

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, March 21, 2013, in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Borough Administrator Nicolosi

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

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:

- 13-75 Agreement with NJ Assoc. of Police for assistance in hiring police officers
- 13-76 Authorize Rescue Squad's "boot drive" for Saturday, June 1, 2013
- 13-77 Appoint Michael LaFerrera to the Bogota Police Department
- 13-78 Award Ted Weiland, Jr. contract for flood damaged curbs, sidewalks, aprons
- 13-79 Adjourn public hearing on refunding bond ordinance #1424 until April 18, 2013
- 13-80 Authorize Clerk to advertise bids for North Avenue renovation project
- 13-81 Authorize Bogota Fire Department to donate surplus equipment to Teaneck Fire Department Box 54 and Mahwah Fire Training Unit
- 13-83 Appropriation transfers

Approvals:

Hose Co. #2 accepts Gary Rothchild as an active member

The Minutes of February 21 were approved with Councilmembers Jackson and Burdiez abstaining from March 7 minutes

The following resolution was adopted:

PC: 13-04

The following ordinance and resolution were introduced:

#1427 Cap ordinance for budget

13-82 Resolution to introduce and advertise the 2013 Municipal Budget

Mayor McHale conferred the oath of office on the newly appointed police officer Michael LaFerrera and congratulations were extended to he and his family who witnessed the ceremony; police officers also witnessed this.

The Public Hearing on the following ordinance took place and was approved:  
#1425 An ordinance adopting a redevelopment plan for Block 39, Lot 7.01 in the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey in accordance with the local redevelopment and housing law

The following ordinance was introduced:  
#1426 salary ordinance amendment for a new administrator .

Mayor McHale announced that June Fitzgerald thanked the Mayor and Council for their extraordinary courtesies extended during the wake of her husband, Michael Fitzgerald, Sr.

Mayor McHale announced that the reassessment is now completed.

#### Committee Reports

Councilman Robbins met with Engine Co. #3 who complained about the telephones which are not in working order; Council President Jackson will handle this problem and contact Verizon. The Fire Department has surplus equipment not in use and it will be donated to the Teaneck Fire Department and to Mahwah training center. Attorney Monaghan will contact the Mahwah center regarding responsibilities for maintenance.

Councilwoman Uceta advised that cheerleaders and Jr. Football will have a breakfast at Applebees' on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Konigsberg met with the Library Board which indicated the reassessment will have a negative impact on their funding. Their programs are ongoing with computer classes and a program for "Becoming an American" is planned for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Council President Jackson suggested a resolution for mandatory attendance of volunteers to the Bloodborne Pathogens training; attendance is required in order to obtain the clothing allowance. Regarding the DPW garage, their equipment will be temporarily stored at the old Sifford Pontiac property until the building is completed. The total damage from the storm is \$165,000 – the tidal heights creep up to 6-1/2 feet over the berm so it was suggested that we look to FEMA for funding and get Engineer Tuvel involved.

Mayor McHale met with the school superintendent who requests us to maintain their athletic fields. Recycling at the high school is an immediate need.

Attorney Monaghan will not be present at the May 16<sup>th</sup>. He suggested changing the payroll periods to twice a month – the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Citizen Remarks:

Nick Zampetti is glad the redevelopment ordinance was introduced. He asked what the head count of police officers – it is 17.

Charles Severino asked about the North Avenue renovations – they will include sidewalks, curbs and driveway aprons.

Daniel Fede asked about the administrator's salary and the range is \$35,000-\$95,000.

The following resolution was adopted:  
13-74A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and the following resolution was added to the agenda and then adopted:  
13-84 Appointing August (Chip) Greiner as Borough Administrator.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Konigsberg; seconded by Councilman Robbins; motion approved and carried. meeting ended at 10:00 PM