

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday July 21, 2011, in 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; Councilmember 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

The following items on the consent agenda were approved and Councilman Brophy requested that resolution #11-151 be voted upon separately which was done.

Resolutions:

Consent Agenda

- 11-150 Award a contract to Metrocom Wireless Inc. for radio equipment
- 11-151 Authorize Borough Administrator to sign Memorandum of Understanding between Bergen County Prosecutor, Township of Teaneck, Borough of Little Ferry and Borough of Bogota - merger
- 11-152 Authorize the Borough Planner to undertake a re-zoning study as part of the ongoing re-examination being conducted by the Planning Board
- 11-153 Appoint Raymond R. Wiss Esq. as special counsel / (Officer Tasca)
- 11-154 Waive borough fees for Trinity Lutheran Church's construction projects
- 11-155 Appoint DPW part time seasonal help John Mitchell, Jr. and James Kondel
- 11-156 Authorize to advertise bids for tree removal and stumps
- 11-157 Capital budget amendment
- 11-158 Refund of unused permit fee for P & D Environmental
- 159-61 Three Tax checks totaling \$61,578.75
- 11-162 Authorize Mayor to sign contract to study Asset Monetization with Advantage3 LLC

Introduce ordinances:

- #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 N.J.

Approvals:

Scott Pollard, 147 Fairview Avenue, requests block a party for Saturday, July 23rd from 2:00 to 10:00 PM on Fischer Avenue between Fairview and Cypress Avenues

The following Minutes were approved: June 16; Mayor McHale abstained from July 7

The following resolution was adopted:

PC: 11-7

Introduce ordinance:

The following resolution was adopted:

11-163 Introduce and advertise ordinance #1404:

#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. The voting record is on the resolution.

Mayor McHale appointed Angela Torres to the Bogota Library Board

Correspondence: Trinity Lutheran Church requests waiving borough building fees
United Water – rate increase

Committee Reports

Councilman Konigsberg advised that the Environment Commission would like to refurbish the former train station at W. Fort Lee Road

Councilman Brophy reported that there are about 100 children enrolled in the Recreation's summer camp and the Planning Board has two hearings, one for an upgrade at Queen Anne Road and Fort Lee Road and the other on Leonia Avenue for converting a two family house into a three family.

Councilman Nunez said the Website is going live tomorrow; the police donated their old cars to the Fire Department.

Councilwoman Sharp changed her vote on resolution 11-153 to an abstention. She then read a letter of her resignation as a council member, effective immediately.

Mayor McHale, all of the council members present, Administrator Nicolosi, Attorney Monaghan, and Clerk Garlicki were sorry that she is resigning, and thanked her for her efforts, because she served the residents most conscientiously. Congratulations and the best of wishes were extended to her for her future endeavors. She then vacated her seat on the dais and witnessed the remaining portion of the meeting in the audience with the public.

Administrator Nicolosi reported that he filed the Open Space application; the T ball field and fencing are completed and the net debt will decrease. More work must be done on Palisade Avenue and the appropriation is set aside for it.

Mayor McHale advised that the 2011 road bids were opened and a low bid of \$87,000 was submitted.

Citizen Remarks

Daniele Fede commented that the public cannot participate with the consent agenda; she questioned why Little Ferry is being added to the merger study.

Harvey Murphy thanked council for approving the resolution for the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Anna Ferris invited the Mayor and Council to attend an awards evening to be held at the Steen School tomorrow night, in order to acknowledge the achievement and physical fitness awards which will be given to the young cadets from the police emergency academy.

Police Chief Burke will attend this ceremony tomorrow night. He also informed council of the necessity of addressing the portable radio system which needs replacing for safety issues.

The following resolution was adopted:

11-149A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and Officer Misskerg was informed that no action would be taken tonight.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Noto, seconded by Councilman Brophy; motion approved and carried; meeting ended at 8:20 PM