



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, to be held at the Bogota Council Chambers, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, NJ on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilwoman Fede.

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: Mayor Kelemen and Councilmembers Fede, Macfarlane, Miranda, Murphy, and Napolitano were present. Councilwoman Gates-Ferris was absent. Also attending were Borough Attorney Bossong, Borough Administrator Scarpa, and Interim CFO Curran.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to open the meeting to Citizen Remarks.

Rebecca O'Hagan requested that the crosswalk by the park on Queen Anne Road be made safer.

Motion was made by Councilman Macfarlane, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to close Citizen Remarks.

Councilman Miranda asked questions about the crosswalk and said that he will talk to the police about the crosswalk.

Mayor Kelemen introduced Lynn Dematrakis, 7th grade math teacher at Bogota Jr./Sr. High School and asked her to speak about "Wear Red Day". She mentioned that 1 in 3 deaths are the result of heart disease. She mentioned that teachers donated \$5 each; children did a jump rope fund raiser; "Hoops for Hearts". He then read a Proclamation for "Wear Red Day" which will take place on February 2, 2018.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved with Councilwoman Murphy voting "No":

PC18-01 Payment of Claims

18-040 Tax Sale Redemption for Block 92, Lot 6

Approvals

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Fede, to approve the Minutes for December 21, 2017 and January 11, 2018 Motion carried.

Reports

Mayor Kelemen spoke about the first emergency volunteer dinner in many years which was held on January 6th with 137 people attending. Police Auxiliary, Rescue Squad, and Fire Department were honored. He thanked Council for their support, and he thanked Joe Scarpa for his efforts in putting it all together. He thanked Fire Chief Joe DiMauro for his contacts with the Fiesta, and Police Chief Dan Maye for his support. He wants to continue to work on Drug Awareness in Bogota.

Councilman Miranda: Recreation Committee – He reported that the basketball program is well attended. He said that the basketball players got their reversible jerseys, and they will be getting free basketballs. He said that the coaches are doing a good job teaching the game. The Recreation Reorganization meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm. Parents are asking for healthier snacks instead of soda, and he is spearheading the task for healthier snacks. He also felt that something needs to be posted about peanut allergies. He would work on having Recreation baseball for children again instead of having to join the Little Ferry league.

Police Department - The Police are working hard and collected \$25,000 more than last year.

DPW – He said that the new DPW building is really nice. Bogota is being transformed.

Councilwoman Fede – Veteran’s Affairs – She acknowledged Joseph Carnevale, a Vietnam Veteran who died recently. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Teaneck, and he had five children. He will be missed.

Swim Club – She reported that Swim Club Committee had no comments, but would like a three-year lease. She would like to discuss the swim club in closed session next meeting.

Bogota Beautiful – She reported that Bogota Beautiful would like to have the “Walk with the Mayor” again, and they would like to help fight substance abuse. The annual Pot Luck dinner will be held on February 17th from 4pm to 6pm. Zumba will start in late February.

Environmental Commission – Arts Bergen is available for those who want to paint. Earth Day is April 21st. The Community Garden is looking for renters.

Councilman Napolitano - Finance – He thanked the Finance department for getting the bill list together in a short time. He said that, hopefully, all the missteps will be gone soon. He requested that the purchasing procedures be distributed again since the last time was in February of 2015. He would like all the professionals to come to meetings and explain what they do for the town. He pointed out that the bill list was \$2.9 million of which \$ 2.4 million is for the Board of Education. He would like the Board of Education

finance committee to come to a meeting and give a finance report.

BACSA – He will be meeting with BACSA next week. The Police will be working with BACSA as well.

Buildings and Grounds – He sees a need to tweak some of the existing ordinances. He said that 203 Queen Anne Road is gone now thanks to the work of a number of people.

Senior Citizens – He announced that the Seniors will be having a Valentine's Day party in the coming weeks.

Infrastructure – He spoke to Borough Engineer Costa about scheduling a meeting for road paving and for the culvert. He also spoke to the County about the culvert.

Councilman Napolitano reported that foul language was used by audience members at the Reorganization meeting which is not acceptable.

Councilwoman Murphy – Library – She said that the Library Board meets the first Monday of the month.

Fire Department – She reported that Tony Culmone submitted a list of needed items including a fire truck and needed repairs to Hose 3 floor. She said that grants that were requested did not go through. Administrator Scarpa explained that grants do not always go through. He also explained that it is important for the correct information to be included in the grant application. She asked what the procedure was for getting large items such as roof repair. Mr. Scarpa said that large items would be part of bonds, and that the fire Department submitted their capital budget to him.

Councilman Macfarlane – He reported that the Board of Education met again. Mrs. Granquist resigned from there, so they are working on filling her seat. He said that they did not get the grant they were hoping for to fix the front of the school, but they have enough money to pay for it themselves.

Administrator Scarpa reported that the 2018 Hazardous Waste Calendar is now available. March 10th is the first available date for dropping off aerosol cans, light bulbs, propane tanks, etc. He suggested not taking any action on opposing the sale of marijuana when it is legalized until we see what is actually in the state law. He offered congratulations to Frances Garlicki for being recognized for over 27 years of service to the town.

Borough Attorney Bossong reported that he and lawyers from other municipalities are getting drafts together concerning the legalization of marijuana. Mr. Bossong is also working on COAH Ordinances for the next meeting. He sent a letter to the former CFO to have him turn over all papers, etc.

Interim CFO Curran completed the salary and wages for 2017, and said that the temporary budget has been approved.

Motion was made by Councilman Macfarlane, seconded by Councilman Miranda, to go into closed session. Motion carried and the Mayor and Council went into closed session at 8:35pm.

When the regular meeting reconvened, motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda, to accept the terms of the DPW contract. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Miranda. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.