



Minutes of the Reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, held at the Bogota Senior Citizen Center, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, NJ, on Thursday, January 1, 2020 at 2:30pm.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Napolitano.

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 27, 2019.

Oath of Office – Andrew Fede conferred the oath of office on Christopher Kelemen.

Mayor Kelemen conferred the oath of office on Daniele Fede and Michael Connors.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Councilmembers Carpenter, Connors, Fede, Murphy, Napolitano and Robbins were present.

Motion was made by Councilman Robbins, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, to open the meeting up to Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

There were no Citizen Remarks.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, to close Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Robbins, to elect Councilwoman Murphy as Council President. Council members Carpenter, Murphy, and Robbins voted Yes. Council members Connors, Fede, and Napolitano voted No. Mayor Kelemen broke the tie and voted No.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fede, seconded by Councilman Connors, to elect Councilman Napolitano as Council President. Council members Connors, Fede, and Napolitano voted Yes. Council members Carpenter, Murphy, and Robbins voted No. Mayor Kelemen broke the tie and voted Yes. Mayor Kelemen swore in Councilman Napolitano as Council President.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fede, seconded by Councilman Connors, to elect Councilman Napolitano as Class III Member of the Planning/Zoning Board. Motion carried with Council members Connors, Fede, and Napolitano voting Yes, Council members Carpenter, Murphy, and Robbins voting No, and Mayor Kelemen breaking the tie and voting Yes.

Councilwoman Carpenter pointed out amendments needed on two consent agenda Resolutions. Resolution #20-003 and Resolution #20-004 list Elizabeth Wiemer as Tax Collector. Both need to be amended to show Chris Battaglia as Tax Collector.

The following Resolutions including the amended resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved with Councilmembers Connors, Fede, and Napolitano voting Yes, Council members Carpenter, Murphy, and Robbins voting No, and Mayor Kelemen breaking the tie and voting Yes.

- 20-001 Adopt the Temporary Budget
- 20-002 Authorizing CY2019 Budget to be Read by Title Only
- 20-003 Standard Tax Sale
- 20-004 Accelerated Tax Sale
- 20-005 Authorize Bank Depositories
- 20-006 Adopt Cash Management Plan
- 20-007 Authorize Official Newspapers, The Record and the Star Ledger
- 20-008 Authorize Signatories for Checks
- 20-009 Authorization for Borough Attorney and Tax Assessor to Settle Tax Appeals
- 20-010 Establish Delinquent Tax Rate
- 20-011 Authorize Interim Payments
- 20-012 Authorize Collection of Costs for Insufficient Fund
- 20-013 Appoint Public Defender Curt Geisler
- 20-014 Appoint Prosecutor Kellie M. Reyes, Esq.
- 20-015 Appoint Auditor Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo, & Cuva
- 20-016 Appoint as Bond Counsel Rogut McCarthy, LLC
- 20-017 Appoint as Borough Engineer Robert Costa
- 20-018 Appoint as Risk Manager Alamo Insurance
- 20-019 Appoint as Borough Architect Bilow Garret Group
- 20-020 Appoint Daniel Howell as Zoning Official
- 20-021 Appoint Adult School Crossing Guards
- 20-022 Participate in Bergen County Police Mutual Aid Plan
- 20-023 Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)
- 20-024 Appoint Jesse D'Amore as Bogota's Wastewater Collection Operator
- 20-025 Appoint Joe Scarpa as Bogota's Certified Recycling Official
- 20-026 Appoint Associated Appraisal Group as Tax Appeal Appraiser
- 20-027 Appoint as Borough Attorney Florio, Perruci, Steinhards & Cappelli LLC
- 20-028 Appoint as Alternate Prosecutor Eric Bernstein
- 20-029 Appoint as Planner Phillips Preiss Grygiel
- 20-030 Appoint as Labor Counsel Giblin & Gannaio, LLC
- 20-031 Appoint as Webmaster Genesis Liu
- 20-032 Appoint as Financial Advisor Phoenix Advisors
- 20-033 Appoint Jared Geist as Municipal Court Judge
- 20-034 Approve By-Laws for 2020
- 20-035 Appoint Tri-State Technical Services, Inc. as IT Support Services

Mayor Kelemen Conferred the Oath of Office on Police Commissioner Napolitano.

Mayor Kelemen Conferred the Oaths of Office on the Police Auxiliary Officers:
Captain Reinaldo Sanchez, Lieutenant Victor Siri, Sergeant Federico Pallot, and
Sergeant Robert Foster.

Mayor Kelemen Conferred Oaths of Office on the Bogota Rescue Officers:
President Daniele Fede, Chief Wayne Sorge, Deputy Chief Paul Cordero, Captain Raul LeBron, and
Lieutenant Robert Foster.

Mayor Kelemen Appointed the Following to Various Committees/Boards:

Planning/Zoning Board: Class II: Sgt Detective Hector Liriano
Class IV: Daniel Schnipp, Corrado Mancini, Edward Rieper
Alternate #2: Jose Chavez

Environmental Commission: Jeannie Watson Rosado, Gloria Clark, Jessie Frias
Associates: Susan Cruz

Mayor Kelemen Appoints the Following to Various Committees with Council Approval:

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Connors, to approve Mayor Kelemen's appointments to the Board of Health. Motion carried

Board of Health: Paul Viola, Frances Garlicki, Maureen Gibney

Motion was made by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Napolitano, to approve Mayor Kelemen's appointments to the Recreation Committee. Motion carried with Councilwoman Carpenter abstaining since Farid Briones is her brother-in-law.

Recreation Committee: Farid Briones, Mike Leong
Alternates: Jared Deutsch, Sherry Solomov

Mayor Kelemen congratulated Jared Geist on being appointed as the new Municipal Court Judge.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Robbins. Motion carried, so the meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.