

Minutes of Work session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at Borough Hall at 7:30PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilwoman Fede.

Roll Call: Council members Fede, Mitchell, Napolitano, Nunez, and Robbins were present. Mayor Kelemen and Councilwoman Kohles was absent. Council President Nunez assumed the role of Acting Mayor.

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 8, 2015.

Warren Waters of Riverfront Development updated the Acting Mayor and Council on the progress to date with the Hess property. He stressed the need for the Planning and Zoning Board to take the next step in rendering the Hess property in need of development.

The CFO, Frank DiMaria, explained that the temporary budget is 26.25 percent of last year's appropriations. The temporary budget enables the town to continue functioning until the actual budget is introduced and adopted. He said that the budget itself is just about ready. Line item appropriations will be available monthly now.

Resolutions 15-25 and 15-34 were removed from the consent agenda to be voted on separately.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 15-20 Temporary budget
- 15-21 Refund of Escrow balance to Rainbow Cleaners
- 22-24 Tax checks totaling \$60,352.38
- 15-26 Appoint Borough Auditor Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo & Cuva PA
- 15-27 Appoint Bond Counsel Rogut McCarthy, LLC
- 15-28 Appoint Public Defender Mark DiPisa, Esq.
- 15-29 Appoint Borough Prosecutor Jared A. Geist, Esq.
- 15-30 Appoint Alternate Prosecutor Linda Schwager, Esq.
- 15-31 Appoint Borough Planner Phillips Preiss Grygiel, LLC
- 15-32 Appoint Risk Manager Alamo Insurance
- 15-33 Appoint Special Legal Counsel Eric Bernstein

Councilman Napolitano questioned where the \$88,000 figure came from on Resolution 15-25. Administrator Greiner explained that he met with Robert Costa. Councilmembers Napolitano, Fede, and Nunez requested a breakdown of the costs. Resolution 15-25 was tabled.

Councilman Robbins had concerns about the choice for Webmaster. He suggested interviewing each of the applicants. Council members Nunez, Napolitano, and Mitchell felt that the town needed to move forward quickly to repair and update the website.

The following Resolution was approved. Voting record is attached to the minutes.  
15-34 Appoint Webmaster Genesis Liu

Mayor Kelemen appointed Isabel Bustamonte to the Environmental Commission and re-appointed John Ambrosio to the Planning/Zoning Board.

Discussion took place concerning raising the age limit to 21 for purchasing cigarettes. Council members were in agreement and requested Ordinance introduction at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Napolitano pointed out that there is no crossing guard at the corner of Palisade Avenue and E. Fort Lee Road on Tuesdays when CCD children are dismissed from St. Joseph's School. Administrator Greiner said that he would speak to the Police Chief.

**Citizen Remarks:**

Commander Alexander Hernandez of the VFW requested that he be when construction will take place on Leonia Avenue and/or West Shore Avenue since the VFW has entrances on both streets.

Gerald Geist thanked the governing body for appointing him Borough Prosecutor. He also commented that raising the age limit to 21 for purchasing cigarettes was a great idea.

The following resolution was adopted:  
15-20A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and the following resolution was adopted:  
15-35 Appoint Jeanne Cook Borough Clerk

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Robbins, seconded by Councilman Mitchell; motion approved and carried. Meeting ended at 8:55pm.