

Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on January 28, 2016 in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall at 7:30PM.

Salute to the flag was led by Councilman Mitchell.

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 December 23, 2015.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Council members Connors, Fede, Gates-Ferris, Miranda, Mitchell, and Napolitano were present. Also present were Borough Administrator Joseph Scarpa and CFO Frank DiMaria.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved after Administrator Scarpa explained Resolution # 16-033.

PC16-02 Payment of Claims

16-033 Change Order #1 for Leonia Avenue Improvements project to AJM Contractors

16-034 Change Orders #2, #3, #4 for Renovations and Improvements to DPW facility to Goksu Construction LLC

Discussion took place concerning the 2016 budget. Administrator Scarpa explained that he requested needed capital items from all Department heads in order to prepare a bond ordinance. Included in the list of needs were:

Roads and Drainage: Road resurfacing, drainage, engineering, striping with thermal tape for crosswalks and new stop signs and street signs with the town logo

DPW: new building, a roll-off truck, dump truck and equipment

Fire Department: scot packs

Police: a vehicle and updated equipment

Sidewalk repair

There will be grant money for some road work for Linden Avenue, Chestnut Avenue, and East Grove Street. The balance from the bond money could be used to do repairs to the Rescue building, police department, and borough hall.

Councilmen Mitchell and Miranda applauded getting updated equipment for the police to make them well equipped for emergencies.

Council members spoke about the need for a new Borough Hall and Police Department in the future.

Mr. Scarpa reminded everyone that the state still has to approve all purchases. 5% of the bond goes into this year's budget - \$64,250.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Miranda. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Cook, Borough Clerk