

Minutes of the 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 Sunday, January 3, 2016, at 2:30 PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Napolitano.

Three verses of the National Anthem were beautifully sung by the Schiller Institute of New Jersey Chorus.

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.

The Invocation was done by Trinity Lutheran Church Pastor Rachel Zarnke.

Oath of Office was conferred upon Mayor-elect Christopher Kelemen by Andrew Fede, the Republican County Committee Municipal Chairman.

Mayor Kelemen thanked his wife and children for their support and assistance as well as his parents for their love and guidance. He said that the current state of the Borough is strong with improvements to the Senior Center, a more effective trash pick-up schedule, new turn out gear for first responders, and DPW garage being repaired. He is looking forward to continuing to make Bogota a great place to live. He thanked the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Letizia Pantoliano for her work in upgrading the schools. He and the Council are committed to work with the Recreation Center and with all our volunteers to fulfill their needs. This aging building needs reconstruction and rehabilitation. The library staff and volunteers did a lot of work making improvements. He congratulated Daniel Maye on becoming the new Police Chief and complimented him on his loyalty and compassion. He said that he is very proud to be working with this Council to move forward making improvements while watching the dollar bill. We believe in Bogota.

Oath of Office was conferred upon Councilwoman-elect Daniele Fede by Judge Joseph Yannetti.

Councilwoman Fede thanked Appellate Judge Yannetti as well as her husband, Andy and her Mom and Bob Yudin. She said that she is known as the tree lady and the person that collects holiday lights. She commented on how much she enjoys attending community events such as the Beauty Pageant and the Tree Lighting. She thanked Jorge Nunez and Robert Robbins for their service as Councilmen, and she hopes that they will continue to be involved in the community.

Oath of office was conferred on Councilman-elect Frank Miranda by Mayor Kelemen. Councilman Miranda said that he would like to speak from the heart. He wants to bring pride back to Bogota. He is looking forward to working with the Mayor and the sitting Council members to make Bogota better. He is very proud to be a Councilman.

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Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Councilmembers Connors, Fede, Gates-Ferris, Miranda, Mitchell, and Napolitano

Mayor Kelemen made the following Presentations to Special Invited Guests:

- A certificate to Walter Kumka to acknowledge his membership in Bergen County SWAT
- A plaque to Eamon Radburn for 20 years of service to the Bogota Fire Department
- An acknowledgement of Scott Woegens for being chosen " Fireman of the Year" (Scott Woegens was unable to attend the Reorganization meeting.)
- A plaque to Katherine Fafara for being named Junior Citizen of the Year by the VFW
- A plaque to Brian Porcaro for being named Citizen of the Year by the VFW
- A plaque to Nikki Spiegel on her retirement from the Bogota Public Library after many years of valuable service to the community
- A plaque to Linda Gatuso on her retirement after 30 years serving in Bogota schools as a teacher and a principal

Assemblyman Gordon Johnson presented plaques to Robert Robbins and Jorge Nunez for their years of service as Bogota Councilmen.

Councilman Napolitano motioned to name Councilman Mitchell as Council President.

Councilwoman Fede seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Former County Executive and Former Bogota Mayor Patrick Shuber conferred the Oath of Office on Councilman Mitchell.

Council President Mitchell said that Teamwork makes things successful.

Councilman Napolitano was elected by Council as the Class III member of the Planning and Zoning Board.

Councilwoman Gates-Ferris requested that agendas and minutes be provided to the Council in a timely manner in order for the Council members to have time to review everything before the meeting. She received the packet for this meeting one hour before the meeting.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were adopted:

16-001 Adopt the temporary budget

16-002 Authorizing CY2016 Budget to be Read by Title Only

16-003 Authorize Bank Depositories

16-004 Authorize ADP as Borough's Payroll Services Vendor

16-005 Adopt Cash Management Plan

16-006 Authorize official newspapers, The Record and the Star Ledger

16-007 Authorize signatories for checks

16-008 Authorization for tax appeals

16-009 Interest on Tax Delinquencies

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- 16-010 Interim Payments
- 16-011 Authorize Collection of Costs for insufficient funds
- 16-012 Appoint Borough Attorney Craig Bossong
- 16-013 Appoint Public Defender Mark Mussella
- 16-014 Appoint Prosecutor Jared A. Geist
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- 16-015 Appoint Alternate Prosecutor Linda Schwager
- 16-016 Appoint Borough Auditor Steve Wielkocz
- 16-017 Appoint Bond Counsel Steven Rogut
- 16-018 Appoint Borough Engineer Robert Costa
- 16-019 Appoint Risk Manager Luis Alamo
- 16-020 Appoint Billow Garret Group as Architect
- 16-021 Appoint Phillips Preiss Grygiel as Planner
- 16-022 Appoint Brian Giblin as Labor Counsel
- 16-023 Appoint Muidex for Software Support Services
- 16-024 Appoint Daniel Howell as Zoning Official
- 16-025 Approve By-Laws
- 16-026 Adult Crossing Guards
- 16-027 Participate in Bergen County Police Mutual Aid Plan
- 16-028 Appoint Financial Advisor Phoenix Advisors, LLC

The following Ordinances were introduced and approved:

- #1473 Salary Ordinance
- #1474 CAP Ordinance

Mayor Kelemen confers the Oath of Office on Police Commissioner John Mitchell

Mayor Kelemen confers the Oath of Office on First Aid Squad member Pam Dirr, Rescue Squad officers Wayne Sorge, Guy Argenziana, and Raul Lebron, and Auxiliary Police member Rey Sanchez

Mayor Kelemen appoints the following to various committees/boards:

Planning Board: Class II – Police Chief Daniel Maye  
Class IV – George Shalhoub, Corrado Mancini  
Alt I – Tina Trotta  
Alt II – Jesse Frias

Library Board: David Eggers

Board of Health: Cyndi Briones, Frances Garlicki, Eileen Hennessey, Susan Caraccio

Recreation Commission: John Powner, Daniel Schnipp, Alternate: Michael Leoung

Environmental Commission: Nick Zampetti, Diane Mancini, Isabel Bustamante,  
Rebecca O'Hagen,