

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, held via Go To Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 10, 2020.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert P. Fazen with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement following by the Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer given by C. Jake Hardin.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were recorded present:

Mayor Robert Fazen
Councilman Jake Hardin
Councilman Richard Jannuzzi
Council President Elizabeth Jannuzzi
Councilman Brad Galeta
Councilman Abel Gomez
Councilman Vinnie Petti

Also in attendance:

Borough Administrator, Hector Herrera
Borough Clerk/ Assistant Administrator, Jasmine D. Mathis
Borough Attorney, Wendy Rubenstein, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINIUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, the minutes of October 27, 2020 were approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, the executive minutes of October 27, 2020 were approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

ADVERTISED HEARINGS OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Fazen reported on the spike of covid cases in the Borough and announced the 100 year anniversary of the Bound Brook Elks.

Borough Administrator, Hector Herrera, announced the 2020 Best Practices were distributed to the Mayor and Council.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

There were no communications or petitions for presentation.

GREETINGS FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

Kathleen Kleinsbeck, 518 Delay Place expressed concerns that a risk assessment, based on the CDC guidelines to determine whether to close schools, was not being performed by the Borough or Somerset County. The Mayor advised the Borough was tracked cases daily and the updates will be posted to the Borough's website for the public.

OPENING OF BIDS

There were no opening of the bids.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES-FIRST READING

Ordinance 2020-32 An Ordinance of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Providing for a Special Emergency Appropriation of \$887,035 Providing for the Funding of a Deficit in Operations of the Borough Directly Attributable to Covid-19 which is Anticipated to be Experienced by the Borough in the Current Fiscal Year

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, Ordinance 2020-32 was unanimously passed on first reading upon a roll call vote. Councilman Abel Gomez requested clarification on the ordinance. Natasha Turchan, Chief Financial Officer, explained the purpose of the ordinance.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION – SECOND READING

There were no ordinances for final reading.

INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Abel Gomez, Resolutions 2020-218 through 2020-224 were unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

- 2020-218 Resolution Dedication by Rider for Storm Recovery Reserve Trust Fund
- 2020-219 Resolution Dedication by Rider for Accumulated Absences
- 2020-220 Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfers
- 2020-221 Resolution Approving a Refund to Corelogic for 2020 4th Quarter Tax Overpayment
- 2020-222 Resolution Approving the Reclassification of Sara Silva's Appointment as a Full-Time Salary Employee in the Clerk's Office and Police
- 2020-223 Resolution Approving the Certification of the Chief Financial Officer as to the Anticipated Deficit in Operations of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Directly Attributable to COVID-19 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m), and Approving the Submission of an Application to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in Connection with the Proposed Funding of Such Anticipated Deficit through a Special Emergency Appropriation of the Borough
- 2020-224 Resolution Approving a Refund to Lapinski, Rita c/o Lapinski Robert for 2020 4th Quarter Tax Overpayment as a Result of Somerset County Tax Court Judgement 04-2000012L

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2020-206 Resolution Approving Property Tax Exemption for the Devereux Foundation
- 2020-207 Resolution Approving a Refund to the Devereux Foundation for 2020 1st and 2nd Quarter Tax Overpayment

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Council President Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Resolutions 2020-206 and 2020-207 were unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2020-227 Resolution Consenting to the Permitted Transfer and Waiver of 30 Day Notice Period Requested by 507 West Main Street Urban Renewal, LLC, the Contract Redeveloper for Property Known as Tax Block 13.03, Lots 1 & 12.01 and Tax Block 13, Lot 10.01, Located in Redevelopment Area 1

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Abel Gomez, Resolution 2020-227 was approved upon a roll call vote. Mayor Robert Fazen voted in favor of the motion, breaking the tie vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez Mayor Robert Fazen

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Vinnie Petti

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Upon a motion by Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Abel Gomez, Resolution 2020-225 was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Elizabeth Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, the Mayor and Council went into executive session to discuss pending and anticipated litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Councilman Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jasmine D. Mathis
Borough Clerk