

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, September 5, 2013, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Roberts

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

Bernadette McPherson made a presentation regarding enhancement of special districts in the community, especially since the Fort Lee Road grade crossing is being considered. A feasibility study costing approximately \$25,000-\$30,000 could be completed, making eligibility for grant applications possible.

The following items on the consent agenda were approved with Councilmembers Jackson and Nunez abstaining on #13-164:

Resolutions:

Consent Agenda

13-163 Authorize grant application and execute grant agreement with the NJDOT for the Leonia Avenue Project

13-164 Reappoint Tito Jackson as Emergency Management Coordinator and Lou Kern as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator for 4 years

13-165 Appoint part time DPW helper Todd Stadlin, effective immediately

13-166 Settle Evergreen Realty tax appeal

Approvals:

Engine Co. #2 accepts Antonio Velez as a new member

Administrator Greiner will contact Rite Aid concerning their request to have a temporary 20 foot storage unit placed on their property for four months.

Engineer Harry Tuvell's professional services proposal for CDBG sidewalk program, sum of \$18,500 plus any out-of-pocket expenses – design and preparation of contract documents \$9,500; contract administration/construction management \$9,000 was approved for bidding.

Mayor McHale re-appointed Anne Marie Mitchell and Elizabeth Wiemer to Library Board

Administrator Greiner advised that a more efficient payroll system should be considered and Council agreed that bids will be sought for another.

Council President Jackson advised that there was a recent power failure for the police band radios, so Motorola could repair them and guarantee parts for \$35,000. FEMA Should be refunding \$380,000 to the Boro for the storm. There is a need to purchase a rolloff truck which Councilman Burdiaz disagreed to fund, so DPW Superintendent Gordon Kohles will be summoned to the next meeting.

Councilman Robbins advised that the H/L and Engine Co. #1 need a shed for their equipment. The roof continues to rot at Hose Co. #2; he is concerned with overnight parking all over town and suggested residents could purchase tickets from machines placed in the police lobby – additional parking could be allowed on the west side of Munn Avenue, so an ordinance will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Councilman Konigsberg advised that \$4,000,000 in taxes were collected between the 3rd and 4th quarter tax periods.

Councilwoman Uceta advised the Recreation summer camp was successful and cheerleading, football and the after school programs begin September 9th.

Administrator Greiner advised that Warren Hodges resigned and Nick Barese is the property maintenance employee.

Attorney Monaghan addressed an ordinance for decent dress codes, but Councilmembers Konigsberg and Nunez are concerned with compliance with ACLU and the First Amendment violations.

Citizen Remarks: John Mitchell agreed with the overnight parking discussion.

The following resolution was adopted:
13-162A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and regarding the 297 Palisade Avenue property, Councilman Nunez addressed the pilot and he will be contacting the Auditor to educate himself regarding the manner in which the figures in the pilot were determined.

Adjournment took place at 9:15 PM