

Adopted Minutes July 26, 2022

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 at 230 Hamilton Street at 7:00 p.m. on July 26, 2022.

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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were recorded present:

Mayor Robert Fazen
Council President Abel Gomez via phone
Councilman Richard Jannuzzi
Councilman Dominic Longo
Councilwoman Lisa Brandi

Also in attendance:

Borough Clerk/ Assistant Administrator, Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Attorney, Ryan Scerbo, Esq.

The following were absent:

Councilman Vinnie Petti
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, the minutes of July 26, 2022, were approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Dominic Longo, Lisa Brandi
Nay: None

ADVERTISED HEARING OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION

There were no advertised hearings or special presentations.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

There were no communications or petitions.

GREETINGS FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, asked if the SID Budget includes increases for current staff. Mayor Fazen clarified the salary increases are for Director and maintenance positions. Ms. Brnicevic asked if the SID gets audited and provides reports as required in the ordinance. Mayor Fazen confirmed the SID is audited annually and provides reports as required by the ordinance.

Ms. Brnicevic stated there are still cars on the street when street sweeping and requested a follow up regarding a permanent schedule and signs. Dale Leubner, Director of Public Works responded he is working on providing an updated street sweeping schedule to separate the street sweeping schedule and garbage collection. Mr. Leubner advised the updated schedule will be placed on the website.

Ms. Brnicevic asked if there is an anticipated date for opening Drake Street. Mr. Leubner advised there are conversations for the opening of Drake Street and once opened it will be repaved. Ms. Brnicevic asked if there is consideration for rerouting Linden Avenue once Drake Street is re-opened. Police Chief Colombaroni recommended that Linden Avenue remain as is due to traffic and safety concerns.

OPENING OF BIDS

There were no bid openings.

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

Mr. Leubner advised the 2023 DOT Local Aid application was submitted in July for the reconstruction of West Franklin Street, between Windsor Street and John Street. Mr. Leubner advised the preconstruction meeting for the East Bound Train Station Project is scheduled for August 10, 2022. An update was provided on the 2022 Road Program and advised the contractor was required to redo the subbase on Windsor Street for the 2021 Road Program.

Mr. Leubner highlighted the Borough saved over \$750,000 by bringing in the road program contract administration in-house.

Mr. Leubner advised the plans have not been received for the pool rehabilitation project. An updated was given on the Middlebrook Road improvements.

Councilman Longo asked if additional roads were bonded for and if the road programs can be placed on the website. Mr. Leubner confirmed roads have been bonded but many are through grants. Mr. Leubner advised the road programs will be made public.

Mayor Fazen requested an update on the Middlebrook drainage issue. Mr. Leubner responded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair of Finance, Councilman Longo, stated Phase I of the Pool was not included in the Governor's budget and the Bond Ordinance is on the agenda for introduction. Mr. Longo stated the pool renovation would undergo three phases. Phase I for \$1.6 million would get the pools up and running for the 2023 season. Mr. Longo advised there was a resignation from the Recreation Commission and they are in search of volunteers. He further advised there are three appointments for the Municipal Alliance Commission and Youth Services Commission but additional volunteers are needed.

Director of Public Works, Dale Leubner, provided the June report for Public Works, Buildings, Grounds and Utilities. A detailed report was given on the number of sewer calls, collection amounts for metal, yard debris and garbage, street sweeping and total monthly man hours. Mr. Leubner reported the batting cages were up at the Tea Street ballfields.

Chair of Public Safety, Council President Gomez, thanked the Police Department for participating in the Pride Flag raising, participation in the Special Olympics and overall community policing. Councilman Gomez advised the recently hired SLEO is currently undergoing a background check and Sara Silva has started the academy. An update was provided regarding sergeants stepping in to cover lieutenant responsibilities. Council President Gomez announced the Fire Carnival is being held at Billian Park.

Council President Gomez reported on the progress of the downtown redevelopment projects.

Chair of Personnel, Administration and Ordinances, Councilwoman Brandi recognized the hire of the Police Records Clerk and two new Police Officer candidates. Councilwoman Brandi advised she met with the SID Director to review the goals and initiatives of the downtown area.

Chair of Zoning, Construction and Code Enforcement, Councilman Jannuzzi, reported on the department's revenue and issued permits and re-inspections. Councilman Jannuzzi reported on the inspections and re-inspections for the Health Department and advised the Board of Health hasn't held a meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Ordinance 2022-25 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Reconstruction of and Improvements to the Pool (Phase 1) in and by the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,650,000.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,567,500 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Abel Gomez, Ordinance 2021-25 was approved on first reading upon a roll call vote. The public hearing was scheduled for August 9, 2022.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Dominic Longo, Lisa Brandi

Nay: None

Abstain: Richard Jannuzzi

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Ordinance 2022-26 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to Creation Section 4-19, "Flea Markets, Garage Sales and Yard Sales"

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Council President Abel Gomez, Ordinance 2021-26 was approved on first reading upon a roll call vote. The public hearing was scheduled for August 9, 2022.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Richard Jannuzzi, Dominic Longo, Lisa Brandi

Nay: None

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION- SECOND READING

Ordinance 2022-19 An Ordinance of the Governing Body of the Borough of Bound Brook Amending the Amended Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area 2 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 12-1 et seq to Remove Block 1 Lot 42

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, 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 Dominic Longo, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, Ordinance 2022-19 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Dominic Longo, Lisa Brandi

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi

Ordinance 2022-23 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 17, Property Maintenance, of the General Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to Impose Property Registration Fees as a Municipal Charge Pursuant to Tax Sale Law R.S. 54:5-1 et seq

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, 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 Dominic Longo, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, Ordinance 2022-23 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Richard Jannuzzi, Dominic Longo, Lisa Brandi

Nay: None

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Ordinance 2022-24 An Ordinance of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook Amending the Amended Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Area 1 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40a:12a-1 et seq To Increase the Maximum Building Height and to Revise the Stepback Requirements

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, the floor was opened to the public.

Linda Brnicevic, 20 Talmage Avenue, requested confirmation that properties on the north side of Main Street aren't included in the revisions. Mayor Fazen advised the Planning Board's recommendations were incorporated into the revised ordinance.

Kathleen Kleinbeck, 518 Dalay Place, asked if the fire trucks were equipped to handle the building heights. Council President Abel Gomez advised the new structures are required to have fire suppression and security.

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, Ordinance 2022-24 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Dominic Longo, Lisa Brandi

Nay: Richard Jannuzzi

INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS

2022-178 Adoption of 2022 Special Improvement District Budget in the Amount of \$205,686.00

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Brandi, Resolution 2022-178 was approved upon a roll call vote. Councilman Dominic Longo asked what the Borough's contribution to the SID's budget. Mayor Fazen advised the Borough doesn't contribute to their budget and that the taxes from properties in the Special Improvement District create the SID's budget. Councilman Longo asked if the SID has been operating on a temporary budget due to the timing of the budget adoption. Mayor Fazen confirmed.

Roll Call: Aye: Richard Jannuzzi, Dominic Longo, Lisa Brandi

Nay: None

Abstain: Abel Gomez

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, Resolutions, 2022-179 through 2022-180, 2022-182 through 2022-184, 2022-186 through 2022-192, 2022-194 through 2022-199 were unanimously approved by a voice vote. Resolutions 2022-181, 2022-185, 2022-193, 2022-200 were voted on separately.

2022-179 Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Bound Brook/South Bound Brook Youth Services Annual Grant Application with the Somerset County Board of Commissioners in the Amount of \$10,000

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- 2022-180 Resolution Authorizing Submission of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Bound Brook/
South Bound Brook Youth Services Competitive Grant Application With Somerset
County Board of Commissioners in the Amount of \$6,000
- 2022-181 Resolution Authorizing the Hire of Summer Camp Employees
- Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Richard Jannuzzi, Lisa Brandi
Nay: None
Abstain: Dominic Longo
- 2022-182 Resolution Approving the Hire of Kevin Conover Jr. as a Seasonal Laborer for the
Department of Public Works
- 2022-183 Resolution Approving the Hire of Robert Kosovan Jr. as a Seasonal Laborer for the
Department of Public Works
- 2022-184 Resolution Authorizing a Refund for a Marriage Ceremony Fee to Juan Molina
- 2022-185 Resolution Correcting the Salary of Sara Silva, Special Enforcement Officer Class
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- Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Richard Jannuzzi, Lisa Brandi
Nay: None
Abstain: Dominic Longo
- 2022-186 Resolution Appointing Sara Silva as Website Administrator
- 2022-187 Resolution Correcting the Awarded Contract Amount to Pennoni Associates for
Engineering Inspection Service for Bound Brook Train Station East Bound Waiting
Room and Platform Renovations
- 2022-188 Resolution Authorizing Chapter 159, Body Armor USDA in the Amount of
\$1,407.83
- 2022-189 Resolution Authorizing Chapter 159, Clean Communities in the Amount of
\$18,664.02
- 2022-190 Resolution Authorizing a Refund of 3rd Quarter Property Taxes to Wells Fargo in
the Amount of \$1,483.00
- 2022-191 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Appropriation for the Down Payment on
Improvement Fund in 2022 Budget

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2022-192 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Certification of Matching Funds for the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act in the Amount of \$302,592.92, a 50 Percent Match

2022-193 Resolution Approving the Hire of Samuel Caramela as a Special Enforcement Officer Class III for the Bound Brook Police Department

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Richard Jannuzzi, Lisa Brandi
Nay: None
Abstain: Dominic Longo

2022-194 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Community Facilities Program for the Fire Radio and Fire Pick Up Truck

2022-195 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1-Reivax Contracting Corporation in the Amount of \$21,000.05

2022-196 Resolution of the Borough of Bound Brook, in County of Somerset, State of New Jersey (The "Local Unit") Authorizing the Local Units Participation in the Pooled Loan Financing Program of the Somerset County Improvement Authority and Authorizing the Making of an Application to the Local Finance Board in Connection Therewith and Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(e) and Certain Other Matters in Connection with Issuance of the Local Unit Bonds

2022-197 Resolution Appointing Members to the Bound Brook/South Bound Brook Municipal Alliance Committee

2022-198 Resolution Appointing Members to the Bound Brook/South Bound Brook Youth Services Commission

2022-199 Resolution Amending the Federal Aid Agreement No. 2021-DT-BLA-306, Federal Project No. TAP-D00S (380), with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Bound Brook Train Station East Bound Waiting Room and Platform Renovation Project

2022-200 Resolution Appointing Grace Lambertz as Police Matron

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Richard Jannuzzi, Lisa Brandi
Nay: None
Abstain: Dominic Longo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council President, Abel Gomez, motion to create Resolution 2022-202, Resolution Authorizing the Fire Carnival as a Borough Sponsored Event. Councilwoman Lisa Brandi seconded. All were in favor; Councilman Dominic Longo abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

2022-201 Resolution Approving Vouchers in the Amount of \$3,708,643.36

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, Resolution 2022-201 was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Richard Jannuzzi, Dominic Longo, Lisa Brandi

Nay: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

Kathleen Kleinbeck, 518 Dalay Place, asked if the SLEO II and SLEO III were part of the school's security. Police Chief, Richard Colombaroni, explained the new SLEO will be dedicated to the Board of Education allowing for the previous school resource officer to return to normal police duties. Chief Colombaroni advise the SLEO's salary will be reimbursed by the Board of Education.

Chief Colombaroni, responding to Kathleen Kleinbeck's previous question regarding the fire trucks being equipped to handle taller buildings, advised that the Fire Department has a ladder truck equipped to handle the heights of the proposed developments.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Council President Abel Gomez, seconded by Councilman Dominic Longo, the Mayor and Council went into executive session regarding New Jersey American Water Contract Negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk