



Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, October 20, 2016, in the Bogota Council Chambers at 7:30PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Miranda.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Council members Fede, Miranda, Mitchell, and Napolitano were present. Councilman Connors and Councilwoman Gates-Ferris were absent. Other Attendees included Borough Administrator Scarpa and Borough Attorney Bossong.

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.

Police Presentation – Police Chief Maye explained that youth are taking prescription drugs from their home medicine cabinets and experimenting with them. He said that Councilman Mitchell has been requesting a medicine drop box to protect young people from drugs. With the support of BACSA, a Medicine Drop Box has been purchased as well as a mobile drop box to bring to meetings, etc. Police Officer Rivera will be working with BACSA and the youth to help stop drug abuse. Councilwoman Fede explained the value of the medicine drop box for protecting the environment, and Councilman Miranda thanked Councilman Mitchell for his commitment to the children of Bogota by supporting sports and health.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 16-19 Payment of Claims
- 16-157 Amend CY2016 Capital Budget
- 16-158 Tax Sale Redemption for Block 25, Lot 3
- 16-159 Member of Bergen County Aggregate Energy Procurement Cooperative Pricing System
- 16-160 Short term rental of county owned street sweeper
- 16-161 Shared services TV inspection of sewers by BCUA
- 16-162 Hiring a Qualified Purchasing Agent

The following Bond Ordinance was introduction and approved:

#1488 Bond Ordinance - \$300,000 Various Improvements to Public Buildings and Facilities
(Public Hearing will be November 10, 2016)

The following was approved by the Mayor and Council:

Ridgefield Park Soccer Association is requesting a Social Permit for October 29, 2016 to hold a soccer fund raiser at the Bogota VFW

Reports

Mayor Kelemen announced that the Mayor's Walk will be held on November 19th. The walk will be to promote Bogota as a Stigma Free Zone. He reported that eight businesses signed up for the Bogota Chamber of Commerce. He mentioned that the Planning & Zoning Board will be having a meeting on November 1 in the Senior Center. PSE&G has been paving the roads that they opened.

Emergency Services night was held tonight beginning at 5:30pm. He thanked the volunteers for making it a success.

Councilman Miranda: Recreation Committee – He reported that Basketball enrollment started and is being run by Jason Kearns. He thanked Randy Lewis who donated Nets tickets to give to parents who sign their children up for basketball. He thanked the DPW for fixing the Recreation Department parking lot. He said that Councilman Connors is still working on putting together a program for youth for after school and weekends.

Councilwoman Fede: Environmental Commission – She thanked Bogota Beautiful for replacing the evergreens on Main Street.

Library Board – She reported that there are many programs and many registered members. Passport revenue is strong, and Citizenship classes may be offered soon.

Council President Mitchell: Senior Citizens – He reported that the Senior Citizens went on a trip last Week.

Police – He announced that the Police are writing more tickets, and all the volunteers are doing a great job. The painting and new flooring will be done soon in the Police Department.

Councilman Napolitano: Finance – He reported that the audit is nearing completion, and emergency appropriations from the previous administration are being paid off early. There is a surplus of \$1,000,000.

Construction/

Planning/Zoning – He reported that there are many projects. Phase I of the Leonia Avenue Project is completed, and Phase II will start soon. Many drainage issues have been resolved throughout the town. He explained that a grant application is in the works to improve Main Street to the Midtown Bridge, and the Safe Routes to School Grant should be approved soon. He commented that the Riverfront Development project is moving forward.

Administrator Scarpa reported that the Holy Name ambulance has responded to 39 calls and 34 of those calls were answered in under 8 minutes. \$20,000 has been budgeted for sidewalk repairs and tree take-downs and trimmings. He explained that the \$300,000 bond ordinance will allow the new DPW building to be constructed. He announced that 1,716 pounds of paper were shredded on Shred Day. He spoke to the State DLGS and was told that the Financial Watch by the State will be lifted as of 12-31-16. He received confirmation from the County for the Project Success Grant, the Senior Bus Driver Grant, and the Road Renovations Grant. He noted that garbage and recycling bids will be opened on December 15. He requested that the one meeting in November scheduled for November 3rd be moved to November 10th in order to have a more complete payment of claims resolution.

Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Napolitano, to move the November meeting from November 3rd to November 10th. Motion carried.

Mr. Scarpa announced that four streets in town were named after Veterans, and that a presentation will be done by the VFW and American Legion.

Citizen Remarks: There were no Citizen Remarks.

Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Napolitano, to go into closed session to interview candidates for police officer. Motion carried and Resolution 16-162C was added to the agenda at 8:17pm. It was announced that the closed session would last from one to one hour and a half hours.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:15pm. Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Napolitano, to offer a conditional police officer position to Matthew Luciano. Motion carried. The following Resolution was added to the agenda:
16-162A Hiring Matthew Luciano for conditional employment as Police Officer

Motion was made by Council President Mitchell, seconded by Councilman Miranda, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.