

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilwoman Uceta

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Uceta, Nunez, Konigsberg, Burdiez, and Robbins were present; Council President Jackson was present telephonically.

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied as notice was sent to two newspapers and posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board on January 3, 2013

The following items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

Resolutions:

13-122 Police Youth Academy program of 2013 (Councilman Nunez abstained)

13-123 Audit compliance for year 2012

125-29 Five tax checks Totaling \$33,565.81

The following resolution was voted upon separately and approved:

13-124 Adopt the 2013 Municipal Budget (Council members Nunez and Burdiez voted "no")

Administrator Greiner advised that there will be a mobile shredder at the Recreation Center on Saturday, August 3rd from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for the convenience of residents; at the Olsen Park playground, the rubberized matting was installed; a grant application was submitted for \$13,000 to cover computerization of the tree inventory; Mayor McHale and Administrator Greiner attended a Bergen County Co-op presentation regarding a software program which will cost \$360 per month and will manage performance of all departments which should prove to be efficient and cost effective. Attorney Monaghan suggested authorization for it should take place at the next meeting.

Mayor McHale advised the old Dewey property plans were approved and 44 units will be installed there; a grant was received for repairing sidewalks on Elm.

Council President Jackson advised the FEMA reimbursement is expected and will amount to an additional 100,000-150,000. Another storm is expected tonight so preparation is being made to remove vehicles from the flood zones.

Citizen Remarks:

A resident at 130 Cypress Avenue complained of a gaping hole left from tree removal. Ms. Gee from 301-303 2nd Place complained there are no parking restriction signs thereand she has difficulty driving in and out of her driveway; Mayor McHale will view that problem tomorrow

A businessman from a company at 129 East Main Street complained there is no parking for his employees and they cannot afford \$39.00 each day for tickets; Mayor McHale will handle this problem with the police department.

Councilman Nunez voiced his reasons for not approving the municipal budget, as the 8% increase is the highest in the County - mentioning code enforcement costs, tax appeals; Councilwoman Uceta challenged him stating his disinterest in resolving issues such as no ratables, tax appeals - Councilmembers Konigsberg and Robbins added law suits, so this confrontation ended after 20 minutes.

No further business, motion to adjourn made by Councilman Konigsberg; seconded by Councilwoman Uceta; motion approved and carried; session ended at 8:50 PM