

Minutes June 25, 2015

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, June 25, 2015 in the Council Chambers at 8:15PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilwoman Fede.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and 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 bulletin board on June 22, 2015.

Discussion took place concerning consent Agenda Resolutions. For 15-97, \$100,000 must be added to this year's budget for Police Salary and Wages due to the outcome of the Tasca case. 15-95 will give Tax Assessor, Patrick Wilkins tenure.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were adopted:

- 15-95 Appoint Patrick Wilkins as Tax Assessor
- 15-96 Hire a temporary tax collector while tax collector is on vacation
- 15-97 Emergency Temporary Budget
- 15-98 Award Bid for Leonia Avenue Improvements Project, Section 1
- PC15-7 Payment of Claims

The following Ordinance was introduced and approved:

#1464 An Ordinance Amending Chapter III to add Section 3-10.7 Entitled "Time Limits and Exemptions" of the Code of the Borough of Bogota

Approvals:

Bogota Rescue Squad was approved for additional days for the Boot Drive:

July 11th, July 18th, September 5th, September 12th

Minutes for April 16, 2015, May 7, 2015 were approved with corrections

Engineer's Report: Borough Engineer Robert Costa gave an update on the Leonia Avenue project. Approved Resolution 15-98 will allow the project to begin. Mr. Costa, Borough Attorney Bossing, Councilman Napolitano, and Administrator Scarpa were tracing the drainage on Elm Avenue. They traced the line out to the Hackensack River. The County is going to try to work on the problem, but the railroads and Ridgefield Park need to get involved as well. He said that Mr. Kessler is buying the Federal Paperboard Property which will require a lot of work. A resolution may be needed to bring this to the forefront. The West Fort Lee Road bridge will be closed for 9 months. He met with representatives from Hess. Hess needs to get involved to take care of the flooding in that area. Owners of Eastern Concrete and former Sifford properties will have to get involved as well. There is grant money available for curbs and sidewalks. A resolution is needed to implement. Once the Coop bid is awarded, road work can begin for Larch, Linden, and West Grove. As of 2012, EAS was hired as the LSRP.

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Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Fede is working on the tree inventory. She said that the town needs a green fare. Shredding day is June 27. Rescue wants gear, and funds are available for it now. The Administrator is working on fixing issues with Rescue. The Library is concerned with building security. Children under 9 years old should not be left unattended.

Councilwoman Kohles said that the Summer Camp is fully staffed and running well. Football Registration ends June 30, but there are not enough children signed up yet. 15 are needed for each level. They cannot field one age group team if another does not have enough children. Councilman Napolitano said that the Rec Center wanted the old Senior Bus. Mr. Scarpa said that they need to look into needed repairs first.

Councilman Robbins reported that the Fire Department developed a social Media Policy and gave it to Mr. Bossing to review. Bogota Beautiful was notified that the bench is in and will proceed with installation upon receiving written approval. Bogota Beautiful offers free yoga on Saturdays.

Councilman Nunez received a detailed report that the Eagle Scouts will be painting the Senior Center. He said the report was impressive. He is working with the Administrator and the Senior Citizens to get a new rug for the Senior Center.

Councilman Mitchell said that the Bogota High School Graduation was a great event involving great kids. The VFW is putting on a lot of great programs. They recently had a wrestling event. Bogota Beautiful is working hard. Police Negotiations are under way. He reminded everyone of the Hazardous Waste Day at Bergen Community College.

Councilman Napolitano reported that the Mayor, the Administrator, and the CFO went to Trenton to meet with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. Hess has been deemed an area in need of redevelopment, so plans have to be prepared. Drainage issues are complex at Elm Avenue and River Road as well as West Fort Lee Road. County is spending 2 million dollars on drainage issues. Councilman Napolitano and Councilman Mitchell attended the First Aid meeting in June. Only one person attended from First Aid. There are plans to repair and restore the back room in Borough Hall and the DPW building is being repaired as well. The Property Maintenance Ordinance concerning abandoned properties is a great idea.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kelemen congratulated the Class of 2015. The High School Graduation was tonight. Steen School Graduation will be on Tuesday; Bixby School Graduation will be on Wednesday, and St Joseph's Academy Graduation was last week. The firemen are being measured for turnout gear. The Mayor thanked everyone who helped with Bogota Day including the Recreation Commission, Genesis Liu, and the Recreation Committee who all worked together for a successful day. He also thanked Police Chief Burke and the Police Department for Kyle Burrell Day. It showed great Bogota spirit. The Mayor attended the lodge with Fire Chief Brophy and found it to be a well-rounded, loyal group. The Mayor learned about

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a former Mayor, Henry Jansen, from Mr. Jansen's daughter. Mr. Jansen was mayor when the GW Bridge was built. He was one of the first members of the Bogota Hook and Ladder Company, and he was a councilman for 18 years. He received an invitation to the opening of the GW bridge and his daughter sent it to Mayor Kelemen.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Scarpa met with the Church of God representatives on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The representatives were told that they must move the shed, raise the exhaust vent, and handle parking problems. They will meet with the Bogota building inspector and the Bogota health inspector tomorrow. Queen Anne Road Drainage is being looked into and catch basins are being repaired. The quarterly Safety meeting took place in June. The State requires updates. Discussion included the budget, garbage, cleaning services, and the DPW contract.

Citizen Remarks:

William Valentinetti said that the exhaust fan used by the Church of God was installed illegally. He and neighbors complained about the smell, noise, and construction. He filed a complaint in 2005, went to court, and the prosecutor would not listen. Robert Costa is the engineer in Ridgewood. His wife filed a complaint in 2011, and he did not have a lawyer. Judge dismissed it.

Maureen Valentinetti said that they cannot open windows because the smell from the Church of God's exhaust fan is overwhelming. She cannot sit in her backyard.

Bernard Valentinetti asked if he needs a permit to put a fan on the side of his house. He said that maybe he needs to be "wacko" and put up a sign.

Councilman Nunez told the Valentinettis that the Mayor, Council, and Administrator are working with the Church of God now to rectify problems. The Mayor also told the Valentinettis that their concerns are being addressed.

Motion was made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Nunez, to go into closed session at 9:45pm. Motion carried.

Resolution 15-98A was added to the agenda and adopted.

Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 10:13pm.