

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK COUNCIL
MINUTES**

JANUARY 1, 2012- 12 Noon

Held at the Bound Brook High School Auditorium

CALL TO ORDER- Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS – Senator Leonard Lance; Assemblyman Erik Peterson; Freeholder Patrick Scaglione; Freeholder Robert Zaborowski; Mayor Rocky Hill Edward Zimmerman; Somerset County Republic Chair Al Gabora; Attorney James O’Donohue, Esq. and Family; Judge Katherine Howes and Family; Former Council Hal Dietrich; Former Council Vinnie Petti; Former Council Garcia and Custy. Suplee, Clooney & Company, Auditor and T&M Associates, Engineer was present.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE- MAYOR

CAREY A. PILATO 4 year term

Senator Leonard Lance administered the oath of office. Mr. Pilato’s wife and two children were present.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE –COUNCIL

JOHN MILLER JR 3 year term – Mayor Pilato administered the Oath of Office.

JOHN-PAUL LEVIN 3 year term –Mayor Pilato administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Levin’s wife and two children were present.

Mayor Pilato noted that it is with great sorrow that we are losing Senator Lance in our District. I am losing a true friend. I am happy to have him here. He has been extremely helpful to Bound Brook with the GreenBrook Flood Control Project.

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Senator Leonard Lance stated that he will continue to serve Bound Brook. His heart lies with Bound Brook. The people have been very supportive. Good wishes and increased prosperity was expressed to Mayor Pilato. He expressed his wishes for a safe return of our troops from Iraq.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT was read : Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the Courier News, and the Star Ledger by way of annual notice.

OPENING PRAYER- Read by the Borough Clerk, Donna Marie Godleski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was administered.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Carey Pilato -Present
Councilman John Buckley - Absent
Councilman Howard Wagner -Present
Councilman Mark Hasting -Present
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli-Absent
Councilman John Miller Jr - Present
Councilman John-Paul Levin -Present

NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT – HOWARD WAGNER

Motion: C. Hasting Second: C. Levin All in favor: Ayes

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Mayor Pilato appoints the following-

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The first person named shall serve as Chairperson; second shall be designated the 1st Alternate and the third shall be designated the 2nd Alternate -

Finance - **Anthony Pranzatelli**
Howard Wagner
Mark Hasting

Public Works- **John Miller**
John-Paul Levin
Anthony Pranzatelli

Public Safety- **Mark Hasting**
Howard Wagner
John Buckley

Personnel- **John Buckley**
John Miller
John-Paul Levin

Economic Development- **Howard Wagner**
Mark Hasting
John Miller

Code Enforcement **John Paul Levin**
Anthony Pranzatelli
John Buckley

COUNCIL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

Board of Health - John- Paul Levin

Board of Engineers- Mark Hasting

Board of Education- John Miller Jr

Chamber of Commerce - Howard Wagner

Economic Development Advisory Committee-- Howard Wagner

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Greenbrook Flood Control Commission - John Gayeski

Library Advisory Board - John Miller, Jr.

Municipal Alliance/Youth Service Commission - John- Paul Levin

Parking Commission- Mark Hasting

Planning Board - John-Paul Levin

Public Events - Mark Hasting

Recreation- John-Paul Levin

Rescue Squad - Mark Hasting

Senior Citizens - Howard Wagner

Shade Tree Commission- John Miller Jr

Somerset County Community Development Committee- John Miller Jr

Somerset County Economic Development Committee – John-Paul Levin

Somerset County Joint Municipal Services Committee - Mayor, Administrator

Somerset County Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee- John Miller Jr

Somerset County Recycling Committee – Anthony Pranzatelli

Somerset County Senior Citizens Affairs - Howard Wagner

Somerset County Solid Waste Advisory Council- John Buckley

**Appointments by the Mayor with the advice and consent
of the Borough Council-**

R1: Appointment of Professionals

Municipal Attorney – James G. O’Donohue, Esq. (1) year

Municipal Auditor –Suplee, Clooney & Co. (1) year

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- Municipal Bond Counsel – Gluck Walrath, LLP (1) year
- Municipal Judge- Katherine E. Howes (3) year
- Municipal Prosecutor – John E. Bruder, Esq. (1) year
- Municipal Public Defender –Richard M. DeLuca, Esq. (1) year
- Municipal Labor Counsel-DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley,
Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, P.C. (1) year
- Municipal Tax Appeal Counsel-DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley,
Yospin, Kunzman, Davis & Lehrer, P.C. (1) year
- Motion: C. Wagner Second:C. Hasting All in favor: Ayes

**R2: Appointment of Municipal Officials-
Tabled to January 24 Regular Meeting**

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|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Deputy Borough Clerk | Cindy Tierney | 1 year term |
| Tax Collector | Randy Bahr | 4 year term |
| Tax Search Officer | Randy Bahr | 1 year term |
| Assessment Search Officer | Donna Marie Godleski | 1 year term |

OTHER MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS WITH CONFIRMATION

Motion: C. Wagner; Second- C. Hasting; All in favor: Ayes

BOARD OF HEALTH

- Mary Fuentes 4 year term
- Mary Straub 4 year term
- Albert Torregozza –Alt. 1 1 year term

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION –

- Linda Brnicevic Class B- 4 year term

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

- Ed Custy 3 year term
- Emily Fabiano 3 year term

PARKING COMMISSION

- Sam Todaro 3 year term
- Joseph Yusiewicz 3 year term

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PLANNING BOARD -

John Gayeski- Cl. 4 3 year term
Linda Brnicevic-Cl. 4 3 year term
Jim Lefkowitz – Cl. 2 1 year term
Carmine Cerminara – Alt. 2 2 year term

RECREATION COMMISSION -

Caroline Seibert 1 year term
Cesar Martinez 1 year term

SHADE TREE COMMISSION -

Alberta Folsome 1 year term

Economic Development Advisory Committee

R. Perez
E. Garcia
J. Lefkowitz
J. Gayeski

RESOLUTIONS

R3: Adopt 2012 Meeting Schedule
Motion: C. Wagner; Second-C. Hasting; All in favor: Ayes

R4: Adopt Official Newspapers
Motion: C. Wagner; Second: C. Miller; All in favor-Ayes

R5: Adopt designation of official depositories for borough funds
Motion: C. Wagner; Second- C. Levin; All in favor-Ayes

R6: Adopt designation of check signatures
Motion: C. Wagner; Second: C. Hasting; All in favor-Ayes

R7: Authorize Tax Collector to cancel any tax refund or delinquency for less than \$10.00 or any refuse fee or delinquency for less than \$2.00 at the end of the year
Motion: C. Wagner; Second- C. Miller; All in favor-Ayes

R8: Authorize Tax Collector to set interest rates for delinquent taxes
Motion: C. Wagner; Second- C. Levin; All in favor-Ayes

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R9: Authorize Tax Collector to conduct a Tax Sale
Motion: C. Wagner; Second: C. Hasting; All in favor: Ayes

R10: Authorize Tax Assessor to correct erroneous assessments
Motion: C. Wagner; Second: C. Miller; All in favor: Ayes

R11: Approve Appointment of Police Matrons
Motion: C. Levin; Second: C. Hasting; All in favor: Ayes

R12: Approve 2012 Temporary Municipal Budget Appropriations
Motion: C. Hasting; Second: C. Levin;
Discussion: Mayor Pilato addressed two amendments regarding revenues and expenses.

Amend language in the resolution – The Chief Financial Officer shall submit to the Council a monthly report of revenues and appropriations of salaries and wages and appropriations and expenses to justify appropriations for the ensuing month and the Chief Financial Officer shall report to the Council the amount of payment to the Bound Brook Board of Education.

Moved by C. Wagner; second by C. Hasting; All in favor: Ayes
Motion to adopt amendments moved C. Wagner; second by C. Hasting; All in favor: Ayes

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS FOR 2012

Motion: C. Wagner Second:C. Hasting All in favor: Ayes

MAYOR'S MESSAGE –

Mayor Pilato read his New Year's Address into the record of minutes. The Mayor's 2012 New Year's Message will be posted on the borough's website.

**RESOLUTIONS: SEWER LOOK BACK
REFUSE LOOK BACK**

Mayor Pilato noted that the resolutions will be discussed at the first meeting in January.

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Comments noted by-

C. Wagner- He thanked the council for the appointment of Council President. He noted that the agendas will be very aggressive for the New Year. He will be calling on those that have served in the past to volunteer. We have already begun to work. There will be accountability in moving forward. We all need to work together.

The Democrat and Republican will stay at the door. We are here today to move forward. The Partisan ends today.

I commend all for coming out today. A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year to all.

C. Miller- He thanked C. Petti and C. Dietrich for their service to the community. He noted that he would like to be able to use them on committees. A thank you to all.

C. Levin-

It is an honor and privilege to be part of the council.

Encouragement for the council to stick together. We need the town's help and support. An encouragement to take pride in our schools and our towns.

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C. Buckley was absent and asked that his comments for the New Year be made part of the record of minutes.

BENEDICTION- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. Petti- 216 Talmage Avenue-
Former councilman expressed a thank you to
Newly elected councilperson John Miller. Your request that I
continue to serve on committees was appreciated. At this time
he and his wife are committed to spending time in other areas.

R. Short-169 Cherry-
She wished the mayor and council good luck. The governing
body represents the people and we depend on you to fulfill
your duties.

ADJOURNMENT @ 1:15 p.m.

Motion moved by C. Miller; second by C. Wagner;
All in favor: Ayes

Respectfully Submitted by,

Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk