

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, January 16, 2014, in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilwoman Kohles

Roll Call: Mayor Jackson, Council members Nunez, Burdiaz, Robbins, Kohles, Kelemen and Mitchell 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 8, 2014

Citizen Remarks

Mike Caracio's concern was potential abuse of the town-owned vehicles. He feels the policy should prohibit excessive personal use, with a limited driving radius; Mayor Jackson advised travel to training courses is necessary for extended borders of the town.

Daniele Fede will apply to the Community Forestry grant from Sustainable New Jersey to update the tree inventory. Communication to various individuals in the community requires e-mail transmissions; there are 13 members of the Green Team.

Michelle Rupar advised that an RFQ must be advertised for a Planning Board Planner which the clerk advertised for in tomorrow's newspaper

Ms. Craddock advised the Board of Education would appreciate security for the school children on election dates when schools are unlocked for public access. Councilman Kelemen advised that the School Superintendent will reach out for a solution to this.

Bob Ferro advised that the State will remedy this by wiring schools to the Police Departments.

The following resolutions were on the Consent Agenda and were approved with the exception of the tabled items Nos. 19,20,21,32,33, 34 and 35:

Resolutions:

14-18 Authorize execution of service agreement for a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) to prepare the annual recycling report

14-19 Amend by-laws for revised agenda format (tabled)

14-20 Adopt policy governing use of electronic communications between Municipal officials discussing borough business (tabled)

14-21 Affirming Borough of Bogota role in preparation of the Borough's Wastewater Management Plan (tabled)

14-22 Community Forestry plan implementation of a \$20,000 grant application

23-31 Various tax certificate sale checks totaling \$79,961.94

14-32 Award Professional Services Contract to Benecke Economics (tabled)

14-33 Awarding Proposal for New 2014 Senior Bus Under State Contract (tabled)

14-34 Adopting Use of Vehicle Policy (tabled)

14-35 Adopting Recommendation of Bogota Planning Board Declaring that Block 72, Lot 1.01 and 1.02 (250-300 W. Fort Lee Road) should be designated as “Area in Need of Redevelopment” (tabled)

This resolution #14-36 was added to the agenda and approved:

Authorize thirteen

Green Team members

Approvals:

Police Department accepts substitute crossing guards Wayne Garcia and Arthur Guthartz

Hose Co. #2 accepts Heather Kleiber as probationary member

Bogota Fire Department requests permission to host a celebration in Olsen Park on Saturday, June 6, 2015, following the NJ-NY Volunteer Firemen’s Convention And Parade

The Minutes: January 4th were approved/

The following resolution was adopted:

PC: 14-01

Mayor Jackson appointed the following residents to the Board of Health – Paul Viola and Anna Ferris; to the Planning/Zoning Board – Thomas Napolitano, as Alt II.

Correspondence:

Bogota Baseball Organization (BBO) requests Mayor and Council to take a \$100 full page ad in the 2014 BBO Yearbook; Mayor Jackson will purchase the full page ad on behalf of the governing body.

The Chamber of Commerce’s invitation to a networking event is January 23, 2014, 6:00 PM at Valley National Bank, 325 Palisade Avenue

Discussion:

A special meeting was decided upon to be held Thursday, January 30th, for the purpose Of discussing the RFQs and then appoint the professionals for 2014.

A model personnel manual was discussed, adding an insured vehicle amendment, and resolution 14-37 was adopted

Purchasing Tablets for Council to save paper was considered.

Committee Reports

Councilman Robbins’ report is attached in the Minute book.

Mayor Jackson advised that the Police Department is prepared for the influx of traffic expected on Super Bowl Sunday at the Meadowlands. The temporary DP structure on Cross Street requires electricity. A training session for newly elected officials will take place in Eatontown on January 25th; there find one in February.

Councilman Mitchell met with the First Aid and volunteers are needed for the ambulance calls; high school students might be willing to serve the community as volunteers. A 10 year plan to renovate borough buildings should be considered.

Councilwoman Kohles met with the Recreation and she met with the Police Chief and the Captain.

Councilman Burdiez advised that the Planning Board appointed their Chairman and their engineer and an RFQ will be advertised for their Planner.

Councilman Kelemen met with the Board of Education for their reorganization meeting. their new housing will be erected by July. Gordon Kohles took Councilman Kelemen On a tour of their building which is vastly in need of renovations. Hess demands too much to rent their facility for the DPW, whereas a new structure would cost \$750,000.

Citizen remarks:

Daniele Fede spoke in favor of appointing a dedicated, reliable, professional as the bond counsel -- namely, Steve Rogut who served this town many years and which she highly recommends. Daniele advised the Hess property is contaminated; she is not sure about the IPAD confidential-information and access to this technology.

Gabby Carpenter handed out applications for volunteer for membership in the First Aid Squad.

Adjournment took place at 10:05 PM