



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, to be held at the Bogota Council Chambers, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, NJ, on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Salute to the Flag

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, 2018.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Council members Carpenter, Gates-Ferris, Macfarlane, Murphy, Robbins, and Napolitano were present. Also attending were Borough Attorney Betesh and Borough Administrator Scarpa.

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

Michelle Rugar asked what areas were involved in Resolutions #19-157 and #19-158.

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

Councilwoman Murphy responded that the areas under redevelopment included Outwater Plastics and the area across from the River Club.

Discussion took place concerning the Multi- purpose bond. Borough Administrator Scarpa explained that multi purpose bond will include the Pascack Valley Coop Road Improvements, repairs to the Preston Street retaining wall and steps, sidewalk repairs, Building and Grounds issues, and various Capital Requests made by Police, Fire, and DPW. After discussion, it was decided to add \$25,000 to sidewalk repair to bring it up to last year's allotment, and to increase the fire department allotment by \$30,000 for the price of bottles.

Resolutions to be voted on separately:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Napolitano, to approve the following Resolution after Administrator Scarpa explained that grant money was not given for this project. Motion carried.

19-056 Approve Bid for Palisade Avenue Phase 3

Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, to approve the following Resolution. Motion carried.

19-057 Amending Resolution #18-077 to authorize the Planning/Zoning Board to conduct the preliminary investigation of the proposed redevelopment area without the option of condemnation for Block 112, Lot 1 and Block 113, Lots 3,4,5,6,7

Motion was made by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to approve the following Resolution. Motion carried.

19-058 Amending Resolution #18-078 to authorize the Planning/Zoning Board to conduct the preliminary investigation of the proposed redevelopment are without the option of condemnation for Block3, Lots 1,1.01,2.3,10 and Block 64.01, Lots 11.01 and 13.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Robbins, to approve the following Resolution after Mr. Scarpa explained that there was not enough time to bond for this project at this time, and it will be bonded for at the next meeting. Motion carried.

19-059 Temporary Emergency Appropriations for CDBG for Road Improvements

#### Approvals:

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to approve St. Joseph's Academy's request for approval for two raffle licenses for A Tricky Tray to be held on April 5, 2019. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council for February 21, 2019 were tabled as Councilwoman Gates-Ferris had not received them.

Appointment: Mayor Kelemen appointed Licet Gonzalez as Library trustee.

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

Lisa Kohles asked why the Council must approve raffle licenses.

Michelle Rugar said that the five new dwellings at Larch Avenue and West Fort Lee Road were esthetically unattractive with very little insets, etc. She asked if the building inspector makes the determination on what can be built, and she asked if there has been any further conversation concerning televising meetings. She said that Senator Weinberg hosted a fire safety meeting the other day.

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

Borough Clerk Cook explained that non-profit organizations must register with the state and then fill out applications for licenses which must be approved by the Council before they can be sent to the NJ Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

Mayor Kelemen explained that a few years ago, that development went before the planning and zoning board requesting two two-family homes and one one-family home, and it was approved.

Borough Attorney Betesh said that once a development has been approved by zoning, it does not have to go before the board again.

Discussion took place on videotaping meeting. The discussion concluded that Mr. Scarpa will look into the best and most cost-effective method to videotape and broadcast the meetings.

#### Reports:

Mayor Kelemen said that he spoke to Councilman Robbins about purchasing a clock for the town. They considered putting in Firemen's Park. He reported that he received a letter from Mayor Sokolich thanking the fire department for their assistance in the recent devastating fire.

Fortunately, no lives were lost. Mayor Sokolich is incredibly appreciative of the heroic efforts of the Bogota Fire Department. He said that he read a Dr. Seuss story to Steen School children, and he will be reading at Trinity Lutheran School next week.

Councilwoman Gates-Ferris said that the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting is moving along. She said that the Journal Committee will be meeting tomorrow at her house , and the Anniversary committee will be meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. She reported that for the schools: Mr. Caleja would like the Art Club to paint a mural, the English Department will write essays on the history of Bogota, Steen School will be planting bulbs in their garden and burying a time capsule, Bixby School will create a poster book of 125 things people love about Bogota. A geo-mapping of tours will be created. She reported that the next Library Board meeting will be Monday.

Councilwoman Carpenter said that there will be a Recreation committee meeting next Wednesday. She said that Jim Moore will be working on 125<sup>th</sup> things. She reported that Senator Weinberg had a great event that she and Councilwoman Murphy attended. She said that the DPW has one open position with 6 to 10 applicants who will be interviewed. The snow event created 30 hours each of overtime. She reported that an estimated \$1,600 worth of damage occurred to DPW trucks including a mirror ripped off a DPW truck, a broken plow frame, and a blown-out tire. She said that she will meet with the county on Wednesday at 2:00pm. She will talk about the Main Street Bridge fence issue and the flooding on East Ford Lee Road that the County will take care of. She said that Assemblywoman Valerie Huttel is having a conference on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the Free Holders Public Meeting room to discuss SLEOs in schools.

Councilman Napolitano reported that the Police had 2,112 calls including general calls, motor vehicle and parking issues. There were 44 ambulance calls. He said that the Police chief gave recommendations for the towing ordinance. He will put a copy of the Chief's recommendations in everyone's mailbox before the next meeting. He said that Enterprise came to talk to the police about leasing cars. He will report the results at the next meeting. He reported that BACSA had a turnout at Friday's meeting with 9 members attending. He said that project Graduation was discussed as well as planning some events with the Police, the Schools and with Crimestoppers. He said the Drop Box is very popular. He also said that a number of years ago, BACSA incorporated themselves which has created issues with getting reimbursed. Most drug awareness groups are part of the town, so they create purchase orders for items etc. He said that he met with Alex Hernandez and Joe Krauss of the VFW and learned that they are trying to lease the upstairs of the building as they only need the downstairs rooms.

Councilwoman Murphy said that she will be talking to Daniele Fede about Environmental issues She said that the tree issues are on hold and will be revisited. She reported that the fire officials met last night as she went to Senator Weinberg's Fire Safety Forum. At the forum, four main revisions to the fire code were discussed: 1. Sprinklers vs R-Sprinklers 2. Spacing between buildings as a natural barrier 3. Masonry walls as fire walls to contain fires and 4. Having someone on watch 24-7 on construction sites. She said that increasing fire safety was the most important issue. She said that the resolutions approved tonight which prevents condemnation of the areas in need of redevelopment protects the town from trouble. The next meeting to discuss these areas is march 26<sup>th</sup>. The Whispering Woods will be discussed at that meeting as well. She said that the town will have to reach out to the DCA to discuss training for the firemen now that these new buildings are going up.

Councilman Robbins motioned to accept Eric Manziano as a new member of the Rescue Squad. Councilwoman Murphy seconded the motion, and the motion carried. He said that the Rescue Squad marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Boot Drive will be on April 27<sup>th</sup>. He attended the Bogota Beautiful meeting where they discussed partnering with the Northern NJ Community Foundation for a program called Connect the Dots. This is Public Art Fence

Weaving. The program was made possible by a Grant from the Bergen County Department of Parks, division of Cultural & Historical Affairs. At the meeting, many artist from Bogota and other towns in Bergen County began creating preliminary designs that incorporate Seasons in Bergen County. He said that he would like to incorporate designs for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bogota. The lead artist is Katherine Daniels. The next meeting will be April 21<sup>st</sup> when he and the other artists will submit their designs. He will continue to request that the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bogota be incorporated in the fence that is on West Main Street by the baseball field.

Councilman Macfarlane reported that the Board of Education has a 3 million dollar surplus. He said that the Board of Education discussed new procedures for evaluating a new superintendent. He said that they are in compliance with the State He said that the Senior citizens Advisory Committee did not meet. He said that the Annual Debt Statement is completed and the Annual Financial Statement is complete and ready to be transmitted. He reported that the Budget will be introduced at the next Council meeting. He said that the town is in good financial shape.

Borough Administrator Scarpa said that President Trump sent a letter for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Jim Moore is working on prices for fireworks for Bogota Day. He invited Borough Planner Paul Grygiel to the next meeting. He said that DPW Superintendent Kohles said that a part timer left, so he needs to advertise for a new part-timer. He said that the NY/NJ Blood Center held a blood drive on February 17, 2019 in the Senior Center, and 30 units were received which is not too bad. He said that \$5,000 was received for sewer connection fees, and March 9<sup>th</sup> is the first day to dispose of Hazardous waste, and the location is Moonachie. July 27<sup>th</sup> is Shred Day. The fire escapes have been repaired. The ambulance call time has decreased from 6.13 minutes in 2016 to 5.8 minutes. Calls have increased by 100. He said that \$14,000 was the price obtained to repair the boiler at the Central Avenue firehouse.

Borough Attorney Betesh reported that he spoke to borough Planner Paul Grygiel and to Piazza and Associates about COAH matters. Mr. Grygiel satisfied his part for COAH, and Piazza Associates have emailed Shirley Bishop the three requirements that they were responsible for. He said that the Redevelopment Hearing scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> may have to be changed if Paul Grygiel cannot attend the meeting.

Borough Clerk Cook reminded the governing body to follow the Open Public Meetings Law.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Robbins. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.