

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, February 3, 2011, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM Salute to the Flag was led by Councilwoman Sharp

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Noto, Sharp, Brophy, Nunez and Konigsberg were present; Councilman Jackson was absent.

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

Discussion took place on the following items and a resolution for each will be placed on the next agenda:

Appoint McNerney Associates to prepare tax appeal for Bogota Main Street Associates.

Change order for Queen Ann Road curb/sidewalk replacement and drainage

Appoint Clerk Garlicki as public agency compliance officer (PACO)

Appoint Administrator Nicolosi as Emergency Procurement Officer

Mayor McHale advised that NJDOT has funded \$150,000 for the Palisade Avenue/East Fort Lee Road intersection project and assistance will be gained from Steve Rogut for road program funding.

The recent snow storms caused safety hazards, especially around Bixby school for parking and picking up youngsters before and after school, so amendments to the present ordinances were discussed. Police Chief Burke suggested that stiffer penalties and fines should be given out especially around the elementary schools.

Correspondence:

Confirm receipt of Walter Croft's letter concerning American Legion's funding of bands for the Memorial Day parade – Mayor McHale will contact Mr. Croft.

Steen School invites Mayor and Council to "Read Across America Day" to be held between 8:45 AM and 11:45 AM on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, and Mayor McHale will participate on this date.

Administrator Nicolosi advised that Chip Greiner obtained a grant for communications equipment for the Fire Department.

Councilman Brophy questioned whether appropriate insurance is obtained for the sub-contractors for snow removal – yes.

Councilman Konigsberg met with the Rescue Squad and IDs are needed, to which Police Chief Burke advised that the process is time consuming with the County.

Councilman Nunez advised that another grant application will be re-submitted for the turn out gear. The squirrels have returned to Hose Co. #2 and the roof is another issue; there is a posting for the "property maintenance" position on the bulletin board. A resolution appointing Administrator Nicolosi as the Qualified Purchasing Agent will be placed on the next agenda – money will be saved for bidding as the threshold is now

\$36,000. What is the status of the sewer jet vac purchase? This will be discussed further.

Councilwoman Sharp disagrees with the purchase of the jet vac; she will look into various registration fees for revenue; a meeting with the First Aid Squad is scheduled; moving the dispatchers would be a savings.

Administrator Nicolosi advised the payment to the Library is reduced.

Mayor McHale advised the DPW did a great job during the snow storms.

Dieter Lerch was present to explain the excess sewer charges for household and commercial usage. An ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting and 170,000 gallons will be exempt for the households, the non-profits and the Board of Education are exempt.

Citizen Remarks

Pete Faller advised the high school's fire alarms are 1/2 old and 1/2 new; Hackensack didn't pick up Styrofoam; parking during the snow storms was a problem.

Nick Zampetti: asked about all forms of Styrofoam? Yes; regarding the jet vac – look at a trailer assembly and tow it; he asked Dieter to clarify the sewer charges; parking is legal at 6" from the curb.

Peter Mazza: complained of sewer charges, but Attorney Monaghan explained 170,000 gallons are exempt.

Dolores Rushfield paid her property taxes tonite.

The following resolution was adopted:

11-48A Closed Session

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