



## Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, in the Bogota Senior Center at 7:30PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Council President Mitchell.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Council members Connors, Fede, Miranda, Mitchell, and Napolitano were present. Other Attendees included Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney Bossong, and CFO DiMaria.

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 23, 2015.

Mayor Kelemen asked for a moment of silence in memory of former fire fighter William Kutch and former children's librarian Nikki Spiegel.

Newly elected Councilwoman Mary Ellen Murphy was sworn in by Mayor Kelemen. Newly hired Police Officer Matthew Luciano was sworn in by Mayor Kelemen

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 16-177 Designating Bus Stops on County Roads in Bogota
- 16-178 Designating bus Stops on Municipal Roads in Bogota
- 16-179 Adopting a Civil Rights policy
- 16-180 Reimburse duplicate Tax Payment for Block 1, Lot 6.01
- 16-181 Reimburse Overpayment of taxes for Block 10, Lot 8
- 16-182 Hire an additional Fire Inspector – Anthony Friel
- 16-183 Tax Sale Redemption for Block 102, Lot 7
- 16-184 Reimbursement for Overpayment of Taxes for Block 63, Lot 4

The following Bond Ordinance was introduced and approved:

#1489 Amending the Borough's Vacant / Abandoned Properties Registration Ordinance

Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Connors, to approve the following minutes:

10/20/16 11/10/16 – Councilwoman Murphy abstained from both sets of minutes because she was not on Council at the time. Councilwoman Fede abstained from the 11/10/16 minutes because she did not attend that meeting.

Reports:

Mayor Kelemen appointed Carmen Diaz to the Library Board. He announced that the "Walk with the Mayor" was a success with about 150 people participating. He thanked everyone who helped with the walk including Councilman Mitchell, Bogota Beautiful, Police Chief Maye, and Sgt. Lynch. He reported that the RFQs will be available for review in the Clerk's office starting on Monday, and

the Reorganization meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017, at 7:30pm in the Senior Center.

Councilman Miranda: Recreation Committee –He reported that 8 students have enrolled in the Recreation basketball program. The program has better uniforms and basketballs, and the teams from St. Joseph Academy will play against the Recreation teams. Main Street will be decorated for Christmas, and the tree lighting will be on December 9<sup>th</sup>. He received an etiquette course from a resident, Nivia Lopez, which Councilman Miranda would like to have added to the Recreation Programs.

Councilwoman Fede: Library – She read a letter from Library Director Ali concerning the passing of Nikki Speigel. She reported that there is a new and improved website for the library. She will attend the Library Trustee Training December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Rescue- She reported that new officers were appointed. She went around town with members of the Rescue Squad to place door knockers on residents' homes.

Environmental Commission – The Community Forest update will be done soon.

Council President Mitchell: Senior Citizen Club – He reported that the Seniors are still requesting the Filebank boxes be moved out of the Senior Center. He is still looking into getting grant money to buy i-pads for the seniors.

Police Department: He is proud to have a new police officer from Bogota. He said that he would like a blue line painted on Main Street from Elm to Larch Avenue.

Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Miranda, to request permission from the County to paint a blue line on Main Street from Elm Avenue to Larch Avenue. Motion carried and Resolution 16-185 was added to the agenda.

16-185 Requesting permission from Bergen County to paint a blue line on a County road

Councilman Connors had no report.

Councilman Napolitano: Infrastructure – He reported that the next phase of Palisade Avenue and Leonia Avenue will begin soon. He spoke with the County Engineer and was told that the Transportation Trust fund has been replenished, so work can continue.

Finance: He announced that Bogota will be off State watch beginning in 2017. He said that the Borough must look at the Master Plan in 2017, and the next Planning/Zoning Board meeting will be on December 6.

Administrator: Mr Scarpa announced that the tree lights will be hung soon as well as the wreaths for Main Street. He said that a new two sided electronic sign has been ordered for in front of the

Recreation Center. The mailbox in front of the Bogota Library will be painted by a Bogota High School artist. The Crossing Guards had their hearing tested with good results. The filing cabinets are on order (to be used to remove boxes from the Senior Center.)

Borough Attorney: Mr. Bossong explained that 42 units of the new development will have to be part of Fair Share Housing. By law, 10% of units should fall under Fair Share housing. The 297 project had no affordable housing units. Bogota reached an agreement with Fair Share Housing. Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Napolitano, to Authorize the Agreement with Fair Share Housing. Motion carried and Resolution 16-186 was added to the agenda.

16-186 Authorization for Execution of Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center in Re: Matter of Bogota – Docket #6298-15

Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Napolitano, to open the meeting up to Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Connie Carpenter announced that Joseph Monaghan became a judge.

Joe Shuler said that South Street needs a sign and a pole.

Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to close Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Napolitano to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations. Motion carried and meeting went into closed session at 8:35pm. Resolution 16-186C was added to the agenda.

Meeting reconvened at 9:10pm and motion was made by Councilman Miranda, seconded by Councilwoman Fede to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.