

Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Saturday, January 7, 2012, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 9:00 AM

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call: Council members Uceta, Jackson, Brophy, Nunez, and Konigsberg, were present; Mayor McHale and Councilman Burdies were 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, 2012

In the absence of Mayor McHale, Council President Brophy presided at this hearing.

The following budget presentations took place:

Attached is a summary sheet reflecting the budgets of the Police Department, First Aid Squad, Emergency Management, Rescue Squad, Fire Department and Fire Prevention Bureau.

Police Chief Burke and Captain Sepp presented the budgets of both the Police Department, the Auxiliary Police and the Police Dispatchers. Costs include department operations, youth academy, salaries, vehicle repairs and technology.

Councilman Jackson presented both the First Aid Squad and Office of Emergency Management budgets. Various costs include building structural damage, damage from the flood - some funding is expected from FEMA, soft goods, emergency notification system and training. Housing for the trailer and a transporting vehicle for it are being considered.

Kevin Geraghty presented the Rescue Squad figures which include vehicle repairs, equipment, cablevision, pump, turnout gear, training and dues. Within their 156 calls, fallen trees created hazardous conditions, which were removed along with the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Greiner presented the Fire Department's budget, which included expenses for operation – he suggested purchasing a pickup truck, costs which would be \$30,000, and it could be shared by all volunteer departments, including towing the trailer, and transporting equipment during emergencies.

Lou Kern presented the Fire Prevention Bureau's budget which included maintenance of the department, expenses which include salary, office supplies, vehicle maintenance, training and dues.

There is great need for volunteers and Councilman Konigsberg suggested education, starting with high school students, in order to instill in them a desire of pride to participate in their community by serving as junior firemen.

Councilman Nunez suggested incentives for volunteers because the community is grateful for their services, and he thanked all for their dedication and commitment.

Administrator Nicolosi and Council President Brophy thanked all for attending and submitting their budgets.

Adjournment took place at 12:35 PM