

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, April 24, 2014 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Robbins

Roll Call: Mayor Jackson and Council members Burdiez, Kelemen, Kohles, Mitchell, Nunez and Robbins were present.

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied as notice was sent to two newspapers on April 21, 2014 and posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board.

Mayor Jackson suggested voting on each Resolution separately. Everyone agreed.

Resolution 14-113 Adopt Personnel Policies and Procedures:

Mayor Jackson asked for clarification concerning the Policies and Procedures Manual. Borough Attorney Bern explained that Administrator Greiner gave the manual to him to review. Mr. Bern felt it was comprehensive and complete. Resolution 14-113 was approved.

Resolution 14-114 Appoint Elizabeth Wiemer as Assistant Treasurer:

Discussion took place. Vote resulted in a tie. Mayor broke tie with affirmative vote.

Resolution 14-115 Authorizing Special Counsel: Trenk Dispasquale to Oppose Subpeonas was tabled to be discussed in closed session.

The following items were approved unanimously:

Bogota Jr/Sr High School – 50/50 Raffle, June 13, 2014

Bogota Day Activities including liquor license for beer truck

Engine Co. #1 terminates Robert Pelissier, turnout gear is returned

Opening Day parade for Bogota Baseball Organization

The PC: 14-04 was approved with the following “exceptions”:

Councilman Kelemen recused himself from a payment to his daughter.

Councilwoman Kohles recused herself from a payment to her husband.

Councilwoman Kohles and Councilman Robbins voted against Engineer Costa’s and Attorney Bern’s bills.

Pending Ordinance #1441 Police Department line of authority personnel was pulled to be rewritten and re-introduced. Police Chief Burke explained deficiencies in the original ordinance.

The following ordinances were approved and introduced:

#1442 Bond ordinance for acquisition of the senior bus was

#1443 Bond ordinance for improving municipal facilities

Mayor Jackson appointment Joanne Cursinella to the library board.

Mayor Jackson reminded everyone that the Opening Day Parade for the Bogota Baseball Organization will be Saturday morning, April 26th, at 8:30am.

The Mayor also mentioned Reconstruction at the VFW taking place on Saturday, April 26th, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Dignitaries will be present. All who wish to volunteer their time are welcome.

Mayor Jackson also conveyed to Council that Hazard Mitigation Grant money is coming. He would like to be able to put generators in all the safety buildings. Bogota High School is getting air conditioning which will allow it to qualify as a shelter.

May 15th at 1:30pm is the DWI Drill for the high school students. Public is invited.

NJ Marathon will be held this weekend as well.

The Mayor asked for prayers for an officer in Hackensack and an officer in Paramus.

Committee Reports will be held till next meeting.

Citizen Remarks:

Police Chief Burke explained that Saturday, April 26th, from 10:00am to 5:00pm, will be Operation Take Back, where people can bring expired prescription drugs for safe disposal.

Gordon Kohles, the DPW Supervisor, complained about his job performance being questioned at a previous meeting without him being present. He will be filing a grievance as per Administrator's Greiner's instructions.

The meeting went into Closed Session at 8:28pm.

The following Resolutions were added to the agenda and approved:

14-115 Authorizing special Counsel to oppose subpoenas

14- 116 Appoint Raymond Wiss, Esq. as Special counsel

14-117 Authorize Legal Counsel to move forward to recoup legal fees for Mayor's claim.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:23pm.