

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, April 7, 2011, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Nunez

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Noto, Sharp, Jackson, Brophy, Nunez and Konigsberg were present and Councilman Jackson left the meeting at 8:57 PM

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 1, 2011

The following two resolutions were adopted on the consent agenda:

11-80 Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$950,000 Tax Anticipation Notes of 2011 of the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey and provide for other matters in connection therewith.

11-81 Part Time Recycling Center Help

Jack Ennis presented a proposal from Systrum Energy, which is a third party supplier of natural gas, whereby the Borough would save significant costs. Council agreed to move forward on this.

Bob Buetel, Recycling Coordinator and Daniele Fede, Chair of Environment Commission, were present to request Council to consider an ordinance for preserving trees on private property. Administrator Nicolosi feels the Environment Commission should make these decisions.

A salary ordinance for Borough employees will be introduced at the next meeting.

Administrator Nicolosi advised that St. Joseph Church wishes to change their front lawn message board sign to a digital one.

The flooding project at River Road and Elm Avenue is still under consideration with Bergen County, and Administrator Nicolosi will contact Engineer Harry Tuvel to gain more information before further action is taken.

The following resolutions will be placed on the next meeting agenda:

Temporary budget appropriations

Part time seasonal help for the DPW

Waiving of fees for volunteers of the agency, "Rebuilding Together Bergen County".

Authorize animal control services

Support of Wage Theft Legislation

Support S-3412 sharing the burden of property assessment appeal refunds

Councilwoman Sharp suggested a landscaper's registration ordinance.

*Mayor McHale donates any money he gets for performing marriages, and suggested an ordinance be introduced with a \$100.00 fee which would be deposited into the "special events" budget line.

The BBO parade is scheduled for April 30, 2011.

Councilman Konigsberg met with the Rescue Squad which requests approval for their fund drive on April 30th. Approval will be on the next agenda.

Councilman Nunez advised that the website will be updated with much information.

Administrator Nicolosi advised that the Fire Chief Requests bids be advertised for pagers and a resolution authorizing advertising will be on the next agenda.

Councilwoman Sharp advised there is no water at the First Aid building, nor were heaters installed in the bay area. Councilman Brophy added that gaps in the doors must be repaired.

Councilman Jackson excused himself from this meeting at 8:57 PM.

Citizen Remarks

Fire Chief Scott Woegens disagrees on the private property tree ordinance; he recalls much tree damage in the storm of 1979; also, he remembers that flooding has occurred at River Rd/Elm Avenue for 52 years; he complained of the Recycling Center being closed on Saturday.

The following resolution was adopted:

11-79A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Noto, seconded by Councilwoman Sharp; motion approved and carried, meeting ended at 9:55 PM