

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1999

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 1, 1999".

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Gilly, C. Pres. Higginbottom, C. Bruno, C. Shapiro, C. Slater, C. Ryan, C. Carbone

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Carbone, second by Higginbottom and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 1999.

Motion by Shapiro, second by Higginbottom and unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 1999.

GREETINGS OF THE PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION:

Mike DeGeorge, United Health Care, presented \$2900.00 for the Bound Brook flood Fund which was donated by their employees.

George Plesa, 206 West Main Street, complained about fill which the DEP is mandating that the borough bring in to Rock Machine Park to cap a suspected former land fill.

Nadine Warner, 507 East Main Street, questioned if businesses would be eligible for proceeds from the Bound Brook Flood Fund.

Carol Holub, 518 West Second Street, stated that the borough should not be filling in land around her area.

Mike Colalillo, 308 Codrington Place, questioned the change in insurance from the Middlesex County Joint Insurance Fund to the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund.

Steve Shubert, 225 West Main Street, was told that he could not fill in his property several years ago. Stated that the borough should keep the brook by his property clean.

Phyllis Pournaras, 570 Winsor Street, stated that the change in insurance carriers was purely political. Stated that we are losing 65% of our businesses in town in addition to property owners applying for reductions in assessments.

Rosanne Short, 169 Cherry Avenue, stated that people would rather see government come in and buy up businesses on Main Street and turn it into a park.

Joe Klein, 4-6 West Main Street, stated that there is strength in numbers when dealing with government. Questioned legal action regarding Bridgewater and the Promenade Mall. Asked if there was going to be any legal action by the mayor and council to buy out any property owners.

Marie Colombaroni, 532 Longwood Avenue, complained about comments made by people as Somerset Ballpark last week.

James Suk, 28 West High Street, asked what the council has done to protect the Borough of Bound Brook.

John Magulak, 206 West Main Street, stated that the brook is not running behind his house and that that is the county's responsibility.

Karen Fritz, 523 Winsor Street, stated that information should not be leaked to the press. The Greenbrook Flood Control Project should begin sooner than next spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Higginbottom - The parks sustained a lot of damage. Resolution 99-104 requested the planning board study a more extensive area for redevelopment than was requested in a previous resolution. The planning board concurred with this at their meeting on October 7, 1999 and authorized the initiation of such a plan. Reported on resolution 99-109.

Bruno - Police negotiations have been delayed due to the flood. Suggested a meeting with the concerned residents regarding the fill required at Rock Machine Park.

Shapiro - Stated that he was amazed at all the things that have happened in town since the last council meeting. Rebuilding is going to be really difficult.

Slater - Thanked the police department, fire department, public works, rescue squad, all of the volunteers and the borough employees for their efforts following the flood. Forms are now available for property owners to request a review of their assessments.

Ryan - The Mennonites have a trailer at Codrington Park. He will look into the fill requirement at Rock Machine Park. He has been attending numerous meetings with FEMA and other agencies.

Carbone - Thanked the other towns for their help with public works. Our public works building was heavily damaged. The last day for debris pick up by public works without stickers will be Friday, October 15.

Gilly - Reported that Ringwood donated a truck to public works.

RESOLUTIONS:

99-105 - Hire Vincent Carrube, Jr. as temporary public works employee.
Motion by Higginbottom, second by Slater, unanimous.

99-106 - Accept resignation of Jenny Yeager as deputy court administrator.
Motion by Shapiro, second by Carbone, unanimous.

99-107 - Approve agreement with Metricom for use of borough telephone poles.
Motion by Slater, second by Ryan, unanimous with Higginbottom abstaining.

99-108 - Approve use of former Royal Chevrolet building as temporary public works facility and indemnification agreement therefore.
Motion by Ryan, second by Higginbottom, unanimous.

99-109 - Authorize submittal of grant application to the NJDOCA for preparation of a strategic revitalization plan.
Motion by Higginbottom, second by Slater, unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bruno - Reported that Greg Hughes from the Somerset County Joint Insurance Fund is in the audience if anyone has any borough insurance questions for him after the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Slater - Requested that whoever is the appropriate person look into the spotting of trailers at Shop-Rite.

APPROVALS:

Raffle license (RL-887) for St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Motion by Ryan, second by Bruno, unanimous.

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

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

None.

Motion for a closed session to discuss personnel and potential litigation by Shapiro, second by Higginbottom, unanimous.

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

Time: 9:15 PM

Thomas R. Brodbeck
Borough Clerk-Administrator