

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, March 17, 2011, in the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM Salute to the Flag led by Councilman Jackson

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Noto, Sharp, Jackson, Nunez and Konigsberg were present; Councilman Brophy 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 calendar year 2011 ordinance which exceeds the municipal budget cost of living allowance and to establish a CAP bank was introduced.

The following resolution was adopted:

11-61C Computation of Reserve for Uncollected Taxes – 2011 Budget

The 2011 municipal budget was introduced under resolution 11-62, authorizing same and advertising its summary. Rob Haag was present to explain the mandated CAP and the Levy must be reduced.

The following items on the consent agenda were approved:

Resolutions:

11-63 Change order of \$13, 515 for storm water inlet renovations – Ingannamorte & Son

11-64 Retain Appraisal Systems for Michael Court Apartments' tax appeal

11-65 Transfer appropriations

11-66 Exempt the reserve for uncollected taxes from the 2% CAP

11-67 Support a repeal of sick leave injury

11-68 Support S-2404 capping attorney fees in litigation against public entities

11-69 Support A3431 to amend title 59 by granting immunity to public entities for sidewalk injuries where the homeowner is responsible for sidewalk maintenance by ordinance

11-70 Support A-3430 to amend title 59 by strengthening weather immunity

11-71 Support A-2333 and A-3432 to amend title 59 to provide immunities for beaches, Boardwalks and similar property

11-72 Award contract to McNerney to prepare appraisal for Bogota Main St. Associates

73-74 Tax checks totaling \$14,164.71

11-75 Re-advertise bids for marketing asset identification services for purpose of revenue

Introduce ordinances:

#1395 An ordinance amending Chapter 7 Schedule IV, entitled, "Time Limited Parking" of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Bogota

#1396 An ordinance amending Chapter 7:3.10a entitled, "Parking Prohibited When Streets are covered with snow" of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Bogota Approvals:

Hose Co. #3 accepts Ernesto Luna, probationary

Engine Co. 403 accepts Robert Pelissier

Minutes of February 17; March 3 were approved with Councilman Jackson abstaining from the March 3rd.

The following resolution was adopted:

PC: 11-3

Public Hearing on ordinance took place

#1394 An ordinance adding an ordinance entitled "Regulation and Billing of Excess Sewer Charges" of the revised general ordinances of the Borough of Bogota The voting record is attached.

The following resolution was adopted:

11-75A Emergency Temporary Appropriation - Capital Improvement Fund

Introduce Ordinances:

#1397 Bond ordinance to authorize the resurfacing of various roads in, by and for the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 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. Approved resolution 11-76 is attached.

#1398 Bond ordinance to authorize roadway and intersection improvements at various locations in, by and for the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to appropriate the sum of \$525,000 to pay the cost thereof, 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. Approved resolution

11-77 is attached.

Committee Reports

Councilman Konigsberg amended the last minutes stating “the Friends of the Library have been re-instituted”. He advised the Environment Commission requests an ordinance granting permission for tree removal on private properties – a shade tree and poster contest is being done.

Councilwoman Sharp met with the senior citizens and reported that they were pleased with the DPW’s jobs this winter – the sidewalks on Beechwood Avenue, also, when will they start on trees? Mayor McHale replied sometime in spring.

The clerk requested that council members submit committee reports, in writing, so that accuracy is reflected on record.

Councilman Nunez advised that the Fire Department requests an ordinance notifying firemen of solar panels on a roof, in the event of a fire, since electricity is present. Attorney Monaghan will contact Lou Kern and Pete Faller.

Councilman Jackson complained of flooding at the First Aid building.

Attorney Monaghan met with police officer John Misskerg concerning negotiations; the police committee will meet soon.

Mayor McHale met with Engineers Tuvel and Boswell Engineering regarding the Elm Avenue/ River Road site; the County wishes to pursue this project.

Citizen Remarks

Nathan Kittner’s concerns regard the sharing services with the Court; contacts with the AOC; agreement between Little Ferry and the borough; he disagrees with moving the Court to Little Ferry and he wrote a letter to the Bogota Bulletin critical of the merger.

Charles Severino asked how much reserve for uncollected taxes” \$41,000; tax points – \$85,000

-- W. Grove needs resurfacing from Larch to River Rd. Charlie Castillo asked that parking spaces be removed on 4th Place since trucks drive on the sidewalks.

The following resolution was adopted:

11-61D Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and the following resolutions were adopted:

11-78 Terminating services of Terri Hunter, Municipal Court Administrator

11-79 Terminating services of Eileen Hennessy, Deputy Municipal Court Administrator

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Noto, seconded by Councilman Jackson ; motion approved and carried; meeting ended at 8:35 PM