

The meeting was opened by Mayor Gilly 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, 1998."

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Gilly, C. Pres. Bruno, C. Woldin, C. Shapiro, C. Slater,
C. Pilato
Absent: C. Higginbottom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Slater, second by Bruno and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 1998.

Motion by Bruno, second by Pilato and unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 1998.

GREETINGS OF THE PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION:

Bob Billian, 128 East High Street, encouraged council to read the Army Corps of Engineers' extensive report. The current parking lot is critical to the park. He objected to the proposed levy interfering with left field of the ball park. Stated that the Army Corps of Engineers has not notified any of the property owners of the properties they intend to acquire. He has not received the information he has requested from the Army Corps of Engineers.

James Suk, 28 West Second Street, offered alternative solutions to Bound Brook's flood problems.

Rosanne Short, 169 Cherry Avenue, read an article written by Vernon Noble in the Courier-News regarding funding for the flood control project.

Donna Dacottis, 540 East Second Street, complained about double parking in front of the schools in town.

Mike Colalillo, 308 Codrington Place, stated that the flood in 1971 was caused by the dam in Chimney Rock.

Joe Greco, 609 Hayward Street, asked if there was a time limit for cleaning up the condemned property on Romney Road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bruno - Commended the police department for its efforts.

Woldin - We will be hiring a temporary public works employee to assist with leaf pick-up. Wants to re-pave Chestnut and Winsor Streets.

Shapiro - The first negotiation meeting with AFSCME was tonight. The next meeting will be in December.

Slater - We will be paying for the damage to the board of education's computer out of the contract with Traditional Works. Billian/Legion Park is up and running with a lot of new playground equipment. Reported on a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers

regarding the flood project and the park. We will be applying for a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant for improvements to Codrington Park.

Pilato - No report.

Gilly - Encouraged residents to call him with problems or concerns.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

B98-21 - \$137,500 bond ordinance for the reconstruction of Fairview Avenue.

Motion by Bruno, second by Woldin to introduce and set public hearing for 7:30 PM on December 8, 1998.

Roll Call: Aye - Bruno, Woldin, Shapiro, Slater, Pilato
Absent - Higginbottom

98-22 - Establishing Transportation Improvement District.

Motion by Bruno, second by Pilato to introduce and set public hearing for 7:30 PM on December 8, 1998.

Roll Call: Aye - Bruno, Woldin, Shapiro, Slater, Pilato
Absent - Higginbottom

98-23 - Modifying curfew ordinance.

Motion by Bruno, second by Woldin to introduce and set public hearing for 7:30 PM on December 8, 1998.

Roll Call: Aye - Bruno, Woldin, Shapiro, Slater, Pilato
Absent - Higginbottom

98-24 - Vacating a portion of the intersection of Cedarcrest and Tea Street.

Motion by Bruno, second by Woldin to introduce and set public hearing for 7:30 PM on December 8, 1998.

Roll Call: Aye - Bruno, Woldin, Shapiro, Pilato
Abstain - Slater
Absent - Higginbottom

ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING, FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION:

98-20 - Building and plumbing subcode fee revisions.

Motion to open the public hearing by Slater, second by Shapiro, unanimous.

Motion to close the public hearing by Bruno, second by Woldin, unanimous.

Motion to adopt ordinance 98-20 by Bruno, second by Woldin.

Roll Call: Aye - Bruno, Woldin, Shapiro, Slater, Pilato
Absent - Higginbottom

RESOLUTIONS:

98-99 - Award contract for sanitary sewer reconstruction in Wheatland and Hardy Avenues.
Motion by Woldin, second by Bruno, unanimous.

98-100 - Authorize mayor and clerk-administrator to sign Council on Affordable Housing Regional Contribution Agreement with Readington Township to receive \$300,000 for Bound Brook's housing rehabilitation program.

Motion by Woldin, second by Bruno, unanimous.

98-101 - Acknowledge receipt of 1997 municipal audit.

Motion by Bruno, second by Woldin, unanimous.

98-102 - 1997 municipal audit corrective action report.

Motion by Bruno, second by Slater, unanimous.

98-103 - Authorize tax collector to issue duplicate tax sale certificate 97-002.
98-104 - Authorize tax collector to issue duplicate tax sale certificate 97-003.
98-105 - Authorize tax collector to issue duplicate tax sale certificate 97-004.
Motion by Bruno, second by Woldin, unanimous.

98-106 - Release Advance Properties performance bond in exchange for a two year maintenance bond.
Motion by Bruno, second by Slater, unanimous.

98-107 - Return \$25.00 fee and \$250.00 bond for a street opening permit that should have been applied for from the state.
Motion by Woldin, second by Shapiro, unanimous.

98-108 - Establish \$100/year fee for tax search companies to have access to tax records via the Internet.
Motion by Bruno, second by Woldin, unanimous.

98-109 - Hire replacement receptionist/typist.
Motion by Slater, second by Woldin, unanimous.

98-110 - Hire temporary public works employee.
Motion by Woldin, second by Bruno, unanimous.

98-111 - Hire replacement school crossing guard.
Motion by Bruno, second by Slater, unanimous.

98-112 - Authorize tax collector to refund duplicate tax payment in the amount of \$1531.87.
Motion by Woldin, second by Bruno, unanimous.

98-113 - Authorize tax collector to refund duplicate tax payment in the amount of \$2196.43.
Motion by Bruno, second by Woldin, unanimous.

98-114 - Authorize mayor and clerk-administrator to sign lease agreement with Somerset County for Archie's parking lot.
Motion by Bruno, second by Woldin, unanimous.

98-115 - Transfers in appropriations.
Motion by Bruno, second by Woldin, unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.:

Monthly Departmental Reports - Motion by Bruno, second by Shapiro, unanimous.

APPROVALS:

1999 towing and wrecking licenses for Middlebrook Exxon, Value Towing and Karpy's Auto Service - Motion by Woldin, second by Slater, unanimous.

Vouchers - Motion by Woldin, second by Bruno, unanimous.

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

Tony Sheha, 738 Lawrence Road, requested a berm at the Shop-Rite site and reported a water problem at the cul-de-sac.

Frank Ryan, 12 west High Street, asked if the borough was aware of a clover leaf being constructed on Union Avenue at Route 287.

Phyllis Pournaras, 570 Winsor Street, wants to make sure the Transportation Improvement District will benefit Bound Brook.

Dan Carbone, 200 Farm Lane, questioned the benefits of ordinance 98-22.

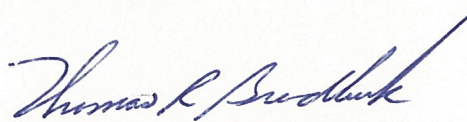
Vince Yannetti, 324 Longwood Avenue, would like to see dogs prohibited in Billian/Legion Park.

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

Council back.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Woldin, second by Shapiro, unanimous.

Time: 9:30 PM



Thomas R. Brodbeck
Borough Clerk-Administrator