

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Robbins

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemem, Council members Fede, Mitchell, Napolitano, Nunez and Robbins were present.

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.

Mayor Kelemen explained that Michael Connors won the seat for an unexpired term which Councilwoman Fede had been appointed to in November of 2014. He commented on the great job that Councilwoman Fede did during her 12 months as an appointed Council member. Councilwoman Fede thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the Borough and looks forward to returning to the Council in January 2016. She congratulated Mr. Connors on winning the election.

Michael Connors was sworn in as a Councilman by Mayor Kelemen.

Mayor Kelemen told everyone that on Saturday, November 14, 2015, a portion of West Broad Street will be renamed in honor of Henry Smith. Mr. Smith was a distinguished resident of Bogota. He served in WWII from 1941-1946. He joined the Bogota police force in 1950 and served as Chief from 1982 to 1986. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and volunteered in numerous capacities for the town, St. Joseph's Church, and Englewood Hospital.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were adopted unanimously:

PC 15-12 Payment of Claims

15-144 Resolution Designating a \$1,890,000 Bond Anticipation Note

15-145 Authorizing the Ordering of appraisals to Defend Tax Appeals

15-146 Tax Check

15-147 Tax Check

15-148 Amendment to 2015 Budget

15-149 Award Contract for the 2015 Drainage Improvements at Queen Anne Road to Gotthold Paving, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Edgewater, NJ 07020

The following Minutes were approved unanimously:

September 17, October, October 15

Mayor Kelemen reported that the VFW awarded a certificate to Katie Fafara because of her outstanding resume. The VFW also awarded the Citizen of the Year award to Brian Pocaro for the project he chose to attain the Eagle Scout Award. Brian and his group painted the Senior Citizen room and raised enough money for paint and supplies to give a monetary donation to the Seniors as well. The Mayor announced that he and most of the Council members would be

attending the League of Municipalities Conference next week. He also reported that last Friday at 3:30pm, the new Chief of Police, Daniel Maye, was sworn in by the Mayor. The street in front of Steen School was very dangerous. A teacher and another pedestrian were both hit by cars. The Steen School students designed signs to help prevent any more accidents. The Mayor and Councilwoman Fede went to see the new signs.

Committee Reports:

Councilman Robbins reported that Bogota Beautiful's Community Garden Committee is still doing soil testing and are attempting to take classes to learn how to maintain a community garden. Steven Mazzilla installed some of his photography work. Fire Chief Brophy requested the old ambulance since they are retiring the special ops truck. The ambulance could be put to good use by the Fire Department.

Councilman Nunez had no report.

Councilman Napolitano discussed the purchasing controls put on by the administration. First Aid did not follow the Borough's policy. Bills cannot be paid until procedure is followed properly. The Leonia Avenue project is completed. The governing body and administration are trying to get funding to complete Leonia Avenue. The County is helping with the drainage problem on Fort Lee Road. He and Mr. Scarpa will look at furniture etc for Borough Hall.

Administrator's Report:

The Queen Anne Road Drainage project was voted on and the bid was awarded. Mr. Scarpa reminded Council that they had voted to auction off the ambulance, but he feels it would be better to give it to the Fire Department. Discussion took place concerning the ambulance. Motion was made and seconded to add the Following Resolution to the agenda. Motion carried.

15-150 Authorize transfer of old ambulance to Fire Department

Mr. Scarpa passed out a revision to the vehicle policy and explained the need to tighten up the policy. Discussion took place and then motion was made and seconded to add the following Resolution to the agenda. Motion carried.

15-151 Amend Vehicle Policy

Mr. Scarpa reported that \$14,462 dividend was earned from the Joint Insurance Fund and that hopefully the Tasca case will be finished in December. The Borough Hall revisions are still in the planning stage. He would like to move the Administrator's office downstairs and have a Conference room off of the Fire Prevention office.

Mr. Scarpa explained that certain titles from the Salary ordinance should be added to the Clerk's salary. Those titles include Shade tree complaints for \$1500 and Blood Borne Pathogens for \$2500.

Motion was made and seconded to add the following Resolution to the agenda. Motion carried.

15-152 Add additional stipend for clerk

Mr. Silos said that the Hess Development should have commercial businesses as well as residential for greater rate-ables.

Citizen Remarks continued:

Frank Miranda congratulated Councilman Connors. He thanked Jorge Nunez for bringing transparency to Bogota government and for giving up time with family and friends to help the town. He also thanked Mr. Scarpa and Councilwoman Fede for their clear explanations of all that is happening.

Motion made by Councilman Nunez, seconded by Councilman Connors, to close Citizen Comments. Motion carried.

Councilman Nunez thanked everyone for their kind words and said that he never did it for "kudos". He remarked that one is held to a higher standard when serving in an elected position.

Councilman Napolitano commented that the Hess property will generate tax revenue if as residential housing" since it will be high end" which means higher taxes.. There will be businesses there as well. Mayor Kelemen noted that more jobs will be created there as well.

Mr. Scarpa wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone that the next meeting on December 3rd will be held in the Senior Center, and the new Police Chief will be sworn in.

Motion was made by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Nunez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. Motion carried.