

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 In Person at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2023.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor David Morris with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following were recorded present:

Council President Abel Gomez
Councilman Vinnie Petti
Councilman Dominic Longo
Councilwoman Linda Brnicevic

The following were recorded absent:

Mayor David Morris
Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli
Councilman Kendall Lopez

Also in attendance:

Borough Administrator, Hector Herrera
Borough Clerk/ Assistant Administrator, Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Attorney, Taylor Wood, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilwoman Linda Brnicevic, the minutes of June 27, 2023 were approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Dominic Longo, Linda Brnicevic

Nay: None

Abstain: Vinnie Petti

Absent: Anthony Pranzatelli, Kendall Lopez

ADVERTISED HEARING OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A public hearing was held for the USDA grant application for electric vehicles. There were no comments from the public.

Councilman Dominic Longo administered the oath of office to Patrol Officer Nazceer Whitely, Patrol Officer Kyle Capalbo, Sergeant Robert Pikulin and Sergeant Frank Waller.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

There were no communications or petitions presented.

GREETINGS FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no comments from the public.

OPENING OF BIDS

There were no bid openings.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

There were no ordinances for introduction.

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION- SECOND READING

Ordinance 2023-033 Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XVII, Property Maintenance, Section 17-20.5, Disposal of Garbage, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook, to Amend Disposal of Garbage Exceptions

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, the floor was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Ordinance 2023-033 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Dominic Longo, Linda Brnicevic

Nay: None

Abstain: Vinnie Petti

Absent: Anthony Pranzatelli, Kendall Lopez

Ordinance 2023-034 An Ordinance Authorizing as a General Improvement the Purchase and Acquisition of Various Equipment for the Borough of Bound Brook and Appropriating \$25,000 Therefor from the “Capital Fund Balance” of said Borough

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, the floor was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Ordinance 2023-034 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti, Dominic Longo, Linda Brnicevic

Nay: None

Absent: Anthony Pranzatelli, Kendall Lopez

Ordinance 2023-035 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 18, Fire Prevention and Protection, Section 18-10.3, "Schedule of Fire Zones" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilwoman Linda Brnicevic, the floor was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Ordinance 2023-035 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti, Dominic Longo, Linda Brnicevic

Nay: None

Absent: Anthony Pranzatelli, Kendall Lopez

Ordinance 2023-036 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter XV, Housing, Section 15-11, Rental License Inspection, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to Amend Rental License and Lead Base Paint Inspections

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, the floor was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, comments were closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Ordinance 2023-036 was approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti, Dominic Longo, Linda Brnicevic

Nay: None

Absent: Anthony Pranzatelli, Kendall Lopez

INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Resolutions 2022-190 through 2023-200 were unanimously approved. All were in favor.

- 2023-190 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Radio Equipment from Motorola Solutions in the Amount of \$38,191.60 for the Fire Department
- 2023-191 Resolution Appointing Stephen Rodzinak to the Position of Housing Official
- 2023-192 Resolution Appointing Erik Michelson to the Position of Deputy Housing Official
- 2023-193 Resolution Appointing Jose Nieves to the Position of Deputy Housing Official
- 2023-194 Resolution Appointing Agatha Perez to the Position of Alternate Registrar
- 2023-195 Correcting Resolution 2023-145, Award of Contract for the Purchase of Special Service Air Support Truck
- 2023-196 Resolution Appointing Members to the Cultural Arts Committee
- 2023-197 Correcting Resolution 2023-165 to Amend License Holder Name for Liquor License 1804-33-008-004
- 2023-198 Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Frank Waller to Sergeant Within the Bound Brook Police Department
- 2023-199 Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Robert Pikulin to Sergeant Within the Bound Brook Police Department
- 2023-200 Resolution Authorizing the Department of the Army Right-of-Entry for Construction in the Green Brook Flood Control Project PL-84-99 on Block 14 Lots 2 and 3

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Vinnie Petti advised he didn't abstain from the Resolution 2023-165 and wanted to place his abstention on record.

Councilman Dominic Longo requested an update regarding NJ American Water billing. Borough Administrator, Hector Herrera, advised NJ American Water will take the average of winter months billing plus an additional fifteen percent off summer month billing one time per year. A meeting is scheduled with NJ American Water to review summer billing for homes with irrigation.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Resolution 2023-201 was unanimously approved. All were in favor. Discussion was held on requiring background checks prior to hiring resolution.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominic Longo, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, Resolution 2023-202 was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Abel Gomez, Vinnie Petti, Dominic Longo, Linda Brnicevic

Nay: None

Absent: Anthony Pranzatelli, Kendall Lopez

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk