

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Nunez

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Noto, Brophy, Nunez and Konigsberg were present; Council members Sharp and Jackson 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, 2011

A public hearing on the Municipal Budget Amendment took place, but there was no response from the citizens present.

The following resolution was adopted:

11-103 Appoint Richard O'Connor, Housing Inspector under office of Fire Marshal

Discussion:

Police Chief Burke was present to request that special police officers be appointed from nearby colleges who could handle minor duties of police work. Colleges offer "internships" and their contribution of manpower could relieve full time officers for vital police work. A resolution for this for will be placed on the May 19th agenda.

Since the Court has moved, there is office space available and this space will be used for more efficiency in the Borough Hall.

Discussion concerning cell tower leasing took place for going out to bid for a lease yield of \$471,000 for 10 years with a 4% rate of investment was considered. Nothing definite was decided yet.

The governing body will certify the general fund tax levy for the Board of Education at a special public meeting to be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 7:30 PM

Fire Chief Woegens was present to request that, in case of fires in home which have solar panels, warning stickers be placed on the electric meters since the panels energize electricity. Administrator Nicolosi will locate an appropriate ordinance which will be considered for introduction.

Councilman Brophy commented that excellent workmanship was done in Olsen Park around the ball fields.

Mayor McHale advised a change order will be on the next agenda for the fencing.

Citizen Remarks

Nick Zampetti asked about the Pitman schedule analysis and he agrees with the special police appointments. He inquired if the duties of the housing inspector are similar to Joe Ruggiero's duties which they are.

Nick Barese agreed with the cell tower leasing and feels cell towers could become obsolete over 25 years, so an attractive rate should be decided on; he thanked Administrator Nicolosi for obtaining grants for the parks and he's proud of the condition of the renovations.

Police Chief Burke reported he acquired car from Bergen County Executive Donovan;

Cameras were donated from the commissioners of Ridgefield Park; new police cars will arrive in June; he is working on the Pitman analysis; Officer Rivera will be meritoriously cited for his bravery in rescuing two teens from a house fire; Samsun donated a 55" LED TV which will be used for training purposes; the COPS hiring grant deadline is tight; he asked that the flags be hung at half-mast for Law Enforcement Day on May 15th—in memory of Officer Abraham of Teaneck; the Little Ferry court personnel is working hard and they move 165 cases a week; "Take back prescription drugs" is successful so far.

Councilman Noto and Administrator Nicolosi discussed swapping a garbage truck with Little Ferry for a Vac All.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Noto, seconded by Councilman Konigsberg; motion approved and carried; session ended at 8:40 PM