

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, February 7, 2013, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Buirdiez

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 resolutions on the consent agenda were approved:

13-45 Appoint Jon Gallipoli to permanent full time police officer

13-46 Appoint Ryan Ward to permanent full time police officer

13-47 Green Team appointments/reappointments

13-48 Oppose Assembly bill A-1196 first responders' compensation

13-49 Adopt JIF's safety director's bulletin on motor vehicle records checks for municipal employees

13-50 Amending 2013 temporary budget for prior year's bills

13-51 Appoint Deborah Micha as a crossing guard

13-52 Appoint the following Auxiliary Police: Monica M. Gavriria; Jua Del Sol And Reinaldo Sanchez

53-54 Tax checks totaling \$54,776.83

The PC 13-02 was added to the agenda and approved by all

Discussion:

The Personnel Committee will meet with DPW Superintendent Gordon Kohles in order to make recommendations for promoting a DPW Foreman.

Councilman Nunez distributed information concerning the process and selection for hiring an Administrator to replace Administrator Nicolosi who has resigned in March. Legal procedures were followed in announcing the position and 19 resumes were collected which will be distributed to council members. The Personnel Committee will meet in order to make recommendations for a candidate and a grading system will take place. It is usual for the Borough Attorney to be present for observation of same.

Since bids were advertised twice for the refurbishment of the H/L truck, and only one bid was submitted. Councilman Nunez questioned the cost of the proposal and requested alternatives – discussion following and Attorney Monaghan will contact the vendor to negotiate varied costs. Fireman Scott Woegens cited instances when vendors would not attempt to bid on all fire truck renovations because of the complexity of makes, models engines, obtaining old parts, etc..

Administrator Nicolosi and Attorney Monaghan explained the process of re assessments, funding tax appeals; information is attached to the minutes concerning same. Tax Assessor Wilkins will meet with residents the week of February 18th to clarify rates and/or any other questions regarding appeals. Administrator Nicolosi said this is his last public meeting with the council. All congratulated him, wishing him good luck in his new venture.

Mayor McHale advised that the Planning Board met regarding the geriatric center to be constructed near Martin Street; also the Dewey property hearing will be February 13th. The insurance group met at borough Hall to look over it and the DPW building. The DPW equipment will find another storage place at Eastern Concrete.

Councilman Konigsberg met with the Rescue Squad which will display an extraction Exhibition on April 27th; they will have a water and ice training service with other towns.

Councilman Jackson advised everyone to remain at home tomorrow night when a blizzard is expected along the eastern seaboard; there will be no overnight parking.

Correspondence:

Jim Moore thanks the DPW for outstanding cleanup job on Recreation grounds.

RMA Dieter Lerch, explains required communications for the annual audit.

United Water announces annual fire protection charges through water mains and fire hydrants for 2013, current rates authorized by the NJ BPU --- \$72,786.93

There were no citizen remarks.

The following resolution was adopted:

13-44A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and adjourned at 9:05 PM