

Minutes of Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 in the Council Chambers at Borough Hall at 7:30PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Connors.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Council members Connors, Fede, Gates-Ferris, Miranda, and Napolitano were present. Councilman Mitchell was absent. Also present DiMaria.

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.

Borough Engineer Costa reported on the status of construction and infrastructure projects.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

PC16-07 Payment of Claims

16-057 Awarding a contract for Special/Hybrid Services

16-058 Settlement of Tax Appeal – Bogota LLC

16-059 Settlement of Tax Appeal – Michael Courts Apartments LLC

16-060 Settlement of Tax Appeal – River Road Realty Associates

16-061 Tax Sale Redemption – Christiana Trust

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16-063 Award Bid 16-01 “Renovations and Improvements for Bogota Municipal Building” to LKL Contracting

16-064 Award Bid 16-02 “2015 Palisade Avenue Improvements Project” to 4 Clean-Up Inc.

16-065 Authorize to Advertise for bids for a Roll-off truck for the DPW

The following Approvals were made with a motion from Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda. Motion carried.:

-St. Joseph’s Home / School Association will be holding a Tricky Tray in May and needs a raffle license. Borough fees will be waived.

-Minutes 2/18/16 and 3/3/16

Appointments:

Mayor Kelemen appoints Patricia Palletto to the Environmental Commission due to the resignation of Maryann Zampetti.

Public Hearing and Adoption of the following Ordinances took place:

#1481 Road Opening Repaving Requirements

#1482 No Cash Policy

(Ordinances will be advertised 4/12/16 in The Record.)

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Kelemen met with Luis Knaab and Lauren Zulika from the Hackensack Regional Chamber of Commerce. The organization has 250 member businesses from many towns. The Mayor feels

that it would be beneficial to have the Bogota Chamber of Commerce in association with the Hackensack Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Bogota Beautiful Walk with the Mayor is coming up. The Mayor's Wellness Campaign will promote wellness. June 11 will be a ribbon cutting. Maps will be available for everyone.

During the last major snow storm, Elm Avenue had a lot of trouble, and the Fire Department did a great job helping the residents. The Ridgefield Park Fire Department also helped. Earth Day will be Saturday, April 23, 2016. The DPW garage looks great. No smoking signs were put up in the park.

#### Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Gates-Ferris has nothing to report. First Aid did not have a meeting.

Councilman Miranda reported that the DPW building looks great. Parks and streets have been cleaned.

Councilwoman Fede reported that the 15 year certification for Tree City USA is here. The town spends \$2 per capita on trees.

Councilman Connors attended a Board of Education meeting. Paula McDonald resigned, and Zone. Bogota High School's drinking water was tested and is clear.

Fire department LOSAP issues have been resolved. The fire department youth program is being started again. Fire engines are in need of repair or replacement.

Councilman Napolitano reported that Bogota is receiving grant money for fire equipment, and the Planning and Zoning Board should be receiving a redevelopment plan from Warren Waters soon for the Hess site.

#### Administrator's Report:

Administrator Scarpa reported that the DPW building will be torn down and rebuilt soon which will be two stories, have locker rooms, showers, and washing machines.

The Recreation Director will be purchasing new bleachers.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will be advertising for a secretary.

There may be a need for a Special Committee to review overnight parking.

Motion was made by Councilman Miranda, seconded by Councilman Napolitano to open the meeting to Citizen Remarks. Motion Carried.

Sean Lavin, a union rep for the police, spoke on behalf of the police about disability insurance and pensions.

Nicholas Zampetti expressed concern about Ordinance #1481 to be sure public entities will fulfill their requirements.

Ron Bakely of the national FOP explained the importance of having insurance for the police officers.

Motion was made by Councilman Miranda, seconded by Councilwoman Fede, to close citizen remarks. Motion carried.

CFO DiMaria explained that a lot of issues must be repaired before full pension will be accepted.

Borough Attorney Bossong explained that the ordinance has everything needed to ensure that public utilities will repair streets when necessary.

Motion to go into Closed Session was made by Councilman Miranda at 9:00pm, seconded by Councilwoman Fede. Motion carried.

Resolution #16-065A was approved for Closed session for contract negotiations.

Meeting reconvened at 9:30pm. Motion was made by Councilwoman Fede, seconded by Councilman Connors, to accept the amended swim club lease. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:35PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeanne Cook, Borough Clerk.