

Minutes of the Reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, to be held at the Bogota Senior Citizen Center, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, NJ, on Saturday, January 4, 2014, at 2:00 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Senator Loretta Weinberg

Talia Dombrowski sang "God Bless America"

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 2, 2014

Mayor Jackson presented a merit of award plaque to outgoing Councilman Konigsberg and thanked him for his service to the residents of Bogota during his term of office; Councilwoman Uceta was absent but received recognition for her position as Councilwoman at the last meeting.

County Executive Kathy Donovan conferred the oath of office on Councilmember-elect Christopher Kelemen which was witnessed by his family; Councilman Kelemen thanked everyone for their support in his campaign and looks forward to working ahead on council.

Former County Executive and former Mayor of Bogota, Pat Shuber, conferred the oath of office on Councilman-elect John G. Mitchell, witnessed by his family; Councilman Mitchell thanked all who supported him and he also looks forward to being of service to the residents of Bogota.

Roll Call: Mayor Jackson, Councilmembers Nunez, Burdiaz, Robbins, Kohles, Kelemen and Mitchell

Mayor Jackson welcomed the following dignitaries to the meeting: Senator Weinberg, Assemblyman Johnson, the Mayor of Jersey City, a former County Freeholder, County Executive Kathy Donovan, Former Mayor and County Executive Pat Shuber, former mayor Kelemen, former councilmen Bob Ferro, Mike Brophy, Art Konigsberg, Anne Marie Mitchell, At Altamura, Chuck Martini and Nick Zampetti.

Mayor Jackson stated that he is a long time resident, looking forward to working with everyone, not necessarily bi-partisan membership, rather what is necessary to operate management of the community for the welfare of its residents. He also thanked and acknowledged the work of the DPW and all volunteers.

Councilman Nunez motioned to replace the existing agenda with another agenda prepared for this meeting. Attorney Monaghan advised that this would be in violation of the Open Public Meetings Act. Discussion took place and a former Freeholder pointed out the new agenda could be tabled, so the existing agenda was followed for this meeting.

Council elected Councilman Nunez as Council President for the year and the oath of office was conferred upon him. Council President Nunez spoke about his goal of improving the operations of finance and administration of the borough by working with the new governing body from different party affiliations, which should prove effective.

Council elected Evaristo Burdiaz as Class III member of Planning/Zoning Board.

#### Citizen Remarks

M. Doss congratulated everyone and felt this is a good coalition at work.

Amaru Bustamante invited residents to participate in "Bogota Beautiful" and to attend the Landmark Forum on January 11th from 1 to 4:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Kennedy building.

Chuck Martini felt that bi-partisanship be avoided, and vote for both agendas.

The following items on the Consent Agenda were adopted:

Resolutions for appointments/re-appointments

14-01 Adopt the temporary budget

14-02 Daniel Howell as Zoning Official

14-03 Reopen petty cash funds

14-04 Interest on tax delinquencies

14-05 Interim payments

14-06 Authorize Banks

14-07 Authorize official newspapers, The Record and the Star Ledger

14-08 Authorize signatories for checks

14-09 Authorization for tax appeals

14-10 Adopt a cash management plan

14-11 Authorize collection of costs for insufficient funds

14-12 Yearly meeting schedule

14-13 Authorize employee holidays

14-14 Police dispatchers

14-15 Adult crossing guards

14-16 Participate in Bergen County Police Mutual Aid Plan

14-17 Appoint Giuseppe C. Randazzo as Municipal Court Judge, for 3 years

Mayor Jackson conferred the oath of office on Police Commissioner Lisa Kohles.

Mayor Jackson conferred oaths of office on First Aid Squad and the Rescue Squad

Mayor Jackson appointed the following to various committees/boards:

Planning/Zoning Board: Class II – Art Sopelsa

Recreation Commission: Farid Briones, Terry Robbins, Rob Contino, Alt

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Mitchell, seconded by Council President Nunez; motion approved and carried; meeting ended at 3:30 PM