



Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, held at the Bogota Council Chambers, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, NJ, on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Macfarlane.

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, 2017.

Roll Call: Councilmembers Fede, Gates-Ferris, Macfarlane, Miranda, Murphy, and Napolitano were present. Mayor Kelemen was absent, so Council President Fede presided. Also attending were Borough Administrator Scarpa and Interim CFO Curran.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, to open the meeting up to Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

There were no Citizen Remarks.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, seconded by Councilman Macfarlane, to close Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

The following items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

PC18-03 Payment of Claims

Budget Hearing on Capital Budget Requests: Council President Fede turned the meeting over to Administrator Scarpa to discuss the Capital Budget for 2018. Administrator Scarpa called on Department heads to give their reports.

FIRE: Chief Culmone called on Deputy Chief Breuss to assist him with the report.

Fire Department requests:

- Replace Fire Engine that will be 27 years old.
- Replace Extrication equipment. Present equipment was purchased in 1978. Applied for Grant for this equipment
- Hoses need to be replaced: damaged from age and from cars rolling over them
- Repeater to put at Queen Anne Theater building

Priority Order: Engine, Extrication Equipment, Repeater, Hoses

Emergency Generators for fire houses would be helpful. Hose 3 received a generator from the Board of Education. Extensive repairs are necessary for Hose 2. A plumber is preparing estimates for the heating system at the Broad Street Firehouse and the West Shore Avenue Firehouse.

Chief Culmone requested an increase in the operating expense budget to purchase extra portable radio batteries, some turn out gear, extra air bottles, etc to prevent having to buy in mass quantities at one time.

Deputy Breuss suggested moving to two fire houses instead of three and possibly putting Rescue and OEM in one of the buildings. Administrator Scarpa reminded them that OEM will need a lot of parking spaces. He also reminded everyone that two fire escapes at Borough Hall need to be repaired.

DPW: Superintendent Kohles thanked the Mayor and Council for the new DPW building.

DPW requests:

- Bucket truck to trim trees, put up decorations, etc. Mr. Kohles said that Joey O'Rourke would train the DPW workers to prune trees properly and to do it safely.
- Replacing a 2001 truck
- Upgrading an existing truck

POLICE: Chief Maye gave a packet to each Council member as visual of requests.

Police requests:

- Technology and Communication -New Dispatch system was purchased from Holy Name Hospital for \$2,000. It needs to be reprogrammed at a cost of \$26,000. Also, a new server is needed.
- Detective Vehicle is done. New Chevy Tahoe instead of Ford is requested. Less breakdowns meaning less repair expenses
- Tazors leased for #13,000 to start. Cost includes training cartridges. \$2,600 a year after first year. New tazors every five years. Tazors are a better second step than guns.
- Weapons – Each officer should have his own rifle for accurate shooting.
- Helmets as protection- One third of officers shot are shot in the head
- Bullet proof vests for auxiliaries and wool hats

Chief Maye commented that the Bogota Police are very well trained and contains four firearms instructors. Proper equipment will make a safer community.

Councilman Napolitano commented that the Police have good leadership, and Chief Maye commented that Police are a good team.

Administrator Scarpa said that he and CFO Curran are going over the audit with Auditor Steve Wielkocz to discuss some of the comments for clarification and possible changes. CFO did a run-through of the budget. Some items may have to be eliminated to accommodate new Police Agreement. Next week, a million dollar bond will be discussed to include requests from Fire, DPW, and Police.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.