

Minutes of the Work Session of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, August 1, 2013, at the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Konigsberg

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

The following resolutions were adopted:

13-154 Authorize Daniel Craddock's DPW title change to laborer/operator

13-155 Establish a "dedicated trust by rider" for the Recycling Program

13-156 Tax check for \$9,993.71 to R. DelVecchio

13-157 Authorize execution of a Developer's Agreement between the Borough of Bogota and 297 Palisades Urban Renewal Company, LLC

The developer's agreement was executed by Mayor McHale and the representatives from 297 Palisades Urban Renewal Company, LLC, were present to witness this, and thanked the Mayor and Council for moving forward on it.

Mr. Amaru Bustamante suggested that interested parties who would like to beautify Bogota could be organized into groups and into committees in order to attain that goal. It could be beneficial for the community to mobilize businesses on Main Street, construct parking lots on unused property so that more revenue would be forthcoming. Administrator Greiner volunteered to be the contact person to follow up on this project.

Mr. Rob Hoefler from IQM2 was present to advise that his company gathers the town's information, merges it into a legislative base and builds a packet of documents. It is printed onto the website and is readily available which eliminates much of the paperwork. There is no contract, only a month to month fee of \$500 and there is no maintenance. Administrator Greiner will follow up on this project.

Administrator Greiner recommends the Planning Board to hire Lisa Phillips for the old Sifford property; plans must be obtained and her charge would be \$7500.

An adult exercise/wellness station will be set up in Olsen Park with grant funding of \$22,000; we received \$43,000 to continue the matting at the parks which will be completed in 2014.

Administrator Greiner advised that "Spyglass" telecom can do an audit of cell phones, telephone lines, unused cable lines and electronic equipment to save money for the town;

Public Hearing on Ordinance took place with Nick Zampetti asking what type of an increase each employee received – 2%. The following ordinance was approved:  
#1431 Salary Ordinance for Borough Hall Complex employees for 2013

Committee Reports:

Councilman Konigsberg reported that since the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes are due, money should be coming in.

Council President Jackson reported that PSEG is expected to complete the Cross Street Project since water lines are in; A display of the 1959 restored Cadillac ambulance will be on display October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>; the annual shredding day is Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 PM at the Recreation building; sidewalk repairs, tree removals and stump grinding should be completed; the FEMA reimbursement should be \$145,000; the police do a great job as there was a life-threatening incident at First St. and Atlantic Ave in Hackensack which included our police officers; council should notify the Clerk in their absences; Administrator Greiner prepared a letter to the Commissioner's office regarding the railroad grade crossing; Council President Tito Jackson was selected to represent Bogota in Texas from September 30 – October 5<sup>th</sup> for recognizing terrorists.

Administrator Greiner reported that the code enforcement officers are doing a good job since the fines have dropped, so that residents are complying with property maintenance.

Citizen Remarks:

Don Stofan is disappointed with children who do not comply with a decent dress code. Nick Zampetti agreed with him.

Nick also feels the proposed grade crossing will increase traffic, but Mayor McHale advised that school children have requested this project.

The following resolution was adopted:  
13-153A Closed Session

Motion to adjourn was made by Council President Jackson, seconded by Councilman Konigsberg; motion approved and carried; session ended at 8:40 PM