

**BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK-
AGENDA/ WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES –NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

Council President Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement, Opening Prayer read by the Borough Clerk and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pilato	absent
Council Thompson	present
Council Vasquez	present
Council Lyons	present
Council Auletta	present
Council Pranzatelli	present
Council President Lefkowitz	present

In attendance: Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk ; Borough Engineer Robert Keady

Absent: Randy Bahr, Borough Administrator

Engineers Report –October 1-October 31, 2008

• Project Updates –

Green Brook Flood Control-Project- Talmage Avenue temporary bridge will open Thursday; detour lifted. R2 portion will start late this year or spring of 2009; limit impacts to rock machine field.

Highland Place Phase Two-Bid Notice will be advertised on November 25th. Bids will be open on December 16. Award at meeting of December 23, 2008.

Infiltration and Inflow Study- meters installed in 8 basins on October 31, 2008. The meters will be removed on December 1.

Engineer took questions from the public-

Roseanne Short- 169 Cherry Avenue- On Union Avenue/Washington Street, water just lies there even with just a little water. Engineer stated that this area is a state right of way; will follow-up on this with the state.

Greetings of the Public and Invitation for Discussion

Roseanne Short- 169 Cherry Avenue-

Asked what is the status of the sign ordinance. C. Pranzatelli stated that the Economic Development Advisory Committee has formed a sign committee. We are comparing ordinances from surrounding towns with a similar type atmosphere. We are going a step further to include field trips. We are walking the Main Street and looking at buildings we like and do not like.

Offered a complaint on the leaf collection.

Debbie Pikulin- 559 Winsor Street

Offered a complaint on leaves left in the streets. Asked if the town still has a leaf vacuum and a street sweeper. What is going to happen with all these leaves left in the street ?

C. Lefkowitz stated that he is not sure why they are not being picked up. We can only ask the borough employees to do their job.

She asked about the citation 7:8 that was put in place by the DEP. We have leaves going into the sewers; are we violating this citation.

She complained about resident dumping leaves in back of property that borders school property-Cherry/Chestnut Street. C. Thompson stated that the Board of Education should be made aware and should be dealing with this.

She also stated she maintains a drainage swale around her property because of being the lowest point in that area. When streets flood her property floods. There are other issues originating from this policy of no leaves to be left in the street.

Council's comments-

C. Pranzatelli's comments – C. Lefkowitz is correct in that there are certain employees that are not following protocol. Part B of the Plan for the Public Works Department was the hiring of a street sweeper; hiring of maintenance person downtown.

Was this plan well thought out? To some extent it was not and will take responsibility for that.

C. Lefkowitz stated that this plan was well thought out. The meeting minutes will bear this out; we directed the administration and the public works department to adhere to this plan and also the reorganization plan. This plan was seven months in making. We could not assure 100% of the outcome and what some of the results would be. Should we need to revise the plan, we would be willing to do that. Hiring back or revising the plan. To date the public works department and administration is not following the plan.

He stated he is happy with the amount of people mulching leaves.

He hopes that administration and committee will get this squared away.

He stated he would be happy to meet with Ms. Pikulin.

Ms. Pikulin also addressed the location of north on winsor; north corner of chestnut; sewer drain was full of roots. Public Works worked on this for hours. Mr. Bahr stated that the department does not have the equipment to take care of the problem. The town would have to go out to bid. She will follow up with Mr. Bahr on this.

C. Lefkowitz stated that the Public Works Superintendent is to submit a list of troublespots to Mr. Bahr. These should be identified and a program put into place. This was part of the reorganization. This is not being done.

Ms. Pikulin stated that she is not happy with the answers she has been getting this evening.
She asked what the status was with boats in her backyard. C. Pranzatelli stated he would personally look into this.

218 West Maple Avenue-

Asked what the status was with the Valvoline Property and the sidewalk.
C. Lefkowitz stated that there is a bond that the owner has to put up at the start of construction. He has been cited with summonses and he has refused to do the work..

AGENDA ITEMS THIS MEETING

Second Reading – Adoption of Ordinance No. 08-22-

Ordinance Authorizing As a General Improvement the Improvements and

Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewers within the Borough of Bound Brook and Appropriating \$513,000 for the Total Project of which \$80,000 will be Grants and the Remainder, \$433,000 from the “Capital Fund Balance” of said Borough

Motion to open to public: C. Vasquez Second: C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes

No public comment-

Motion to close to public: C. Lyons Second: C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes

Motion to adopt: C. Lyons Second: C. Pranzatelli

Roll Call Vote: Unanimously adopted

Second Reading-Adoption of Ordinance No. 08-23-

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION, PRESERVATION
AND REGULATION OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC
DISTRICTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, IN THE COUNTY
OF SOMERSET AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Motion to open to public: C. Vasquez Second: C. Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes

Public Comments:

R. Short- 169 Cherry- She stated this ordinance is very good for the town; it should have been done twenty years ago.

Motion to close to public: C. Vasquez; Second: C. Pranzatelli; All in favor: Ayes

Motion to adopt: C. Lyons; Second: C. Vasquez;

Discussion: C. Auletta comments – he stated that he was not in favor of the ordinance and would like to discuss factors. He feels this is burdensome legislation. Imposes on rights of property owners; additional expenses; economic instability; no major benefit has been demonstrated to community; agree with past councils that this should be done on your own.

Council's comments-

C. Thompson- once we are designated it opens us up to a wealth of grants; it also allows the property owners to also apply for; the majority of towns that are designated they seem to have a better town; a change for the better with this designation; people look for towns to move into that have this.

After discussion and council comments Mr. Auletta was satisfied it is to be wisely managed. .

Roll Call: Unanimously adopted

**First Reading- Introduction of Ordinance No. 08-24-
Amendment to 2008-Salary Range Ordinance –Other Personnel – Transit Village
Property Maintenance Assistant**

Motion: Vasquez Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes
Second Reading- Meeting of December 9th

**First Reading- Introduction of Ordinance No. 08-25-
Ordinance amending Bound Brook Ordinances relating to traffic so as to create a
four way stop at the intersection of Hamilton and High Street**

Motion: Thompson Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes
Second Reading- Meeting of December 9th

Resolutions: -

No. 08- 181

**Authorize T&M Associates to provide the engineering design and contract
administration services for –
Phase II Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation on Vosseller Avenue between High Street
and Second Street and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Second Street, High Street,
Fairview Avenue**

Motion: Pranzatelli Second: Vasquez All in favor: Ayes

08-182-

**Support the Economic Development Advisory Committee recommendation to revise
the scope of the Transit Oriented Design Plan to include additional tasks in the
Somerset County TOD Plan**

Motion: Pranzatelli Second: Lyons All in favor: Ayes

ADDED-

08-183-Authorize Executive Session- Personnel; Public Safety;

Motion: Lyons Second: Pranzatelli All in favor: Ayes

**BUSINESS DISCUSSED AND/OR PLACED ON THE MEETING AGENDA-
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2008**

Old/New Business

- Cablevision Contract Renewal
- Planning Board - Land Use Applications –Request Formal approval from Mayor/Council
- Introduce an Amendment to Traffic Ordinance-North Side of West Union Avenue-Carleton Street, East to Washington Street-
- Deputy Chief White gave a brief on the purpose of this amendment and he will also contact DOT Engineer and Borough Engineer on No Left Turn at Dunkin Donuts on Union Avenue/Vosseller per C. Thompson's request.
- C. Pranzatelli- Suggested setting up a special meeting to interview professionals who will submit an RFQ which are due on December 10th.
- C. Lefkowitz suggested having the Recreation Department in attendance for the next meeting to discuss the proposed senior center

Proclamations

- Over the Limit Under Arrest 2008 Year End Crackdown
- National Family Caregivers Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness

Minutes

Council Meetings - September, October

Resolutions

- Authorize Refund Tax Overpayment- 35 Van Keuren
- Authorize Submission of the 2007 Audit
- Authorize Submission of the 2007 Corrective Action Plan

- Support Somerset County Business Partnership Green Toolkit
- Approve Change Order No. 2 & Final-Highland Place Reconstruction
- Authorize Right of Way Agreement-Fiber Technologies Networks
- Approve Street Opening Bond- 417 Somerset Street
- Amend Resolution No. 08-180 adopted October 28th to hire a person for the Transit Village/Train Station - TITLE OF THE POSITION HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM TRANSIT VILLAGE MAINTENANCE PORTER TO TRANSIT VILLAGE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

Approvals

- Firemen's Membership Application-Michael Lapotasky
- Bingo License-St. Mary's Church

Open to Public on Agendized Matters

Short-169 Cherry Avenue

Stated that she does not wish to listen to the interviews for the professionals in public session. The council should call the towns that they have worked in.

C. Lefkowitz stated it is a good decision to move ahead with the interviews for 2009 professionals. There is always a price to pay in changing professionals.

Adjourn to Executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Adjourn Regular Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  Donna Marie Godleski, Borough Clerk