

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 April 27, 2021.

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 Councilman Jake Hardin.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were recorded present:

Mayor Robert Fazen
Councilman President Abel Gomez
Councilman Jake Hardin
Councilman Richard Jannuzzi
Councilman Brad Galeta
Councilman Vinnie Petti
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli

Also in attendance:

Borough Administrator, Hector Herrera
Borough Clerk/ Assistant Administrator, Jasmine D. Mathis
Borough Attorney, Arlene Perez, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli, the minutes of April 13, 2021 were approved upon a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None

ADVERTISED HEARING OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Fazen announced the Arbor Day flag was raised prior to the meeting and proclamation was read. The Deputy Police Chief's pinning also took place prior to the meeting.

Mayor Fazen reported on the covid cases in the Borough and vaccination clinic held in the commuter parking lot the afternoon of April 27, 2021.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

There was none.

GREETINGS FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Dan Smith, 646 Hayward Street, requested the Cherry Avenue drainage plan be made available to the public. He further asked who was involved in the sewer plan and if sewer billing can be reevaluated.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, requested details of resolution 2021-077 and 2021-078. She further requested further clarification on who will receive the trucks identified in the bond ordinance and an update on the drainage on Drake Street.

OPENING OF BIDS

There was none.

ENGINEER'S REPORT- DALE LEUBNER, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Leubner provided an update on the Billian Legion Park landfill closeout, gave an update on the 2018 and 2019 road projects and reported on the status of the Borough Hall generator project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Pranzatelli, Chair of Finance, reported the 2021 budget is under review by the State and advised the committee is working on the five-year capital plan. He further announced the Arts Committee film festival.

Councilman Vinnie Petti, Chair of Public Works, Buildings, Grounds and Utilities, provided the monthly report of sewer jobs, pothole repairs, metal pickup, street sweeping, yard debris collection and tree removal.

Council President Abel Gomez, Chair of Public Safety, reviewed the monthly calls for service and parking violations. He further congratulated the promotion of Kevin Rivenbark to Deputy Chief of Police. Council President Gomez reported on new equipment for the Fire Department.

Councilman Brad Galeta, Chair of Personnel, Administration and Ordinances, reported on filling the positions of the Violations Court Clerk and Deputy Borough Clerk, Assistant Recreation Director, Recreation seasonal hires and the transition of the Tax Collector position. He further announced the upcoming recreation programs and new registration program.

Councilman Jake Hardin, Chair of Economic Development, provided an overview of the current and upcoming redevelopment projects. He further reported on the sewer system project.

Councilman Richard Jannuzzi, Chair of Zoning Construction and Code Enforcement, reviewed the monthly revenue, permits, summons and inspections issued for the department.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Ordinance 2021-011 An Ordinance of the Borough of Bound Brook Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article 3, Departments Established, of the General Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to Create Section 2-29, Department of Recreation

Upon a motion by Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Council President Abel Gomez, Ordinance 2021-011 was approved on first reading upon a roll call vote. The public hearing was scheduled for May 11, 2021.

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

Nay: None

Ordinance 2021-012 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE PILOT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 ET SEQ. TO EXECUTE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND WEST MAIN BOUND BROOK URBAN RENEWAL, LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON BLOCK 1, LOTS 38.02, 39, 39.01, 40 AND 41 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK AND LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli, Ordinance 2021-012 was approved on first reading upon a roll call vote. The public hearing was scheduled for May 11, 2021.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Jake Hardin, Brad Galeta, Anthony Pranzatelli

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi, Vinnie Petti

Ordinance 2021-013 Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic of the General Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook Section 39.2, “Handicapped Parking on Street for Private Residences”

Upon a motion by Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli, seconded by Council President Abel Gomez, Ordinance 2021-013 was approved on first reading upon a roll call vote. The public hearing was scheduled for May 11, 2021.

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

Nay: None

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION- SECOND READING

Ordinance 2021-09 Calendar Year 2021 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

Upon a motion by Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli, seconded by Council President Abel Gomez, the floor was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, Ordinance 2021-09 was approved upon a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None

Ordinance 2021-10 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FORVARIOUS CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE “BOROUGH”); APPROPRIATING \$2,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZINGTHE ISSUANCE OF \$1,904,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF

Upon a motion by Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli, seconded by Council President Abel Gomez, the floor was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, Ordinance 2021-09 was approved upon a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None

INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion by Councilman Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, Resolutions 2021-071 through 2021-075 were unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None

Upon a motion, Resolutions 2021-076 through 2021-078 were tabled.

- 2021-071 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Various Documents in Connection with the Somerset County Improvement Authority's Somerset Municipal Banc Program
- 2021-072 Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Bound Brook/South Bound Brook Municipal Alliance Request for Application with Somerset County Board of County Commissioners in the Amount of \$13,727.86
- 2021-073 Resolution Authorizing Salary Compensation Agreement with Deputy Police Chief
- 2021-074 Resolution Approving the Promotion of Derrick Deloach and Robert Timpano to Driver
- 2021-075 Resolution Approving the Hire of Isabel Ullmann as Gym Supervisor for the 2021 Recreation Season
- 2021-076 Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with West Main Bound Brook Urban Renewal, LLC as Redeveloper for Property Known as Tax Block 1, Lots 38.02, 39, 39.01, 40 and 41 Located on West Main Street in the Downtown Redevelopment Area for Redevelopment of a Mixed-Use Project
- 2021-077 Resolution Authorizing a Payment in Lieu of Parking Agreement for Meridia 1
- 2021-078 Resolution Authorizing a Payment in Lieu of Parking Agreement for Meridia 300

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Upon a motion by Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli seconded by Council President Abel Gomez, Resolution 2021-079 was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

Newly appointed Deputy Chief of Police, Kevin Rivenbark, thanked Administration and the governing body for support in his appointment.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jasmine D. Mathis
Borough Clerk