

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, July 7, 2011, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilwoman Sharp

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

In the absence of Mayor McHale, Council President Jackson presided.

Unison Site Management Co.– David Bernstein who is the Site Development officer, was present to explain the beneficial services of a cell site team which aggressively markets additional leases and carriers. Mr. Bernstein will be in contact with Administrator Nicolosi for further discussion.

Sidewalk Safety has been successfully lifting and leveling sidewalks with no damage to our town trees. Options for payment of this work was discussed.

The following items on the consent agenda were approved:
11-148 Advertise bids for Olsen Park drainage improvement
11-149 Approve liquor license for S&M Bros.

Discussion took place concerning options of merging the police department with Teaneck, Little Ferry and Ridgefield Park, (Ridgefield Park needs more time), so discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Administrator Nicolosi advised that a part time cleaning custodian should be hired since there is less traffic at the Borough Hall.

A study will get underway for creating a public events committee.

A resolution will be drafted, authorizing the Borough Planner to undertake a re-zoning study for the old Dewey property plus re-examining 2nd, 4th Place and Main St. to be included.

A salary ordinance will be introduced which creates ranges of rates.

A landscape ordinance will be drafted which authorizes the landscaper to remove grass clippings and vegetative wastes.

A sample sump pump fee ordinance will be drafted.

A capital ordinance for DPW vehicles, equipment, buildings and grounds, flooding damage, computer stations, police needs, OEM towing vehicle, turnout gear will be considered.

Councilman Brophy reminded Council about curbs on W. Main Street at Olsen Park.

Administrator Nicolosi : advised the DPW Superintendent's job should be advertised; part time work applications are on file; 3 grants were received for Project Success, Bus Driver and road reconstruction North Avenue.

*Administrator Nicolosi met with Borough Engineer Harry Tuvel, County Engineer Christos Kavvadas, Joe Niosi and Ken O'Donnell on Tuesday, June 28th concerning the storm water coming off of River Road and running into Olsen Park. The County will consider adding more catch basins to help alleviate the problem by Bogert Lane and Kramer Court

He also met with Borough Engineer Harry Tuvel and Joe Niosi on Wednesday, July 6th to finalize the bid for the drainage project in Olsen Park; it should go out to bid next week. He attended the Masons on Wednesday, June 22nd, along with Council President Tito Jackson and Police Detective Sergeant RobertPiterski. The Masons presented us with four (4) checks for \$200 each for the Police, Fire, First Aid and Rescue Squads. A letter was sent by the Mayor thanking them for the donations. A copy was put in each councilmember's mailbox; I want to publicly thank the Masons for their donation.

Citizen Remarks

Daniele Fede agrees with the police merger; wants to discuss limiting ability to remove trees on private property.

Nick Zampetti disagrees with merging police with Little Ferry; sump pump water should flow into storm system which is not levied by BCUA; a Recreation garbage container can be bought by the Recreation funds; Expand the planner's study to go from St. Josephchurch to Luthin Place.

At the end of the school year, the police department sent letters to the crossing guards informing them of a reduction of their work hours; Crossing guards Pat Brickley and Diane Searles protested this action. Attorney Monaghan will handle.

The following resolution was adopted:
11-147A Closed Session

The meeting was re-opened for Mr. Robles who complained of trees and sidewalk slabs, and he was told that Council is now addressing the tree and sidewalk problem.

The public meeting was then closed for the closed session to convene, after which the public meeting was opened and then it adjourned at 10:10 PM