

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday August 18, 2011, in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Jackson

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Noto, Jackson, Brophy, Nunez and Konigsberg were present

Attorney Monaghan conferred the Oath of Office on Evaristo Burdiez who was elected to fill the vacant seat of former councilwoman Tara Sharp who resigned. Congratulations were offered and the ceremony was witnessed by his wife and his son. Councilman Burdiez thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to working with Council.

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Noto, Burdiez, Jackson, Brophy, Nunez, and Konigsberg 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 1, 2011

The following items on the consent agenda were approved by the council members but Councilman Burdiez abstained from voting:

Resolutions:

Consent Agenda

- 11-164 Audit compliance
- 11-165 Award 2011 road program to Buckler Associates
- 11-166 Accept 2011 Best Practices checklist survey results
- 11-167 Award contract to Appraisal Systems for Bogota Associates appeal
- 11-168 Settle Hildebrandt Properties LLC tax appeals
- 11-169 Require employees to submit time sheets
- 11-170 Clerk to advertise bids for "sale of current cell tower receipts:
- 11-171 Chapter 159 for Project Success \$18,000
- 11-172 Chapter 159 for Sr. Bus Driver \$10,000
- 11-173 Authorize 9-1-1- agreement with Bergen County
- 11-174 Corrective Action Plan for audit
- 11-175 Chapter 159 for Recycling/tonnage grant for \$11,845.21
- 11-176 Award Beyer Bros. for Chassis contract for mounting dump/snow plow trucks
- 11-177 Moderate interest charges on delinquent excess water charges are waived
- 11-178 Block party on Beechwood Ave. for Saturday, August 27th, Noon to 9:00 PM
- 11-179 Hire Pat Burns as temporary Tax Collector
- 11-180 Authorize contract with Tony Sanchez for purchase of DPW equipment
- 11-181 Purchase a band shell and gazebo using grant funds from B.C. Open Space grant
- 11-182 Award tree removal/stump grinding contract to Ace Tree Surgeons
- 11-183 Advertise bids for disposal of solid waste, including options for disposal of
vegetative waste and/or recycling
- 11-184 Settle River Road Realty Associates, LP, tax appeals
- 185-86 Two tax checks totaling \$45,707.33

Approval of the minutes took place:
Minutes of July 21; August 4 – Mayor McHale abstained.

PC: 11-8 was approved.

Public Hearing for the following three ordinances took place, and the voting records are attached:

#1400 Salary ordinance for staff of Borough Hall complex

#1403 An ordinance adding an ordinance entitled, “Purchasing Agent” of the revised General ordinances of the Borough of Bogota, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey

#1404 Bond ordinance to authorize the making of various public improvements and the acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment, new communication and signal systems equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to appropriate the sum of \$360,000 to pay the cost thereof, to make a down payment, to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation and to provide for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds.

Correspondence:

NJDOT is now accepting municipal aid, bikeway, safe streets to transit applications
Senator L. Weinberg’s concern regarding Pt. Authority’s toll hikes
County Executive Donovan’s 10th anniversary remembrance ceremonies for 9/11 victims
Thursday, Sept. 8, Noon in the Pizaaz parking lot of 1 Bergen County Plaza and
Sunday, Sept. 11 at 3:00 PM at the 9/11 Memorial in Overpeck Park in Leonia
RSVP Lauren Kim at [201-336-7303](tel:201-336-7303)

Committee Reports

Councilman Noto advised the FOP will submit a counter proposal for consideration.

Councilman Brophy advised there was no Recreation meeting; there was not a Planning Board meeting last week; the Jr. Public Safety Academy is successful and Anna Ferris is working closely with students.

Councilman Konigsberg said there was no Environmental meeting in July.

Councilman Nunez said the website was launched and the public can use it for various payments, and comments from the public are welcome.

Councilman Jackson said the DPW is making progress with the tree stumps.

Mayor McHale reported that the bid for Palisade Avenue, from Linwood to Rt. 80, will be advertised this fall; the Olsen Park drainage/parking improvement bids are out; the 2010 road program bid was approved; future improvement work will be pursued.

Citizen Remarks

Nick Zampetti's concerns; bond ordinance – Councilman Noto assured him the debt is stable and the 5% down payment is in the budget; agrees with time sheets; terms of the cell tower – 4% yield for 10 years return to investors; police should put a detail at Bixby to monitor noisy children at night.

Daniele Fede's concerns: piles of sand – they will be disbursed out and a light in the building.

Alex Perpepaj's concerns: Canadian geese in the fields where children play – his son has a staph infection; he offered to place plumbing in the showers at the park; Mayor Mc Hale will notify the School Superintendent tomorrow.

Robert Robbins' concerns: His son also is infected with the "staph" virus.

Jared Geist's concerns: the range amounts in the salary ordinance; the bond ordinance to which Mayor McHale said it covers needed equipment, repair pot holes, and other improvements. Councilman Jorge added that the prior council neglected the infra structure.

Pat Kearns takes offense to that blanket statement, because she served on that council and said needed equipment was purchased and improvements were done; property maintenance should cite the stores with signage.

Anne Marie Mitchell said a vehicle is parked always at 172 Palisade Avenue.

Kim Pulido thanked council for the Jr. Safety Academy as her daughter is a member; young men and women are hanging out on Chestnut Avenue near Bixby school and are very boisterous.

Charles Miles and Cathy Kurdak also complained of the situation at Bixby on Chestnut Avenue; they phone the police every night.

Mr. Melendez suggested notifying parents of these children.

The following resolution was adopted:

11-163A Closed

The meeting reconvened the motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brophy, seconded by Councilman Jackson; motion approved and carried; session ended at 9:40

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