

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 March 11, 2025.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dominic Longo 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:

Mayor Dominic Longo
Council President Linda Brnicevic
C. Shawn Guerra
C. Kendall Lopez
C. David Morris
C. Mark Speed

The following was recorded absent:

C. Glen Rossi

Also in attendance:

Borough Clerk - Administrator, Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Attorney, Erik Peterson, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

ADVERTISED HEARING OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION

There were no advertised hearings or special presentations.

PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

There were no presentations of communications or petitions.

GREETINGS FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Brad Higginbottom announced that the Memorial Day parade would be held on May 26, 2025.

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor and Council went into executive session.

Upon returning to opening session, the Mayor announced that Jason Gianotto was the Chief of Police select and the swearing in will be held on March 25, 2025.

OPENING OF BIDS

There were no bid openings.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Ordinance 2025-10 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 17, “Property Maintenance”, Section 17-25, “Fences and Hedges-Property Owner Responsibility” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to Include Barriers

Upon a motion by Councilman Mark Speed, seconded by Councilman David Morris, Ordinance 2025-10 was passed on first reading upon a roll call vote. The hearing was scheduled to be held on March 25, 2025

Roll Call: Aye: Linda Brnicevic, Shawn Guerra, Kendall Lopez, David Morris, Mark Speed

Nay: None

Absent: Glen Rossi

Ordinance 2025-11 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 2, Administration, Section 2-29.2 “Judges of the Municipal Court; powers and duties” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to Appoint an Alternate Municipal Judge

Upon a motion by Councilman Mark Speed, seconded by Councilman David Morris, Ordinance 2025-10 was passed on first reading upon a roll call vote. The hearing was scheduled to be held on March 25, 2025

Roll Call: Aye: Linda Brnicevic, Shawn Guerra, Kendall Lopez, David Morris, Mark Speed

Nay: None

Absent: Glen Rossi

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

Ordinance 2025-09 An Ordinance Creating Chapter 2, Section 23.4, “Recreation Fees”, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook to Establish A Fee Schedule for Recreational Programs

Upon a motion by Councilman David Morris, seconded by Councilman Shawn Guerra, the floor was opened to the public. There were no comments from the public. Upon a motion by Councilman

David Morris, seconded by Councilman Mark Speed, the floor was closed to the public.

Upon a motion by Councilman Mark Speed, seconded by Councilman Shawn Guerra, Ordinance 2025-09 was passed on final reading upon a roll call vote.

Discussion: Councilman Kendall Lopez asked if there is a maximum capacity for occupancy. Borough Administrator Jasmine McCoy confirmed there is a maximum capacity.

Roll Call: Aye: Linda Brnicevic, Shawn Guerra, Kendall Lopez, David Morris, Mark Speed

Nay: None

Absent: Glen Rossi

INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion by Council President Linda Brnicevic, seconded by Councilman David Morris, Resolutions 2025-256, 2025-257 and 2025-259 through 2025-265 were unanimously approved. Resolutions 2025-258, 2025-266 and 2025-267 were approved upon a separate roll call vote.

2025-256 Resolution Cancelling the Petty Cash Fund Established for the Recreation Commission

2025-257 Resolution Cancelling Capital Bond Ordinances in the Amount of \$11,957.11

2025-258 Resolution Approving and Directing the Mayor to Execute and Deliver an Estoppel Certificate for Redevelopment Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Bound Brook for Morecraft Brownstone Urban Renewal Bound Brook LLC on Property Designated on the Tax Map as Block 12, Lots 12 and 13

Upon a motion by Councilman David Morris, seconded by Councilman Kendall Lopez, Resolution 2025-258 was adopted upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Shawn Guerra, Kendall Lopez, David Morris

Nay: Linda Brnicevic, Mark Speed

Absent: Glen Rossi

2025-259 Resolution Adopting Recreation Fees for 2025

2025-260 Resolution Authorizing Budget Transfers in the Amount of \$45,000.00

2025-261 Resolution Authorizing Jasmine McCoy to Represent the Borough at Mediation and Granting Settlement Authority Subject to Council Approval for Advance Bound Brook L.L.C v. The Borough of Bound Brook

2025-262 Resolution Temporarily Hiring Constance Casale to Assist in the Police Records Department

- 2025-263 Resolution Temporarily Appointing Judge Gerard Shamey of Gerard J. Shamey Attorney at Law and Judge Michael Fedun of Singer & Fedun, LLC
- 2025-264 Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 in the Amount of \$4,080 for the Purchase of a Special Service Air Support Truck from Rosenbauer South Dakota, LLC in a Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$671,013
- 2025-265 Resolution Authorizing the Hire of Gabriel Cruz as Part-Time Emergency Medical Technician for the Department of Emergency Medical Services
- 2025-266 Resolution Approving and Directing the Mayor to Execute and Deliver an Estoppel Certificate for Redevelopment Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Bound Brook for Meridia 1 Urban Renewal Bound Brook LLC on Property Known as 1 East Main Street Also Known on the Tax Map as Block 8, Lots 9.05

Upon a motion by Councilman David Morris, seconded by Councilman Kendall Lopez, Resolution 2025-266 was adopted upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Shawn Guerra, Kendall Lopez, David Morris

Nay: Linda Brnicevic, Mark Speed

Absent: Glen Rossi

- 2025-267 Resolution Approving and Directing the Mayor to Execute and Deliver an Estoppel Certificate for Financial Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Bound Brook for Meridia 1 Urban Renewal Bound Brook LLC on Property Known as 1 East Main Street Also Known on the Tax Map as Block 8, Lots 9.05

Upon a motion by Councilman David Morris, seconded by Councilman Kendall Lopez, Resolution 2025-267 was adopted upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Shawn Guerra, Kendall Lopez, David Morris

Nay: Linda Brnicevic, Mark Speed

Absent: Glen Rossi

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No discussion was held.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon a motion by Councilman Kendall Lopez, seconded by Councilman Shawn Guerra, Resolutions 2025-270 through 2025-275 were unanimously adopted. All were in favor.

- 2025-270 Resolution Supporting the State House Commission Pre-application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for the Diversion of 200 Thompson Avenue, Also Known on the Tax Map as Block 44, Lot 1 & Block 45, Lot 1.01 to be Compensated at 282 West Main Street Also Known on the Tax Map as Block 1, Lot 8
- 2025-271 Resolution Authorizing a Refund to Freedom Forever New Jersey LLC for Building Permit Fees
- 2025-272 Resolution Correcting the Legal Entity Name and License Type for License Holder 1804-33-009, for the 2024-2025 Renewal Term
- 2025-273 Resolution Correcting the License Type for License Holder 1804-33-005, for the 2024-2025 Renewal Term

Upon a motion by Councilman Kendall Lopez, seconded by Mark Speed, Resolutions 2025-275 was unanimously adopted. All were in favor.

- 2025-274 Resolution Authorizing Florio Perrucci Steindardt Cappelli & Teipton, LLC and the Simon Law Group to Execute a Mediation Agreement on Behalf of the Borough at Mediation and Granting Settlement Authority Subject to Council Approval

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

- 2025-268 Resolution Approving Vouchers in the Amount of \$3,421,981.06

Upon a motion by Council President Linda Brnicevic, seconded by Councilman David Morris, Resolution 2025-268 was unanimously approved upon a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Aye: Linda Brnicevic, Shawn Guerra, Kendall Lopez, David Morris, Mark Speed

Nay: None

Absent: Glen Rossi

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

Fire Chief, Matthew Smith thanked Borough officials for their support with the fire on Vosseller Avenue. He further advised the rescue truck will be delivered in the upcoming week.

Jason Gianotta, Chief of Police Select, reiterated the great communication between departments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk