

Minutes June 4, 2015

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, June 4, 2015, in the Council Chambers at 7:30PM.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen, Council members Fede, Kohles, Mitchell, Napolitano, Nunez, 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 board on January 8, 2015.

Mayor Kelemen expressed condolences to Councilman Napolitano on the death of his father.

Mayor Kelemen explained that the Week of the Arts will be held at Bixby School and Steen School and that he is excited about attending both schools next week. He then read the Proclamation for Week of the Arts that he will present to each school.

Councilman Napolitano explained that he and Administrator Scarpa met with Arthur Ondish of PSE&G concerning repair of streets and sidewalks in Bogota that were damaged by PSE&G. Mr. Ondish described all the work that PSE&G is doing at the present time and explained that it takes at least 90 days for the ground to settle after a job is completed. He asked for patience and promised that he will do all that he can to have PSE&G repair all sidewalks and streets that were damaged by their work and their trucks.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were adopted:

15-93 Approve appointment of new plumbing sub-code official Michael Quercia

15-94 Approve appointment of new State Housing Inspector Jesse D'Amore

PC15-6 Payment of Claims

The following Approval was made unanimously:

Engine #1 accepted Evan Schroer as a junior firefighter.

Discussions:

Borough Attorney Bossong looked over Bogota's Noise Ordinance and suggested adding time limits to the present Noise Ordinance. Discussion took place among Mayor, Council and Administrator. It was decided to add time limits of 7:00am to 11:00pm with exceptions of the Borough for anything related to the health, safety and welfare of the residents. Snow plowing will also be an exception.

Mayor Kelemen reminded the Council that the Bogota Swim Club Lease expires on December 31, 2015. He asked the Council members to look over the lease to be discussed at a future meeting.

Mayor Kelemen reported that Memorial Day was well done all around. Alex Hernandez and Walter Croft did an excellent job with the morning ceremony and the parade. DPW Superintendent Kohles and Administrator Scarpa did a great job cleaning up the front of Borough Hall. Mr. Scarpa had the monuments power washed. There was a major fire in Ridgefield Park, and Mayor Kelemen wanted to commend Chief Brophy and the Bogota firefighters for doing a great job. He also attended the awards ceremony at Bogota High School and enjoyed it. He wanted to congratulate School Superintendent Pantaliano, High School Principal Gatuso, and Assistant Principle Kennedy on attaining the Bronze School Award. He also reminded everyone that tomorrow, June 5th, is Kyle Burrell Day.

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Administrator Scarpa reported that the Court Street Bridge will be closed from June 12 through June 19 for PSE&G activity. He also met with a lighting representative to obtain a proposal for the staircase. The town will be going out to bid for tree and stump removal. The price quotes for catch basins ranged from \$8,000 to \$19,000. On June 16, there will be more information about the turn out gear and building repairs. Bids for Pascack Valley Road Programs should go out next week. There is a state DOT grant of \$149,000 for West Shore Avenue. Grant applications should be combined to finish off road projects. A salary ordinance for non-contractual employees will be introduced soon.

Citizen Remarks:

Amaru Bustamante said that Bogota Beautiful will have a booth on June 13 at Bogota Day. There will be bus tours throughout town at 11:00am, Noon, 2:00pm, and 3:00pm to point out historical points of interest.

William Valentinetti said that the town noise ordinance has not stated hours. He and neighbors sent a petition about parking problems. He suggested overnight stickers.

Joe Casper said that there is no parking around the Church of God because attendants of the Church take up all the spaces. He said that he hears construction work at 6:00am.

Sam Aziz agreed with parking problems expressed by William Valentinetti and Joe Casper. He sees many people parking their cars and then getting on the bus. At 4:00am, he hears car doors slamming and noise in the streets. He calls the police, but nothing is done. He hears garbage men screaming early in the morning because there is too much garbage.

Bernard Valentinetti suggested parking permits. He suggested charging outrageous prices for parking permits for non-resident parking. Three hour parking works.

Don Stofan asked if there is an ordinance for three hour parking.

Motion to end Citizen Comments was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Robbins. Motion carried.

Councilman Nunez said that the situation on Palisade Avenue constitutes real issues and that action is starting. The Borough Construction official and the Borough Administrator are working on this. Mayor Kelemen confirmed that they are trying to find a solution. Councilman Robbins said that he and Councilman Mitchell have been doing research on parking and permits. Mayor Kelemen and Councilman both reiterated that they are all working on finding a solution to the problem.

Motion was made by Councilman Nunez and seconded by Councilman Robbins to go into closed session at 8:35pm. Motion carried.

Resolution 15-94A was added to the agenda and approved.

Meeting reconvened at 9:15pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Robbins, seconded by Councilwoman Fede. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.