

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday December 15, 2011, in the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Konigsberg

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Uceta, Burdiaz, 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

Tax Assessor: Pat Wilkins was present and recommended that the Borough engage in a town-wide re-assessment. It is to be determined whether an outside contractor is required to perform the duties.

The following resolutions were approved on the Consent Agenda, and 11-248 included two change orders 1 and 2, so changeorder #2 was added to the agenda as resolution #11-251:

11-240 Use of electronic communications between municipal officials discussing

Borough business

11-241 Videotaping of Mayor and Council meetings

11-242 Appoint AFLAC to administer Sec. 125 Cafeteria employee plan

11-243 Police officer Devin D. Rivera completes probationary period

11-244 Police officer Walter D. Kumka completes probationary period

11-245 2012 Green Communities grant award of \$3,000

246-47 Two tax checks totaling \$13,991.95

11-248 Change order #1 for Olsen Park improvements

11-249 Change order #1 - 2011 road program, Buckler Associates

11-250 Appropriation transfers

11-251 Changeorder #2 for Olsen Park improvements

Approvals:

Minutes of November 10; December 1 were approved; Councilman Konigsberg abstained from December 1st

The following resolution was adopted:

PC: 11-13

Committee Reports

Councilman Brophy thanked the DPW for a great job on Christmas decorations at Borough Hall; he thanked the Recreation Commission and Councilman Jackson for a great job at the tree lighting ceremony; the Bogota Fire Department will host "lollipop Sunday" on December 18th at Noon; Engine 1 is out of service, and he thanked Chief Woegens for arranging a spare engine loan from Teaneck Fire Department; installation of new radios from the grant is almost complete; the Fire Department is picking up a

donated vehicle tomorrow from the Port Authority; he suggested forming a new council committee on volunteerism to help recruit and retain existing volunteers.

Councilman Konigsberg reported the Library Board will give increases of 3% to the Library Director and her Assistant; the Environmental Commission is working on official responses for tree services and want to set up e-mail responses for each letter; for the Rescue Squad, the pathology testing has been done and testing is continuing.

Councilman Nunez reported that Officer Tim Geipel is hospitalized.

Councilman Jackson will seek support from Congressman Rothman for a resolution to the railroad's tree and debris problem at the brook. Councilman Brophy suggesting issuing summonses to CSX. There is flooding at the First Aid building's basement and there is no boiler, but a grant is being sought..

Administrator Nicolosi reported the budget next year will be tight; insurance has increased, as well as workman's compensation costs; budget hearings will take place each Saturday in January.

Attorney Monaghan explained rules and regulations of video taping public meetings.

Mayor McHale advised that Eastern Concrete will donate cement for the gazebo; the date of the reorganization meeting will be January 1st and the time is set at 5:00 PM; he advised that communication with PSEG is a problem in emergencies.

Citizen Remarks

Pat Kearns complained of lack of services on Third Place – police should tour that block. In front of the Palisade Avenue deli, is debris since an accident a year ago.

Fire Chief Woegens expressed his disappointment with Council for not attending the Fire Chief's election last Saturday – Mayor McHale, Councilmen Jackson, Burdiaz and Konigsberg expressed their apologies.

The following resolution was adopted:
11-239A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and resolution 11-252 was added to the agenda and then approved, for adding additional duties to property maintenance inspectors Nick Barese and Warren Hodges – their additional titles are code enforcement officers.

Mayor McHale wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Nunez; motion approved and carried; meeting ended at 9:45 PM

