

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, November 3, 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 Uceta, Burdiaz, Nunez and Konigsberg were present; Councilman Brophy was absent; Councilman Jackson was five minutes' late

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

Mayor McHale asked that resolution #11-221 be added to the consent agenda; all members present approved of this, and the following items on the consent agenda were approved:

Resolutions

Consent Agenda

11-217 Agreement with BCCD for Senior Bus Driver for \$10,000

11-218 Agreement with BCCD for Playground Safety Project for \$33,700

11-219 Chapter 159 for Clean Communities grant, \$9,843.25

11-220 Submit grant application and execute grant agreement with NJDOT for Leonia Avenue project

11-221 Hiring of part time Crossing Guards Joan Owens and Scott Koenig

Committee Reports:

Mayor McHale commended all of the volunteers for the great job done during and after the recent snow emergency. Congressman Rothman was made aware of the tree damage

on the railroad property.

Councilman Konigsberg reported the tax collections were \$1,584,366.30. The Rescue Squad will attend driver education classes in Mahwah - sponsored by Bergen County.

Councilman Nunez thanked Councilman Jackson for the emergency services given during the emergency; the DPW did a great job in cleaning up for which he thanked Mayor McHale.

Councilman Jackson added to the accolades for all of the volunteers; PSEG completed their utility work at 6:00 PM for the convenience of the residents; Shelters were available to residents at Rothman Center and the senior citizen center which the First Aid Squad staffed overnight; Holy Name Hospital donated linens and refreshments; CSX railroad will address the tree damage from Ridgefield Park to Dumont; he thanked the Police Chief for sending the alert messages out on the reverse 9-1-1; he also recognized the DPW for their work night and day.

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Administrator Nicolosi received proposals for removing the oil tank at Borough Hall; the police will need 18 portable radios.

DPW Superintendent Joe Niosi was present to review the purchase of two trucks from Warnock which has a state contract.

Citizen Remarks:

Nick Zampetti questioned use of police in-car surveillance – dash cameras will be used.

Pete Massa questioned redundant fire safety fees allocated to landlords and tenants, and Fire Marshal Lou Kern met with him to explain the Uniform Fire Safety Codes.

Daniele Fede, Environment Commission Chairman, suggested removal of the oil tank; she was pleased with the emergency "alert" phone call to residents.

Jared Geist suggested the new council members participate with committee reports.

Susan Harper requests OPRA responses to complete her request; she asked if more trees would be cut down – Administrator Nicolosi said "no" and also, there was no discussion by Council concerning an alternate parking lot.

Mike Lavin and Gina Villafuerte agree with the parking lot near the ball field, since safety is a concern for children crossing W. Main Street near the Recreation Center.

Susan Harper added that her child has to be considered also, for safety in that area.

George Shalhoub remembers a grant application, a few years ago, to put a bridge over W. Main Street extension from the snack stand to the ball field.

Councilman Nunez said this parking lot is an emotional issue for the residents, and he feels it should not be put in the area discussed. He will lobby to make sure it isn't being rammed down anyone's throat. An alternate location that will accommodate everyone's needs could be found and we should engage in more dialogue.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Nunez, seconded by Councilman Konigsberg; motion approved and carried; session ended at 8:10 PM