



## Meeting Minutes

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 5, 2016 at 8:00pm.

Salute to the Flag was led by

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 30, 2016.

Invocation was presented by Councilman Napolitano.

Senator Weinberg conferred the Oath of office upon Councilwoman-elect Kathryn Gates-Ferris. Assemblyman Johnson joined Senator Weinberg in conferring the Oath of office on Councilman-elect David Macfarlane.

An Award was presented by Randi Duffie of Women's Empowered Democratic Organization to Councilwoman Gates-Ferris. Councilwoman Murphy was asked to come forward and be acknowledged as well.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Councilmembers Fede, Gates-Ferris, Macfarlane, Miranda, Murphy, and Napolitano were present. Also present were Borough Attorney Bossong and Borough Administrator Scarpa.

Mayor Kelemen welcomed many Special Guests including Former Mayor Alex Kelemen, Former Mayor Antero Jackson, Former Council members Ann Marie Mitchell, Joseph Shuler, Lisa Kohles, Robert Ferro, George Shalhoub. He welcomed Board of Education members Charles Severino, Amanda Montgomery, and Connie Carpenter, Fire Chief Joe DiMauro, Deputy Chief Tony Culmone, and Battalion Chief Alex Breuss, Rescue Chief Wayne Sorge, President Robert Foster, and Deputy Chief Guy Argenziano, and Pam Dirr.

Councilman Miranda nominated Councilman Napolitano for Council President. Councilwoman Fede seconded the nomination. Councilman Napolitano won the seat as Council President by a 4 to 2 vote. Mayor Kelemen swore Councilman Napolitano in as Council President. Council President Napolitano thanked everyone and said that he is taking this office with pride and appreciation.

Councilwoman Fede nominated Councilman Napolitano as the Class III member of the Planning/Zoning Board. Councilman Miranda seconded the nomination. The motion carried with Councilwoman Gates-Ferris voting "No" and Councilwoman Murphy abstaining.

The following Resolutions were approved - each one voted on separately. (Voting record is attached.)

- 17-001 Adopt the temporary budget
- 17-002 Authorizing CY2017 Budget to be Read by Title Only
- 17-005 Authorize Bank Depositories
- 17-006 Adopt Cash Management Plan
- 17-007 Authorize official newspapers, The Record and the Star Ledger
- 17-008 Authorize signatories for checks
- 17-009 Authorization for tax appeals
- 17-010 Interest on tax delinquencies
- 17-011 Interim payments
- 17-012 Authorize Collection of costs for insufficient funds
- 17-013 Appoint Borough Attorney Craig Bossong
- 17-014 Appoint Public Defender Mark Musella
- 17-015 Appoint Prosecutor Jared A. Geist
- 17-016 Appoint Alternate Prosecutor Linda Schwager
- 17-017 Appoint Borough Auditor Steve Wielkottz
- 17-018 Appoint Bond Counsel Steven Rogut
- 17-019 Appoint Borough Engineer Robert Costa
- 17-020 Appoint Risk Manager Luis Alamo
- 17-021 Appoint Bilow Garret Group as Architect
- 17-022 Appoint Phillips Preiss Grygiel as Planner
- 17-023 Appoint Brian Giblin as Labor Counsel
- 17-025 Appoint Daniel Howell as Zoning Official
- 17-026 Approve By-laws
- 17-027 Appoint Adult crossing guards
- 17-028 Participate in Bergen County Police Mutual Aid Plan
- 17-029 Appoint Financial Advisor Phoenix Advisors, LLC
- 17-030 Allow advertisement for West Shore Avenue Project
- 17-031 Allow advertisement for Leonia Avenue Phase II Project
- 17-032 Municipal Aid program for Leonia Avenue Phase III Project
- 17-033 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund 2017 for Leonia Avenue Phase III Project  
(Discretionary Aid)
- 17-034 Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)
- 17-035 Appoint Giuseppe C. Randazzo as Municipal Court Judge
- 17-036 Tax Sale Redemption for Block 94, Lot 1
- 17-037 Tax Sale Redemption for Block 17, Lot 9
- 17-038 Veteran's Tax exemption for Block 56, Lot 3
- 17-039 Tax Sale Redemption for Trystone Capital Assets LLC
- 17-040 Appoint Genesis Liu as Webmaster

The following Resolutions were removed from the agenda for clarification from the CFO:

- 17-003 Standard Tax Sale
- 17-004 Accelerated Tax Sale

The following Resolution was removed from the agenda for being incorrect:

- 17-024 Authorize Muidex for Software maintenance

Introduction of Ordinance #1491 was removed from the agenda for CFO clarification.

Mayor Kelemen conferred the oath of office on Police Commissioner Miranda. Councilman Miranda thanked the Mayor for the appointment.

Councilwoman Fede, being an officer of the court, conferred oaths of office on Rescue Squad officers Wayne Sorge, Pam Dirr, Raul Lebron, and Guy Argenziano.

Mayor Kelemen appoints the following to various committees/boards:

Planning/Zoning Board: Class II – Police Chief Daniel Maye  
Class IV - John Mitchell, Tina Trotta  
Alt I - Jesse Frias

Environmental Commission: Patricia Palletto, Franco Munno, Pauline McDonnell

The following Board of Health members were appointed by Mayor Kelemen with Council Approval:  
Paul Viola, Frances Garlicki, Ellen Hegel

The following Recreation Committee members were appointed by Mayor Kelemen with Council Approval:

Farid Briones, Daniel Schnipp  
Alternates: Michael Connors, Mike Leong

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Fede, to open the meeting to Citizen Remarks.

Charles Severino questioned how abstentions work in a vote count. He suggested putting Citizen Remarks before the Consent Agenda, putting fees on professionals' resolutions or "pending negotiations", and vetoing the ordinance for the pilot.

Katherine Cillik said that the website is not updated.

Motion to close Citizen Remarks was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Miranda. Motion carried.

Mayor Kelemen said that he was asked by many people to veto the ordinance for the pilot, and he was asked by many to vote for the project. He said that he was not satisfied with this project until this week. He spoke to council members and professionals. He served on the Board of Education and would not want to see the youth miss out on anything. Every child deserves a better education. Our professionals are here to help us, and they will help. To veto this bill would put us in violation of the Planning and Zoning Boards already approved plan. We all need to work together.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.