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

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Robbins

Roll Call: Council members Uceta, Jackson, Nunez, Burdiez, and Robbins were present; Mayor McHale and Councilman Konigsberg were absent

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

In the absence of Mayor McHale, Council President Jackson presided at the meeting.

The following items on the consent agenda were approved with the exception of Resolutions 13-182 and 13-183 – for these two resolutions, four (4) “yes” votes were required and a full council was not present. There was discussion concerning the Notices of Intentions for recall of two members of council, and costs for a special election. Councilmembers Nunez and Burdiez’ concerns were future impact on the taxpayers for the Pilot agreement for 297 Palisade Avenue. Councilman Nunez felt the procedure with the developer was too hasty and discussion of the agreement should have taken more time.

Resolutions:

- 13-179 Authorize year 2014-- RFQ advertisements for professionals
- 13-180 Settle tax appeal For A. Salib
- 13-181 State grant of \$14,814 is awarded to BACSA, effective 1/1/13 - 6/30/14
- 13-182 Emergency appropriation for special legal counsel \$8,000
- 13-183 Appoint special legal counsel Winne, Banta, Hetherington, Basralian, Kahn, LLC
- 13-184 Tax check for \$ 2,319.16, to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

The following ordinances were adopted with the voting records in the minutes:

- #1435 Amend Zoning escrow fees
- #1436 Salary increases for various positions including fire prevention, dispatchers  
And crossing guards

Committee Reports:

Councilman Robbins reported that this Saturday, he was invited to a Fire Department Training session which includes a real fire and it will take place in upper New York State; he would also like to invite a representative from Click and Park to explain receiving overnight parking tickets on the internet.

Administrator Greiner advised that South Bergen JIF awarded money to the borough which will be applied to pay our first quarter invoice in 2014; the Tax Assessor reported that we had 56 tax appeals, down from 150+ last year, due to the reassessments implemented in 2013.

Council President Jackson advised that he met on Wednesday with FEMA and the borough's claims were filed with them; the DPW temporary structure is ready to be put up.

Citizen Remarks:

Councilman-elect Mitchell's concerns are that taxes aren't being paid on the former Sifford Pontiac property and a lien should be placed against it; Administrator Greiner said that Pat Wilkins will look into this.

\*Scott Woegens said we had 2 schools at and near 297 Palisade Avenue with approximately 800 students and the sewer lines should be able to handle the flow.

Connie Carpenter advised that the salary ordinance was amended from the previous ordinance #1431 which was approved since there were typographical errors and some employees were omitted in error.

Chuck Martini questioned the expenses for the Notice of Intention and Attorney Monaghan explained the process of recalls.

A resident of 162 East Fort Lee Road complained of ambulance service during the day and President Jackson explained the respondents are volunteers and Holy Name Hospital is the primary backup for emergencies; she complained of cars hung out over sidewalks and Administrator Greiner will consult the police department about this.

The following resolution was adopted:  
13-178A Closed Session

Adjournment took place at 9:25 PM