



Minutes of Reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, held at the Bogota Senior Citizen Center, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, NJ, on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7:30pm.

Salute to the Flag was led by Senator Weinberg.

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 27, 2018.

Oath of Office – Senator Weinberg conferred the oath of office on Consuelo Carpenter, and Assemblyman Johnson conferred the oath of office on Robert Robbins.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Councilmembers Carpenter, Gates-Ferris, Macfarlane, Murphy, Robbins, and Napolitano were present. Borough Administrator Scarpa arrived at 7:40pm

Mayor Kelemen Welcomed Special Guests including: Senator Weinberg, Assembly members Johnson and Huttel, School Board President Kohles and School Board members Severino, Moore, and Connors, Former Fire Chiefs Greiner, Brophy, and Culmone, Former Police Captain Sepp, Former Mayor Patrick McHale, Former Council members Fede, Miranda, Ferro, and Zampetti, longtime photographer Rode and present photographer and blogger Mazzella, and Freeholder Zur.

Presentation: Julie O'Brien of Women Empowered Democratic Organization presented certificates to Councilwoman Carpenter and to Councilwoman Murphy.  
Freeholder Zur presented certificates to Councilmembers Carpenter and Robbins.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to open the meeting to Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Assemblywoman Huttel wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Council members Carpenter and Robbins.

Senator Loretta Weinberg wished the residents of Bogota a Happy 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Assemblyman Johnson said that everyone should work together to make the borough better.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to close Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, seconded by Councilman Macfarlane, to elect Councilwoman Murphy as Council President. Motion carried, and Mayor Kelemen swore in Councilwoman Murphy as Council President.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, seconded by Councilman Robbins, to elect Councilwoman Murphy as Class III Member of Planning/Zoning Board. Motion carried with only Councilman Napolitano voting No.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 19-001 Adopt the Temporary Budget
- 19-002 Authorizing CY2019 Budget to be Read by Title Only
- 19-003 Standard Tax Sale
- 19-004 Accelerated Tax Sale
- 19-005 Authorize Bank Depositories
- 19-006 Adopt Cash Management Plan
- 19-007 Authorize Official Newspapers, The Record and the Star Ledger
- 19-008 Authorize Signatories for Checks
- 19-009 Authorization for Borough Attorney and Tax Assessor to Settle Tax Appeals
- 19-010 Establish Delinquent Tax Rate
- 19-011 Authorize Interim Payments
- 19-012 Authorize Collection of Costs for Insufficient Fund
- 19-013 Appoint Public Defender Mark Musella
- 19-014 Appoint Prosecutor Kellie M. Reyes, Esq.
- 19-015 Appoint Auditor Lerch, Vinci, and Higgins, LLP
- 19-016 Appoint as Bond Counsel Rogut McCarthy, LLC
- 19-018 Appoint as Risk Manager GJEM
- 19-020 Appoint Daniel Howell as Zoning Official
- 19-021 Appoint Adult School Crossing Guards
- 19-022 Participate in Bergen County Police Mutual Aid Plan
- 19-023 Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.)
- 19-024 Appoint Jesse D'Amore as Bogota's Wastewater Collection Operator
- 19-025 Appoint Joe Scarpa as Bogota's Certified Recycling Official
- 19-026 Appoint Associated Appraisal Group as Tax Appeal Appraiser
- 19-027 Hire Roy Riggitano as a Qualified Purchasing Agent – Councilwoman Carpenter recused herself from this resolution

The following Resolutions were approved separately:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, seconded by Councilman Macfarlane, to approve the following Resolution. Motion carried and discussion occurred.

- 19-017 Appoint as Borough Engineer NEGLIA

Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, to approve the following Resolution. Motion carried with only Councilman Napolitano voting No.

- 19-019 Appoint as Borough Architect RSC Architects

Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Robbins, to approve the following Resolution. Motion carried.

- 19-028 Appoint as Borough Attorney Boggia and Boggia, LLC

Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter, to approve the following Resolution. Motion carried.

- 19-029 Appoint as Alternate Prosecutor Andrew M. Cimiluca

The following resolutions were removed from the agenda to re-advertise for RFQs.

- 19-030 Appoint as Planner Phillips Preiss Grygiel
- 19-031 Appoint as Labor Counsel Giblin & Gannaio, LLC

19-032 Appoint as Webmaster Genesis Liu

The following Resolution was removed from the agenda. There was a question as to whether a Financial Advisor is needed.

19-033 Appoint as Financial Advisor Phoenix Advisors

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Macfarlane, to approve the following Resolution. The motion did not carry. Council members Napolitano and Macfarlane voted Yes and Council members Carpenter, Gates-Ferris, Murphy, and Robbins voted No.

19-034 Approve By-Laws for 2019

Mayor Kelemen appointed a Special Committee to review the By-Laws: Council members Napolitano, Robbins, and Macfarlane.

Mayor Kelemen Confers Oath of Office on Police Commissioner Napolitano.

Mayor Kelemen Confers Oaths of Office on the following Bogota Rescue Officers: Chief Wayne Sorge, Deputy Chief Guy Argenziano, and Lieutenant Paul Cordero.

Mayor Kelemen Appoints the Following to Various Committees/Boards:

Planning/Zoning Board: Class II: Sgt Detective Hector Liriano  
Class IV: Dermot O'Hagan, Daniele Fede  
Alternate #1: Frank Miranda  
Alternate #2: Jesse Frias

Board of Health: Susan Caraccio, Cyndi Briones, Eileen Hennessy  
Motion was made by Councilman Macfarlane, seconded by Councilman Napolitano to approve Mayor Kelemen's Board of Health Appointments. Motion carried with Councilwoman Carpenter recusing herself from voting on Cindy Briones.

Recreation Committee: Jason Kearns, Rebecca O'Hagan  
Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to accept Mayor Kelemen's Recreation Committee Appointments. Motion carried with only Councilwomen Carpenter and Gates-Ferris voting No.

Environmental Commission: Daniele Fede, Tina Trotta, Rebecca O'Hagan, Diane Mancini,  
Isabel Bustamante  
Associates: Gloria Clark, Jeannie Watson Rosado, and Mark Olson

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.