

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK-MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005**

Mayor Frank Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement, Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Ryan	Present	C. Pres. Cozza	Present
C. Gabrielski	Present	C. Pilato	Present
C. Siebel	Present	C. Thompson	Present
C. Vasquez	Present		

Resolution No. 05-68- Authorize hire of a new police officer effective March 28, 2005

Motion moved by Councilman Siebel, seconded by Councilman Thompson and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

OATH OF OFFICE –

Mr. Bojtos's wife held the bible holding their infant daughter as Judge Chiaravalli administered the Oath of Office to Janos Bojtos hired as Patrolman for the Police Department. Family and friends were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

GREETINGS OF THE PUBLIC AND INVITATION FOR DISCUSSION

Linda Brnicevic-20 Talmage Avenue- Ms. Brnicevic questioned the format of the agenda. She stated Pennrose Corporation is giving a presentation this evening regarding redevelopment of the downtown. She stated the public should be able to ask questions.

Ms. Brnicevic also stated that her comments did not make it into the minutes of November, 2004.

Ms. Brnicevic questioned the Proposals being reviewed by council from the Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

Phyllis Pournaras, 570 Winsor Street- Ms. Pournaras welcomed Mayor Ryan stating that it was good to see him back to the council meetings.

Richard Shive, Redevelopment Advisory Committee gave a brief on the selection process for a redeveloper for the Downtown Redevelopment Area. Mr. Shive gave a brief history of himself growing up in Bound Brook; a classic small town America.

APPEARANCE AND DISCUSSION

Mr. Shive, Chairman of the RAC recommended to mayor and council that a resolution be adopted to designate Pennrose as the Redeveloper for this area. The RAC determined that Pennrose Properties has submitted the best proposal.

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CLOSED SESSION – Resolution No. 05-71

Motion moved by Councilman Siebel, seconded by Councilwoman Cozza and unanimously approved by roll call vote to adjourn regular meeting to closed session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion moved by Councilman Siebel, seconded by Councilman Thompson and unanimously approved by roll call vote to open the meeting to Regular session at 9:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Finance- Councilman Siebel reported –

*Tax Clerk hired March 7, 2005 is working out very well. A sub-committee will meet to discuss fees. Borough fees will be looked at for increases.

*Payroll service company is back to ADP Services. ADS Services was not providing the necessary payroll services.

*Municipal Clerk and Construction Department February Report

*Introduction of the 2005 Municipal Budget at the March 8 meeting – Extraordinary Aid Application is being sent to the State. Finance Committee Budget Meetings are being held to discuss cuts to the budget.

*Personnel, Administration and Ordinances-Councilman Gabrielski reported –

*Purchase of Emergency sod for the softball field. Mr. Kennedy advised that purchase order was authorized at the last council meeting.

*Economic Development- Councilman Thompson reported- -

*At the April 12 meeting there will be a presentation by Elite Properties-Downtown Redevelopment Area-Bolmer Building Site

*Zoning, Construction and Code Enforcement-Councilman Pilato reported-

*New Housing Inspector will begin employment on March 28, 2005

*Public Safety- Councilwoman Cozza reported-

*New Police Officer will begin employment March 28, 2005

*Public Works, Buildings, Grounds and Utilities-Councilman Vasquez reported-

*Route 22 Chimney Rock Road-Suggested weight limitations

*Shop-Rite- Problem with birds up in the rafters

*This past Saturday the borough council toured the borough streets/road in order to look at the engineering needs.

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HEARINGS- None

RESOLUTIONS:

05- 66 – Authorize change of a signatory to the 2005 designated depositories

Motion moved by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Siebel and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

05-67- Authorize cancellation of taxes and the tax collector be released from collection

Motion moved by Councilman Gabrielski, seconded by Councilman Siebel and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

05-68 - Authorize hire of a new police officer effective March 28, 2005

Motion moved by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Siebel and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

05-69- Authorize Transfer 2004 Appropriation Reserves

Motion moved by Councilman Siebel, seconded by Councilman Thompson and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

05-70- Authorize change of borough payroll service company

Motion moved by Councilman Siebel, seconded by Councilman Cozza and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

05-71-Authorized closed session

Motion moved by Councilman Siebel, seconded by Councilman Thompson and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

05-72-Authorize payment of housing rehab change orders to JM Home Renovation

Motion moved by Councilman Siebel, seconded by Councilman Thompson and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Resolution No. 05-73-Authorize approval of vouchers

Motion moved by Councilman Siebel, seconded by Councilman Vasquez .

Roll Call Vote: Cozza- Yes Gabrielski-Yes Vasquez-Yes Thompson-Yes Siebel-Yes

Pilato-No Questioned billing for Gibbons, Del Deo

05-74-Authorize Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

Motion moved by Councilman Thompson, seconded by Councilman Cozza and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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PROCLAMATION

Councilman Thompson read proclamation in full proclaiming National Public Health Week April 4-10, 2005.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Councilman Pilato addressed Letter from Somerset County Board of Taxation requesting the borough conduct a revaluation of properties. Tax maps need to be updated.

The borough's last revaluation was done in 1992.

*Councilman Siebel addressed Watchung Road-Sewers are 100 years old-Residents are complaining.

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

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Roll Call Vote: Cozza- Yes Gabrielski-Yes Vasquez-Yes Thompson-Yes Siebel-Yes Pilato-No Questioned billing for Gibbons, Del Deo

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue-Questioned the contents of the closed session agenda.

Ms. Brnicevic also stated she felt public participation with regards to the redevelopers for the downtown redevelopment area is very important.

Roseanne Short-169 Cherry Avenue-

Ms. Short stated that the borough needs to be careful with rentals; addition of children into the school system. In touring the borough there are many homes in poor shape.

Phyllis Pournarus-570 Winsor Street-

Ms. Pournarus welcomed Mayor Ryan back at the council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion moved by Councilman Vasquez, seconded by Councilman Thompson and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m to return to closed session.

Motion moved by Councilman Vasquez, seconded by Councilman Thompson and unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk