

Adopted Minutes January 4, 2024

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 7:00 p.m. on January 4, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Elect Dominic Longo with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Law Statement.

### **SWEARING IN NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILPERSONS**

Mark Speed administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Dominic Longo, Councilman Shawn Guerra, Councilman Glen Rossi.

### **MAYOR'S STATEMENT**

Mayor Longo stated under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the Courier News and the Star Ledger by way of annual notice.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

### **ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call, the following were recorded present:

Mayor Dominic Longo  
Councilman Vinnie Petti  
Councilwoman Linda Brncevic  
Councilman Kendall Lopez  
Councilman Glenn Rossi  
Councilman Shawn Guerra  
Councilman Kendall Lopez

Also in attendance:

Borough Administrator, Hector Herrera  
Borough Deputy Clerk, Ashley Pelaez

### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

Mayor Elect, Dominic Longo, presented proclamations to former Councilman Anthony Pranzatelli, former Councilman Abel Gomez, and former Mayor David Morris, recognizing their service.

## **MAYOR'S NEW YEARS MESSAGE**

“Let me thank everyone, my family and friends, all elected officials for being a part of this. I can't say tonight has been a true come true. As I could never dream of having the citizens of Bound Brook electing me as Mayor. Together we embark on the journey of our community. Our community is rich in diversity in which fuels our strength. I see the opportunity to face the challenges with transparency and communication. With this being said, I will post my phone number on the Borough website. So, everyone may reach me when they need me. Let's not forget the importance of community spirit, I need all of you to get involved in working together. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. I am eager to begin to begin serving.”

## **NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Councilman Shawn Guerra motioned to nominate Kendall Lopez as Council President, Councilman Kendall Lopez seconded the motion.

Councilman Vinnie Petti, motioned to nominate Linda Brnicevic as Council President, Councilman Glen Rossi seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call vote, Councilman Kendall Lopez, was appointed as Council President. Mayor Dominic Longo voted in favor of Councilman Kendall Lopez, breaking the tie vote.

Roll Call:     Aye:   Shawn Guerra, Kendall Lopez, Mayor Dominic Longo

                  Nay:   Linda Brnicevic, Glen Rossi

                  Abstain: Vinnie Petti

Councilman Vinnie Petti requested clarification on whether a full council was needed to proceed with the vote, as there is a vacancy on the council.

Councilwoman Linda Brnicevic, seconded by Councilman Vinnie Petti, nominated David Morris to fill the council's vacancy.

Councilman Shawn Guerra, seconded by Councilman Kendall Lopez, nominated Mark Speed.

Upon a roll call vote, David Morris was nominated to fill the vacancy and administered the oath of office.

Roll Call:     Aye: Vinnie Petti, Linda Brnicevic, Glen Rossi

                  Nay: Kendall Lopez, Shawn Guerra

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The council went into executive session.

## **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

Councilman Shawn Guerra, seconded by Councilman Kendall Lopez, motioned to approve Resolution 2024-004. The resolution failed.

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Roll Call      Aye: Kendall Lopez, Shawn Guerra

                    Nay: Vinnie Petti, Linda Brnicevic, David Morris

Mayor Dominic Longo advised the 2024 municipal professionals will be carried over for the next 30 days.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

The Borough Council congratulated the newly elected officials.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

No comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jasmine D. McCoy  
Borough Clerk