

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Attorney Monaghan

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of former police chief, Henry J (Smitty) Smith

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

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:

13-145 Two representatives for B.C. Community Development until 6/30/2015

13-146 Chapter 159, using \$15,000 from BCCD for senior bus driver

13-147 Chapter 159, using \$20,000 from BCCD for Project Success

13-148 Hire temporary (2 weeks) help in absence of vacationing tax collector

13-149 Change order for North Avenue, road undermined, \$27,750

Approvals:

H/L accepts Bill Hordern on June 12, 2013

Introduction of ordinance took place:

#1431 Salary ordinance for Borough employees

An ordinance allowing dogs in the borough's public parks was discussed and was to have been introduced but various opinions were voiced: concerns were concerning the Recreation hosting children's programs year 'round such as summer camp, baseball, football in recreation areas as well as in the fields. The following residents voiced their concerns about dogs in the parks: Mike and Barbara Sofia and Don Stofan. Art Sopelsa from the Recreation Commission voiced the opinion of the Commissioners who adamantly oppose such an ordinance. What the Recreation Commission requests is a grant proposal for expanding the Recreation building since it is in constant use; this will be considered seriously. The dog ordinance will be considered August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor McHale advised that the Planning/Zoning Board adopted a resolution approving the 297 Palisade Avenue project for housing;

Attorney Monaghan is working with the Borough Auditor on a developer's agreement ensuring it benefits all entities involved.

Mayor McHale suggested naming the band shell after Joe Noto, former councilman and all agreed.

Council President Jackson advised of two traffic accidents, one on Sunday on Queen Anne Road and the other on Monday with an entrapment on Palisade and West End Avenues; he thanked the fire Department and Rescue for their valiant efforts. The Junior Police Academy program begins this Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> and in July the Bergen County Medivac unit will conduct training in Olsen Park; at the DPW, asphalt was laid and Eastern Concrete Co. donated block.

Councilman Konigsberg met with the heads of emergency services yesterday, in an attempt to establish better protocols and cooperation between the various respondent organizations; there will be follow-up meetings.

Attorney Monaghan advised the tax appeals have gone down from previous years, and 32 cases were dismissed.

Administrator Greiner advised that Bergen County Tax Board did not set a tax rate yet; He advised that Tenafly loaned the borough a stump grinder which was put to good use here and the contractor is working on sidewalks; he and the DPW Superintendent visited the Hess Oil complex and advised there is much room for truck bays, tool rooms, and fueling facilities. Hess is closing this week – this facility would be sufficient for housing the entire DPW garage with all of its equipment and serve as a recycling center.

Citizen Remarks: Don Stofan confronted Council President Jackson about a personal matter and an application submitted to the First Aid Squad.

The following resolution was adopted:  
13-144A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and adjourned at 8:35 PM