

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, New Jersey

Salute to the flag was led by former Mayor Steven Lonagan

Roll Call: Mayor Jackson, Council members Burdiez, Kelemen, Kohles, Mitchell, Nunez and Robbins were present

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied as notice was sent to two newspapers and posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board on January 20, 2014.

Rice notices were given to the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk for this evening but a motion to table the hearings was made by Councilwoman Kohles, seconded by Councilman Robbins with the vote as follows: Councilmembers Kohles and Robbins voted "yes" and Council members Burdiez, Kelemen, Mitchell and Nunez voted "no"; motion was defeated under resolution #14-203.

The meeting convened with discussion and interaction among the council members and Attorney Louis Zayas, Esq., who represented the employees regarding their work performance. It concluded with the council voting unanimously to drop the charges with no further action to be taken and resolution #14-205 was approved. Session ended at 9:30 PM

The meeting reconvened and the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

14-200 Urge Transportation Trust Fund reauthorization and increased funding for local transportation

14-201 Tax check for \$65,737.04

14-202 Authorize the Best Practices Questionnaire

Approvals: Engine Co. #1 accepts Don Stofan as a junior member; John Tanucilli as a probation member; Joe Dimauro, Jr. as full fire fighter

This resolution was added to the agenda and approved:

14-204 Authorize the Borough of Bogota Planning Board to undertake a preliminary investigation pursuant to the local redevelopment and housing law NJSA 40A:12A-4a(1) of an area of the borough adjacent to a redevelopment area recognized as the 'RIVER DEVELOPMENT' known and designated as 172 West Fort Lee Road, Lots 3,4,7,8 and 9 in Block 3) Borough of Bogota New Jersey

The following resolutions were adopted:

PC-14-10 and PC 10A

A motion was taken by Councilman Kelemen, seconded by Councilman Robbins to extend this meeting beyond 10:00 PM.

A public hearing took place on the following ordinances and adoption of same was approved:

#1451 Anti-Nepotism Policy

#1452 Disorderly conduct

The Manager of the Bogota Tennis Club was present to discuss swapping their land near the swim club, and they could use the tennis courts at Olsen Park; all agreed on this plan for the benefit of residents.

Mayor Jackson advised the garbage pickup program is fine; he distributed prescription credit cards which offer discounts; the new ambulance has arrived in town; emergency management of the possible outbreak of EBOLA will be handled efficiently; a DPW worker had been injured and a DPW truck broke down today; a fibrillator was ordered for any possible emergencies with the senior citizens.

Councilman Mitchell reported that the DPW is going a great job; volunteers are still needed and he's pleased that such a name as Vin Scully is associated with our town.

Attached is Councilman Robbins' report.

Council President Nunez meets with the senior citizen advisory group for their evening meetings; the golf center's exchange of ideas is a great idea.

Councilman Kelemen reported that 86% of Nick Barese's property maintenance summons' are complied with; the DPW needs a truck for the leaf season; the girls' Cross-country team is doing a good job; there is a new principal at the Steen school.

#### Citizen Remarks

Anne Marie Mitchell thanked Fran for her dedication to the borough residents for these many years. Daniele Fede felt the decorum conducted in the council chambers is atrocious, and stop with the pot shots and political comments; Bill Brennan doesn't live in town but pays taxes and feels what you did to the Clerk is appalling. A resident at 244 Elm Avenue felt disrespect should not be displayed at meetings; Dessa Glasser thanked her mother, the clerk, for contributing much to the borough as she went thru the school system here.

Adjournment took place at 11:00 PM