

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, January 17, 2013, in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Robbins.

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

The following items on the consent agenda were approved:

Resolutions:

13-30 Temporary budget for \$11,815 Police Dept. O/E

13-31 Temporary budget for \$12,500 Central Ave. broken lateral to sewer

13-32 Reject ambulance billing and collection services

13-33 Reject and re-advertise ladder truck refurbishments

13-34 NJ Utilities emergency preparedness initiative

13-35 Purchase a tough book computer and lighting for emergency management suburban vehicle \$15,030.44

13-36 Change order #2 for Palisade Avenue road improvement \$18,304

37-42 Tax checks totaling \$71,552.56

13-43 Approve Betty Zohar's request to construct a fence at her property on Kramer Court

Approvals:

Hose Co #2 accepted Christopher Harris on 12/9/12

The following Minutes were approved December 20 – Councilmen Burdiez and Robbins abstained and January 3 were approved.

PC: 13-01 was approved

Discussion concerning the following took place:

There is a small strip of land on Rt. 80 behind the Queen Anne Theatre which the NJDOT wants to buy, so Administrator Nicolosi will inquire whether the property owner adjacent to it is interested in buying it.

Committee reports:

Councilman Konigsberg reported the Library is scheduling senior movie days and the Friends of the Library will host a raffle.

Councilman Robbins' report is attached to the minutes.

Councilman Jackson advised the First Aid is in search of a physician. He expects funding from FEMA for the recent hurricane damage. Englewood Cliffs donated an \$18,000 stretcher to the First Aid Squad.

Administrator Nicolosi set up a web page in which FEMA will provide funding for a sidewalk and curb program.

Councilman Burdies reported the Board of Health will sponsor a free rabies clinic On Saturday, March 2nd from 10:00 AM to Noon; also a dog census should be Completed in the town.

Councilwoman Uceta reported the Board of Education had their reorganization meeting last week and elected a new president, Mrs. Laura Giumara and our liason Charles Severino. The Recreation Department had their reorganization meeting this week and the basketball registration is under way with very little participation of the community. A decision for Bogota Day hasn't be made yet. The Recreation wishes replenishment of their petty cash now.

Administrator Nicolosi reported the taxes will be raised because of the large volume of tax appeals and there is no reserve.

Councilman Robbins reported that Bogota has reached "preferred status" for insurance and all agreed to take options available to offset less risk for flood damage and emergencies in the future. Administrator Nicolosi will contact our risk manager.

The full time senior citizen bus driver will be on vacation so a substitute will be found.

Correspondence: Joanne and John Megargee thanked the Bogota fire and police departments for their emergency response to a potential life-threatening situation on New Year's Eve.

Citizen Remarks

Charles Severino offered his assistance in consulting with Fire Department matters.

Nick Zampetti's concerns: advertising in 3 newspapers; we have options to use cost-effective ones; is the lateral repaired on Central Avenue? Yes; equipment for the OEM vehicle, its use for personal and/or public use and expects guidelines for use of all vehicles; rice notice for Warren Hodges – it was completed in a closed session.

Tony Culmone: the property on Rt. 80 – is accessible along the Glenpointe, but was told the angle is too steep to gain access.

The following resolution was adopted:

13-29A Closed Session

Mayor McHale read a letter announcing Administrator Nicolosi's resignation on March 12th and resolution 13-44 was put on the agenda and approved, accepting the resignation of Administrator Nicolosi.

Adjournment took place at 8:50 PM

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Website and Technology Report

The committee has not had an official meeting as of yet.

However I have asked the committee to review our site and other municipalities in the area and make a punch list of things they would like to see done to our site.

I will be sitting down with Councilman Nunez to go over the mechanics of the current site to familiarize myself on how the site was built.

I am also exploring other companies as we might just switch and rebuild.

Fire Department Report

I attended the Board of Fire Officers on January 2nd and Hook and Ladder Co #1.

Some Points from the meetings.

UNITY is the word for 2013. Each house has offered up ways for everyone to get acquainted within all departments. Training schedules and "meet and greets" will be circulated so that the new members can meet, socialize and get to know all the members and veteran firemen from the other houses within the department.

There was some discussion on how well the department performed during the Elm St. fire this past holiday and a post evaluation of the evening will be scheduled for a future date.

Chief Klima also stated that training will be important and taken even more seriously this year.

The County Fire Academy has offered their Hook & Ladder as a loner when our truck is out being refurbished. Not sure if that offer still stands since we are going back out to bid.

Battalion Chief Brophy has asked if we have a town physician yet. I am assuming for department physicals? Not sure, however he has asked for us/me to get back to him as soon as possible.

Police Auxiliary Meeting

Jan. 10th.

I stopped by the Auxiliary meeting as I was reviewing some of the issues of the Kennedy building with Councilwoman Wanda Uceta and Councilman Tito Jackson.

The Auxiliary Police department is currently holding interviews for the department. While the interview process was in full swing, Officer Victor Negrón spoke to the applicants on various searching styles and procedures.

Planning Board Meeting

Jan. 8th

After I was sworn in, the evening was spent discussion 3 projects currently in front of the board. At this time I believe each applicant will come in front of the board at our next meeting to go over their proposals

End report