

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday October 20, 2011, in the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Konigsberg

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Uceta, Burdiaz, Jackson, Brophy, Nunez and Konigsberg were present

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 with the exception of resolution Nos. 11-210 and 11-217 with approvals up to and including ordinance 1205:

Resolutions: Consent Agenda

11-206 Award S. Rotondi contract for vegetative, recycling waste site

11-207 Purchase of landscaper's box (12,000 GVWT) from Matera Nursery

11-208 Confirm endorsement of BC CD housing AAH projects

11-209 Purchase of 4-ton asphalt hot box from McGrath Municipal Equipment, through Somerset Co-op bid contract #CC-58-09

11-210 Conversion of Borough Hall's oil heat to natural gas (removed)

11-211 Enter agreement with BC CD for Project Success, \$18,000, 2011-2012

11-212 Enter BCCD grant agreement for \$100,000 grant for North Ave reconstruction

11-213 Tax check for \$1310.17 to A. Caseres

11-214 Ridgefield Park agreement for use of their DPW fueling station

11-215 Ridgefield Park agreement for use of their salt silo

11-216 Ridgefield Park agreement for storage of pre-wetting mixture for road salt

11-217 Change order #1, Olsen Park drainage improvement project (removed)

Approvals:

Engine Co. #1 accepts Anthony Reo as member

Introduce Ordinance:

1405 An ordinance authorizing an emergency appropriation NJSA 40A-4-53 funding of terminal pay for retired employees

The following resolution was adopted:

PC 11-10

Correspondence: The Ridgefield Park zoning ordinance was sent to the Planning Board

Committee Reports:

Councilman Brophy reported El truck will go out when E3 returns and Fire Chief Woegens is working on obtaining a spare from the bordering town; Bogota Day is planned for the Memorial Day weekend (not on Monday), rather Friday, Saturday and Sunday only; a "farmer's market" is being planned for Wednesdays; BACSA will host a Halloween party Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> for kids 10 years and younger; Conrail must be contacted concerning the embankment.

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Councilman Konigsberg: September's tax collection receipts were \$100,225.80; In October, the Library will donate their "fines" money to the food pantry.

Councilman Jackson met with FEMA concerning funding for the past hurricane.

Attorney Monaghan reported that cell tower receipts prove to be too small and he cited the town of Park Ridge's bidding for same.

Citizen Remarks:

There was an open forum with many residents present who voiced their opinions on the drainage and parking project in Olsen Park.

Residents on River Road and some others expressed disagreement with the project:: Susan Harper, Mr. Hernandez, Tina Trotta; Barbara Serrano, Daniele Fede, Nick Zampetti, George Shalhoub, Charlotte Castillo, Peter Massa. Their concerns were of an environmental nature, tree removal causes soil erosion, cars cause emission of fumes, traffic, safety, and a lack of notice to residents beforehand. Nick Barese and Art Sopelsa attended a pre-construction meeting. Mr. Reyes agreed with the project.

At 9:15 PM the fire alarm sounded and Councilman Brophy left the meeting and then returned at 9:20 PM

Engineer Tuvel was present to explain the plans and specifications and to address any questions concerning this project.

Mayor McHale felt this would be an improvement and help the kids who play ball during the spring season.

Administrator Nicolosi advised this original grant did not include parking, but it was re-written into the grant.

Attorney Monaghan explained the legal bidding procedure for awarding the project.

Councilman Nunez felt this lengthy dialogue was good and that the community should be able to communicate with one another. It was not the intention to do harm or to de-value the property of residents, but rather find remedies for the good and welfare of everyone.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Nunez, seconded by Councilman Jackson; motion approved and carried; meeting ended at 9:30 PM