

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

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Nunez

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Uceta, Jackson, Nunez, Konigsberg, Burdiez 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 January 3, 2013

The following items on the consent agenda were approved, with Councilman Nunez requesting that #13-61 be voted upon separately:

Resolutions:

Consent Agenda

13-55 Emergency temporary appropriation for tax appeal refunds - \$575,000

13-56 BCCD Application for 2013 road program: lower Chestnut, Cypress, Fairview

13-57 Appoint Lincoln Financial as 3rd party Administrators of Bogota's LOSAP

13-58 Award Absolute Fire Protection Co. for H/L refurbishment - \$348,995

13-59 Advertise Bond ordinance #1424

13-60 Apply to Local Finance Board for bond ordinance #1424 approval

Discussion took place on the following resolution #61, since Councilman Nunez argued that an Administrator should be hired first, whose job it is to conduct the operational demands of the borough. He voted "no".

13-61 Advertise RFQ for accounting/operation of Finance Department

13-62 Transfer appropriations

13-63 Tax check for \$2,872.29

13-64 Appoint Perry Bonaguaro as DPW Foreman

13-65 Tax check for \$5,478.91

13-66 Settle tax appeals for Wachovia for assessment - \$1,480,000.

Approvals:

H/L accepts Gordon Kohles Jr; John Mesa's leave-of-absence at U.S. Navy training sta.

The Minutes of January 17 and February 7th were approved with Councilmen Jackson and Nunez abstaining from January 17th.

The following resolution was adopted:

PC: 13-03

The following ordinances were introduced:

#1424 Refunding bond ordinance providing for the funding of a \$575,000 emergency temporary appropriation for tax appeals in, by and for the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, and authorizing the issuance of \$575,000 of bonds or notes to finance such emergency temporary appropriation. The voting record is attached to the minute book.

#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 voting record is attached in the minute book. Borough Planner Lisa Phillips will be present at the next meeting, March 7th, in order to review and explain the ordinance.

Tax Assessor Pat Wilkins was present and reported on the reassessment, advising that an analysis of all properties in town took place which identified the current market values. Letters were mailed to residents to everyone concerning same.

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Uceta's report is attached to the minutes.

Councilman Robbins advised that the roof at Hose Co. #2 needs repairing and infestation of animals is occurring. He also viewed a life-like fire drill and was impressed at the procedures and networking and hard work that takes place; he advised that Gordon Kohles, Jr. was accepted as a full fledged member; He will attend a seminar hosted by PSEG regarding tree planting and maintenance.

Councilman Konigsberg advised there is an interest in persons joining an adult movie club and on March 7th the movie "The Intouchables" will be shown; also they're introducing board games for the kids, computer classes and Zumba classes. The Personnel Committee interviewed candidates for the Administrator's job and they are weeding the number down to a final seven who will be interviewed.

Council President Jackson advised the police reports will be on line; FEMA monies take about a year to process, but the town will receive from 340 to 60 thousand dollars which includes reimbursements to all who worked on cleanups, whether police or volunteers.

Mayor McHale thanked all who worked on the recent storm.

Citizen Remarks:

Charlie Severino questioned the meaning of the RFQ and whether they can be accepted or rejected, which can be either option.

Officer Misskerg advised that this is the last work shift for Officer Tim Geipel who has worked for 24 years – congratulations and best wishes were extended to Tim. All thanked him for his police services.

The following resolution was adopted:
13-54A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and two resolutions were added to the agenda and approved:

13-67 Hire Connie Carpenter as a full time employee for her present position and
Accounts/payable clerk

13-68 Hire Frank Berrado as CFO

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Uceta; seconded by Councilman Konigsberg;
motion approved and carried; meeting ended at 10:13 PM