

Adopted December 14, 2021

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 December 14, 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 Jake Hardin  
Councilman Richard Jannuzzi  
Councilman Brad Galeta  
Councilman Vinnie Petti

Also in attendance:

Borough Administrator, Hector Herrera  
Borough Clerk/ Assistant Administrator, Jasmine D. Mathis  
Borough Attorney, Ryan Scerbo, Esq.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, the minutes of November 23, 2021 were approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Vinnie Petti,

Nay: None

### **ADVERTISED HEARING OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mayor Fazen reported on the amount of Covid-19 ICU bed hospitalizations and average deaths since August 2021.

### **PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.**

No presentations of communications or petitions were given.

### **GREETINGS FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no comments from the public.

### **OPENING OF BIDS**

No bids were opened.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

Ordinance 2021-034 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Section 7-39.2, “Handicapped Parking on Street for Private Residences” of the General Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, Ordinance 2021-034 was approved on first reading upon a roll call vote. The public hearing was scheduled for December 28, 2021.

Roll Call: Aye:, Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Vinnie Petti,

Nay: None

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

Ordinance 2021-035 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Section 70-40.1, “Regulation for the movement and the parking of traffic on municipal property and Board of Education property” of the General Revised Ordinances to Amend the Extended Parking Fee

Upon a motion by Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Ordinance 2021-035 was approved on first reading upon a roll call vote. The public hearing was scheduled for December 28, 2021.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Vinnie Petti,

Nay: None

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

## **ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION- SECOND READING**

Ordinance 2021-030 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 29, Solid Waste Management, Section 29-1.2, Included Users and Charges, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to Increase the Annual Charge Per Dwelling Unit for the Disposal of Garbage

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, the floor was opened to the public.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, asked if there will be a cost savings for residents. Mayor Fazen responded there is an increase in fees however an overall cost savings considering the solid waste bid submissions. Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Ordinance 2021-030 was approved upon a roll call vote.

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Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Vinnie Petti,

Nay: None

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

Ordinance 2021-032 An Ordinance Granting Consent and Permission to New Jersey American Water Company to Furnish Wastewater Conveyance Service in the Borough of Bound Brook, New Jersey

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, the floor was opened to the public. Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, asked if sewer connection fees will be collected after the sale of the wastewater system. Mayor Fazen advised after the sale of the wastewater system, sewer connection fees will not be collected. Brian McCormack, 101 East Second Street, asked if private residences are already hooked up to the sewer will additional fees be assessed on residents. Mayor Fazen advised no additional fees will be assessed on residents. Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, Ordinance 2021-032 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta

Nay: Vinnie Petti

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

Ordinance 2021-033 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Real Property Commonly Known as Block 1, Lot 8 Located at 282 West Main Street, In and By the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey; Appropriating \$310,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$295,000 Bonds or Notes to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, the floor was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Brad Galeta, Ordinance 2021-033 was tabled to December 28, 2021.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta

Nay: Vinnie Petti

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

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Ordinance 2021-031 Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, Somerset County, New Jersey Authorizing the Acquisition by Negotiated Purchase of Property Identified on the Tax Map of the Borough of Bound Brook as Block 1, Lot 8 Located at 282 West Main Street for a Public Purpose

Upon a motion by Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, the floor was opened to the public. Brian McCormack, 101 East Second Street, asked where the property is located and what is the proposed use. Mayor Fazen advised the property will be used as green space. Upon a motion by Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, comments were closed to the public.

Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Jake Hardin, motioned to table Ordinance 2021-031 until December 28, 2021. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed. Mayor Fazen voted in opposition of the motioned, breaking the tie vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Brad Galeta

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi, Vinnie Petti, Mayor Robert Fazen

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Richard Jannuzzi, Ordinance 2021-031 was approved upon a roll call vote. Mayor Fazen voted in favor of the motion breaking the tie vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Brad Galeta, Mayor Robert Fazen

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi, Vinnie Petti

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

## **INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Upon a motion by Councilman Jake Hardin, seconded by Councilman Brad Galetta, Resolutions 2021-235 through 2021-242 were unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was discussed.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, motioned to pass Resolution 2021-244, Resolution Waiving Banner Fee For Non-Profit Entities. Upon a roll call, Resolution 2021-244 was approved.

Roll Call: Aye: Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Vinnie Petti

Nay: None

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

Councilman Jake Hardin commented on the Allure at Vosseller project before the Planning Board and recommended a four way stop at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Vosseller Avenue due to traffic concerns. Mayor Fazen agreed and recommended to work with the County and propose an Ordinance to make the change.

## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Upon a motion by Councilman Brad Galeta, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Resolution 2021-243 was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye:, Jake Hardin, Richard Jannuzzi, Brad Galeta, Vinnie Petti,

Nay: None

Absent: Abel Gomez, Anthony Pranzatelli

## **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT**

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue,

Joan McCormack, 101 East Second Street, stated she owns an art gallery on Hamilton Street and expressed concerns of the garbage dumped in the alley.

## **AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jasmine D. Mathis  
Borough Clerk