

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Nunez

A moment of silence was observed for Ray Warner, former fireman who passed away.

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

Mayor McHale presented proclamations to the Bogota High School girls' volleyball team and their coaches, acknowledging the state championship, witnessed by Council members Sharp and Nunez. Congratulations were offered to all.

The following items on the Consent Agenda were approved and the last resolution #11-48 was added before the vote was taken:

Resolutions:

- 11-33 Settle tax appeal for Landmark Development Co.
- 11-34 Award Metrocom Wireless contract for purchase of pagers
- 11-35 Probationary period ends for police officer Thomas Riedel
- 11-36 Appoint Special Counsel Donald Lenner, Esq. for Del Val's tax appeal
- 11-37 Appoint Leonard Nicolosi and alternate Patrick McHale to BC Region Committee
- 11-38 River and Elm Project with Bergen County
- 11-39 Contract to Appraisal Systems to prepare appraisal properties in the borough
- 11-40 Settle Morcos tax appeals
- 11-41 Settle Lip Life Realty tax appeals
- 42-43 Various tax checks
- 11-44 Immediate replacement of boiler at Central Avenue fire house
- 11-45 Emergency resolution for terminal pay
- 11-46 Appoint David Guddemi as full time DPW employee
- 11-47 Advertise bids for services for monetizing/identifying municipal assets and assistance related to sponsorship of such assets
- 11-48 Transfer appropriations

Approvals:

Bogota High School PTO raffle for March 25th, waive borough fees
Introduce ordinance #1393 An ordinance authorizing an emergency appropriation
NJSA 40A:4-53 funding of terminal pay for retired employees

The Minutes of January 1; January 6 were approved.

PC: 11-1 was approved.

Mayor McHale appoints Anne Marie Mitchell to Library Board

Committee Reports

Councilman Brophy advised of appointments to the Planning Board – Dan Schnipp, Chairman, Tony Teresi, Vice Chairman, Kevin Kelly, Esq. Dennis Kirwan, planner.

Art Sopelsa is Chairman and Nick Barese is Vice Chairman of the Recreation Commission.

Councilman Nunez advised the Fire Dept. needs turnout gear and a grant is pending; radios are failing; PSEG will repair the heater in Engine Co. 3; fire alarms are needed in fire houses; Eugene Stipo resigned after 31 years of service; Engine Co. #1 will celebrate their the 110th anniversary this year.

Council President Jackson advised that the DPW did a great job during the past storm; the new sign is up and running; he is researching security cameras for the DPW lot.

Councilwoman Sharp advised the rabies clinic will be held February 26th; there was a flu clinic January 19th in Leonia; she is reviewing ambulance bills and she meets monthly with the First Aid Squad.

Administrator Nicolosi interviewed two agencies for animal control; the fire hydrant fees were increased and the BCUA charges aren't available yet; the plow truck will be re-bid; after Dieter's review, the cell tower leases will be continued instead of a purchase offer.

Attorney Monaghan advised that, bidding for monetizing assets, is the best approach. English Paving Co. would like to purchase the Feiner property at W. Fort Lee Road and establish an up-to-date asphalt company -English Paving would like Council's approval, and Council will consider this.

Mayor McHale advised that he and the administrator met with Teaneck for the purpose Initiating the study for combining police departments which could be completed from six months to one year. Dorothy Smith resigned from the Centennial walkway project. Dieter Lerch confirmed his audit services for the borough.

Citizen Remarks

Charles Miles complained of loitering at Bixby school – Council President Jackson suggested security cameras there.

Dan Schnipp suggested leasing is a continuous financial benefit, whereas a sale produces only a one-shot infusion of money.

Nick Attanasio asked about the status of the dispatchers' retro checks; after some processing of paperwork, a special payroll will be prepared for them; he also wondered of the positions in that department and Councilwoman Sharp advised it is in the talking phase.

The following resolution was adopted:
11-32A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brophy, seconded by Councilwoman Sharp; motion approved and carried; meeting ended at 9:15 PM