

01-21 - Support Pension Cost Stabilization Act, S-1961.

Motion by Higginbottom, second by Carbone, unanimous.

## PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.:

Monthly Departmental Reports.

Motion by Fasanello, second by Higginbottom unanimous.

## APPROVALS:

Raffle license (RL-900) for Holy Family Academy Athletic Association.

Motion by Carbone, second by Fasanello, unanimous.

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

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

Andrea Begane, 87 West Second Street, questioned the different functions of Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione and Growth Strategies Group in the redevelopment process

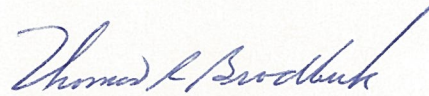
Rosanne Short, 169 Cherry Avenue, thought the problem with police dispatcher salaries had been resolved.

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

Council back.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Fasanello, second by Higginbottom, unanimous

Time: 8:05 PM



Thomas R. Brodbeck  
Borough Clerk-Administrator