

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, June 27, 2013, in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Council President Jackson

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Uceta, Jackson, Nunez, Konigsberg, and Robbins were present; Councilman Burdiez was absent

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 meeting began with a closed session being adopted:  
13-129A

The following items on the consent agenda were approved:

Resolutions:

13-130 Approval of liquor licenses for 2013-2014

13-131 Re-appointment of Mark Barone as electrical sub-code official

13-132 Block party, Beechwood, hosted by C. Nicolay for Aug. 24, Noon to 8:00 pm

13-133 Resolution of the borough council of the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, designating a \$575,000 Bond Anticipation Note and a \$127,200 Special Emergency Note, both issues dated June 14, 2013, payable May 16, 2014, as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended.

13-134 Authorize agreement with REVELSTONE for improved accountability

13-135 Implementation of the Corrective Action Plan

13-136 Appoint Thomas James Stauffer as seasonal DPW employee

13-137 Renew membership in Joint Insurance Fund (JIF)

138-44 Seven tax checks totaling \$ 577,241.10

The following minutes were approved:

Minutes - May 23 - councilmembers Uceta and Burdiez abstained; June 6

The following resolution was approved:

PC: 13-07

Public Hearing on ordinance took place and ordinance was adopted:

#1430 Amend rules and regulations in borough parks, including lighting restrictions

An ordinance for rules and regulations for allowing dogs in the public parks was presented. Discussion followed with pros and cons, but the Recreation Commission will be invited for their input at the next work session on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion:

A vehicle railroad crossing will be looked into for the East Fort Lee Road location. The NJ DOT would fund the project if it is approved; Administrator Greiner will contact them.

Committee Reports

Councilman Robbins' report is attached to the minutes

Councilwoman Uceta's report is also attached to the minutes

Councilman Konigsberg advised that the Library received a grant of \$300.00 for the purchase of books regarding to all types of cancers; the number of tax appeals have dropped and property values have increased.

Council President Jackson advised that total FEMA reimbursements amount to \$345,583 and approximately \$200,000 more is expected. He thanked everyone who helped him; tomorrow's graduation will be held indoors since inclement weather is expected this weekend; he questioned Councilman Nunez whether he had taped a professional's conversation without the professional having knowledge of it and Councilman Nunez admitted to it and said it was not illegal to do so; the police youth academy will meet July 15<sup>th</sup> and a great program is planned.

Councilman Nunez advised there is grant money circulated every three years with regard to purchasing a new senior citizen bus and Administrator Greiner is applying for the grant.

Attorney Monaghan advised the tax appeals are down to only 31 this year as compared to many more in previous years.

Administrator Greiner advised that we owe the Bergen County open space \$384.00 as a neighbor's fence slats were damaged and had to be replaced; expiration of the joint court contract occurs in December of this year and Attorney Monaghan advised he is not involved with the court issue; Bogota Day is Saturday with a rain date for Sunday; we borrowed a stump grinder from Tenafly; the revised payroll schedule begins July 15<sup>th</sup>; accreditation of the police department will set standards in order to reduce law suits.

Mayor McHale advised the Masons contributed four checks for \$75.00 to each volunteer organization; last Sunday, Fr. Richard was presented with a proclamation from Council; the recycling calendar is in the mail; the brook was cleaned out; safety padding has been installed at the playground in Olsen Park.

Correspondence was received from the following:

David Medina thanks Mayor and Council for the internship in continuing his Political Science education

Bogota schools earn BCUA Environmental grants totaling \$2,931.94

Senator Weinberg advises that TV Channel #78 will be providing coverage of the New Jersey Legislature.

Engineer Harry Tuvel advised the North Avenue project will get underway with new curbs, sidewalks and roadway; the roadway is in poor condition and it will take a change order to repair it, but the change order will exceed more than 20% so he was authorized to proceed with the project.

Citizen Remarks:

Mike Carracio's concerns: post the agendas and meeting minutes on the website; he questioned the 4" grass height and reconsider height; Hodges should be reasonable with residents.

Connie Carpenter advised summer interns were appointed.

Gail Scheringer complained W. Ft. Lee Road and Elm roadway floods and curbs are broken; change 1 hour parking sign to 2 hours for convenience of customers at her Antique shop; don't charge \$200/per year fee for sale of costume jewelry – she doesn't sell gold; street lamp is out on the corner.

Resident of 112 Homestead Place complained of Warren Hodges being curt, incompetent and is trespassing and photographing license plates, weeds in town's broken sidewalk; ladder in his back yard which is secured, whereas town tree limb touches his 2<sup>nd</sup> story roof.

John Mitchell requests a tree planted at his property at 41 Cypress Avenue.

The clock struck 10:00 PM, so Council approved continuing the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Jackson; sseconded by Councilwoman Uceta ; motion approved and carried; meeting ended at 10:01 PM