

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday May 23, 2013, in the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Nunez

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Jackson, Nunez, Konigsberg, and Robbins were present; Councilmembers Uceta and Burdiez 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 March 25, 2013

The following items on the consent agenda were approved with the exception of Resolution 13-120 which was voted upon separately:

Resolutions:

- 13-110 Approve resident at 232 Beechwood Avenue, Cyndi Cross, to host a block party on Saturday, June 8th from 2:00 to 8:00 PM
- 13-111 Planning Board to undertake preliminary investigation of an area recognized as "River Development"
- 13-112 Enter into solid waste agreement with BCUA to use ADS Solid Waste of NJ Inc. as a transfer station
- 13-113 Cancel unexpended balances in various capital improvement projects
- 13-114 Appraisal Systems to prepare appraisal report for Sanzari Residential vs. Bogota
- 13-115 Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, designating a \$320,000 special emergency note, dated May 17, 2013, payable May 16, 2014, as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to Section 265(b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 13-116 DPW amends pay period to twice a month
- 13-117 FOP amends pay periods to twice a month
- 13-118 Hiring Summer Help
- 13-119 Appraisal Systems to prepare appraisal report for Winifred M. Pitkin vs. Bogota
- 13-120 Adoption of 2013 Budget was defeated (see resolution)
- 13-121 Eligibility to participate in program for annual budget examination for 2013 budget.

Approvals:

St. Joseph's Carnival for all activities; no alcohol, boro fees waived, street closures
Hose Co. #3 accepts Sean Neubauer and Ruddy Rosario as a probationary member
Authorize \$5850 total to be paid to the American Legion for five marching bands in the Memorial Day parade on May 27th;
The minutes for April 18th and May 2nd were approved.

Ordinance #1429 Amend rules for solicitors/peddlers was tabled

Introduction of the following ordinance was approved:

Ordinance #1430 Rules/regulations for borough parks, including lighting and permits.

PC: 13-06 was approved

Adoption of the following ordinance took place:

#1428 International Property Maintenance Code for grass height of 4"

Correspondence:

PSEG extends their thanks to Mayor and Council for support of their energy strong initiative; any questions, call 973-430-6400.

NJ Dept of Transportation did not approve the application for Municipal Aid for Leonia Avenue. but Administrator Greiner advised that it is possible that this could be approved, per Engineer Harry Tuvel.

Senator Weinberg referenced in her letter that the early voting will only take place at county locations, and local offices will not be involved.

Committee Reports

Councilman Robbins advised that Hose Co. #2 again needs major repairs; Council President Jackson suggested submission of quotes for repairs; Administrator Greiner and DPW Supt. Kohles will tour all boro buildings for review of needed repairs; he suggested updating office technology with Council President Jackson suggesting submission of vendor's presentations; the Board of Education is reviewing teacher's contracts, and approved of Jewish family services for their after school program which is a controversial issue for council, since Jim Moore initiated a successful after-school program considering the needs of the community, as a whole, in mind as his priority; Mayor McHale expressed disapproval in the manner used by the school superintendent.

Mayor McHale disapproves of the Board of Education's suggesting that the community donate funding to purchase fans for the high school, as their budget should be adequate for this cost.

Councilman Konigsberg advised the Rescue Squad conducted drills with Ridgefield Park and training is continuing.

Council President Jackson read the proclamation recognizing the efforts of EMS and mentioned all of those who spent many years dedicating their time to volunteerism; there was a major accident on Route 80. A member of the volunteer corps saved a life of someone who said he would take his own life on "facebook"; the flooding issues still exist on Elm Avenue; the storm damages were documented for FEMA by all agencies; flyers for Mobile Apps for smartphones was distributed

Councilman Nunez advised that the senior citizen committee meeting was cancelled.

Administrator Greiner advised that a pre-construction meeting took place for the North Avenue project which will begin in June; Eastern Concrete donated a large quantity of concrete; he thanked the DPW for the hard work and cooperation and he attended his first Environmental Commission meeting which will have a brook cleanup on June 15th – everyone is invited to participate.

Mayor McHale said the band shell is progressing well; flooding is continuing at 98 Queen Anne Road which the DPW will alleviate the problem there; the Environmental awards were given out at St. Joseph and Steen Schools; Bixby did not participate and Mayor McHale thanked Daniele Fede and Julie Meehan for their hard work in organizing this program; because of the Holiday schedule, garbage pickup for Monday was moved to Tuesday.

The following resolution was adopted:
13-109A Closed Session

Motion made by Councilman Nunez, seconded by Councilman Robbins; motion approved and carried; meeting ended at 8:52 PM