

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota to be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016, in the Bogota Council Chambers at 7:30PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Mitchell.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Council members Connors, Fede, Miranda, Mitchell, and Napolitano were present. Councilwoman Gates-Ferris was absent. Also present were Administrator Scarpa, Borough Attorney Bossong, and CFO DiMaria.

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 December 23, 2015.

Borough Attorney Bossong requested that Resolution 16-098 be added to the consent agenda. The following Resolutions on the Consent agenda were approved:

PC 16-10 Payment of Claims

- 16-088 Overpayment of taxes – Block 71, Lot 33
- 16-089 Tax Sale Certificate Redemption – Block 94, Lot 1
- 16-090 Overpayment of taxes – Block 50, Lot 1.01
- 16-091 Approve the GIS Data Exchange Agreement between the County of Bergen and The Borough of Bogota
- 16-092 Comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 applicable to the exclusion from gross income for Federal Income Tax purposes of interest on obligations issued by the Borough of Bogota
- 16-093 Hire a Storm water Manager Engineer
- 16-094 Award bid for DPW tandem Axle Truck with Roll-Off to Beyer Brothers
- 16-095 Award bid for Pascack Valley Cooperative Road Work
- 16-096 Authorize auction of surplus property in conjunction with the County of Bergen by Casper Mgmt. Co.
- 16-097 Authorize Green Team Committee to Apply for Grant
- 16-098 Authorize Borough Administrator to execute agreement with Filebank to end contract.

The following ordinances were Introduced and Approved:

- #1484 Amending Chapter XIX Entitled “International Property Maintenance Code” to Reflect 2015 Version
- #1485 Requiring the Owner of any Real Property Abutting any Fire Hydrant to Clear such Fire Hydrant of Snow

Public Hearing and Adoption was held on the following Bond Ordinance:

#1483 Bond Ordinance

Public Hearing took place on the Amendment to 2016 Approved Budget

The Following Approvals were made by Council:

Cindy Cross of 232 Beechwood Avenue would like to have a block party on June 4, 2016 between from Dunn Avenue to Queen Anne Road on Beechwood Avenue

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Discussions:

---Discussion took place on creating a Borough ordinance “No parking here to corner” to assist residents with driveways near corners. Borough Attorney Bossong will create an ordinance for one area where parking is difficult for one homeowner.

---Discussion took place on giving permission to Community Garden Committee for a fence in Open Space area. Council agreed to a 6 foot fence. Council also agreed that an ordinance to establish fees for plots of land should be adopted.

---Estimated Tax was discussed. A resolution will be voted on at June 2nd meeting.

---Parking Permits were discussed at length. If ordinance is created for hardship, criteria must be listed. Councilman Connors and Councilman Mitchell will meet with Police Chief Maye to find a solution.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kelemen thanked everyone for their support during his time of sorrow. He reminded everyone that Memorial Day will be here soon, and he requested that people attend the 11:00am ceremony in front of Borough Hall put on by the VFW and American Legion. The parade will begin at 2:00pm. River Road has been paved. June 11th is "Walk with the Mayor" Day. He thanked Bogota Beautiful for all the work paved. The roll off truck will be ordered soon.

Councilman Miranda announced that many residents are happy that the Recreation Summer Camp is for Bogota residents only. He believes that all children that go to school in Bogota should be allowed in the summer camp program. He thanked everyone who helped with the Recreation Center.

Councilwoman Fede reported that the Rescue Squad took down a tree at Larch and Elm Avenues. The DPW cleaned it up. Rescue's air conditioner is not working. Rescue has a soda machine that they do not want and would give to the Recreation Center or the Library. There is one year left in Sustainable New Jersey. Four trees from the tree farm brought smiles. Garbage bags are seen on Main Street on Saturdays and Sundays.

Councilman Mitchell reported that the Police issued 300 Summonses this month. PSE&G paved River Road and West fort Lee Road. Work may be completed by July 1st. He invited people to look at the front of the police station because the mural looks great. It is the first "Brothers for Others" painting in New Jersey. The Seniors need new furniture and to clean up the back room. There will be new street signs and a new DPW building. There will be a new machine for the fields.

Councilman Connors reported that the Fire Department is getting ready for the Memorial Day Parade. A teacher was hit by a car crossing Main Street by Steen School. It might be a good idea to change the speed limit in front of the school. The Mayor will contact the County Executive. Many towns have 25MPH speed limit by schools and/or flashing lights. Superintendent Pantaliano discussed the Safe route to School grant. High School parking lot needs to be redone. He is working with the high school technology teacher.

Councilman Napolitano reported that River Road is paved and a pre construction meeting will take place soon. Road work will begin when school is done. Fort Lee Road was damaged due to PSE&G. Curbs etc will be replaced due to bargaining. Filebank is holding Borough files, so many OPRA requests cannot be filled. Girl Scouts will be collecting food for the food pantry during the parade. Safe Route to School money will help to pay for it. Crossing guards are having a hard time with the traffic.

Borough Administrator Scarpa reported that there will be a pre-construction meeting with another \$100,000 in CD grant money. Four roads will be paved. He and the Police Chief are looking for a new IT person. Tilcon did a good job on River Road. An assistant to the Clerk needs to be hired. The Recreation Department now has a large screen television. The bleachers will be upgraded to be safer. An Informational monitor will be installed in Borough Hall. Officer Gallipoli filed two grievances. Filebank was holding Borough files for a lot of money. There will be sailors and marines marching in the Memorial Day Parade.

Motion was made by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Napolitano, to open the meeting to Citizen remarks. Motion carried.

Patty Adriance thanked the Swim Club members for attending the meeting. She was disappointed that the Swim Club could not get a license until today.

Nick Zampetti is excited about all that is happening in town. Light for traffic control is a good idea. Many people who do not park properly is due to laziness. The garbage on Main Street is from the apartments and two family houses. Bike lanes should be installed in town. Before installing a traffic light, a study should be done.

Mrs. Brickley asked when the recycling center will be moved close to the swim club.

John Wolberg requested overnight parking spots for residents.

Nancy Sierra thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the Community Garden.

Motion made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda to close Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Attorney Bossong reported that the insurance for the Swim Club only arrived today. Councilwoman Fede explained that the lease was 20 years old, and the negotiations went well. Each side is a little unhappy. A liaison Committee should consist of 2 swim club members, 2 council, and 2 residents.

Mr. Scarpa explained that it will take 20 days after the adoption of the bond for the town to get the money.

Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Councilman Miranda, seconded by Councilman Connors. Motion carried. Resolution 16-098C was added to the agenda and approved.

Meeting reconvened at 10:40pm. Motion was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Connors, to approve the contract with Holy Name Hospital for Ambulance services. Motion carried and the following Resolution was added to the agenda:

16-098A Hire Holy Name Hospital for Ambulance Services.

Motion was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Connors, to hire Yenlis Flores-Bolivar as assistant to the clerk. Motion carried and the following Resolution was added to the agenda:

16-098B Hire Yenlys Flores-Bolivar as assistant to the clerk.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Napolitano. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 10:45pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk, Jeanne Cook.