



Minutes
Open Sessions

January 06, 2022
7:34 pm

Sine Die & Re-Organization Meeting
Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota
Bogota Council Chambers
375 Larch Avenue
Bogota, NJ 07603

Roll Call of 2021 Council

Mayor Kelemen	Present
Council President Carpenter	Present
Councilman Connors	Present
Councilwoman Fede	Present
Councilwoman Granquist	Present
Councilwoman Murphy	Present
Councilman Robbins	Present

Also Present: Borough Attorney, William Betesh; Joseph Scarpa; Borough Administrator; and Deputy Clerk, Yenlys F. Bolivard.

Salute to the Flag

Mayor Kelemen welcomed the audience for the New Year and welcomed newly elected New Jersey State Senator Gordon M. Johnson. He also, explained the meaning of the Sine Die meeting. Mayor Kelemen extended thanks to everyone present and wished everyone a great year.

Citizen Remarks: One (5) minute time limit per person.

A motion is made by Councilwoman Council President Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Robbins to go into citizen remarks. The motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Nunez – Wished everyone a Happy and healthy New Year. He also congratulated newly elected New Jersey State Senator Gordon M. Johnson. Additionally, Mr. Nunez said he knows they all will do an excellent job and encourage all Council to do what's best for the Community.

Demetriades- Would like to know if the Administration contract is going to be revisited. Also expressed his concerned regarding litigation against the Borough.

Motion made by Councilman Robbins to close citizen remarks. Seconded by Councilman Connors. The motion was carried to close citizen remarks. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor and Council answered citizen's remarks:

Council President Carpenter- She extended thanks to Mr. Nunez for his kind words, as well as newly elected New Jersey State Senator Gordon M. Johnson. She extended her congratulations to Senator Gordon M. Johnson, and also thanked him for his support.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unfinished business for the year 2021

Motion made by Council President Carpenter to approve 2021-189 budget transfers for Municipal Budget 2021. Councilman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion was carried to Approve the budget transfer. All present in favor, none opposed.

Motion made by Council President Carpenter to approve Payment of Claims PC-2021-20. Seconded by Councilwoman Granquist. All present in favor, none opposed. Councilwoman Fede abstained from Tom's Service Center Bill.

A motion is made by Council President Carpenter to close the meeting Sine Die. Seconded by Councilwoman Granquist. All present in favor, none opposed.

Adjournment of Sine Die Meeting

NEW BUSINESS: (Reorganization)

The Borough Deputy Clerk Mrs. Flores- Bolivard announced Certification of 2021 General Election results for Councilwoman Carpenter and Councilman Robbins

New Jersey State Senator Gordon M. Johnson administered the oath of the office to Council woman Carpenter and Councilman Robbins. He congratulated Councilwoman Carpenter and Councilman Robbins. He additionally thanked the Community of Bogota for their support for the past 20 years. "Let's continue the good work together. "

Councilwoman Carpenter and Councilman Robbins, thanked the Senator for his support.

Mayor Kelemen convenes the 2022 Council and Roll Call is conducted.

Roll Call of 2022 Council

Mayor Kelemen
Council President Carpenter
Councilman Connors
Councilwoman Fede
Councilwoman Granquist
Councilwoman Murphy
Councilman Robbins

Citizen Remarks: One (5) minute time limit per person.

A motion is made by Council president Carpenter to go into citizen remarks, seconded by Councilman Robbins. All present in favor, none opposed.

Frias- Congratulated all the Council and wished them a great year.

O'Brien – Congratulated Council president Carpenter and Councilman Robbins.

Solomov- Congratulated the newest elected officials. Also mentioned she is organizing a group of kids from town that will be helping out with the cleaning of the snow.

Cruz- Wished everyone Happy New Year and congratulated the Council, also thanked the community of Bogota for electing her to the Board Education Board. She also expressed her concerns regarding the sidewalk and tree in front of her house.

A motion is made by Councilman Robbins to end citizen remarks, seconded by Councilman Connors, the motion carried. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor and Council answered citizen's remarks:

Council president Carpenter- Thanked everyone for their kind words. Additionally, she congratulated Mrs. Cruz on her new role as Board member. In addition she said how being part of the Board of Education and working with the kids is one of the greatest experiences.

Councilwoman Fede- Addressed Mrs. Cruz's concerns regarding the tree and sidewalk protocol and encouraged her to report complaints to the clerk office. Also mentioned that sometimes it take a few years before it can be taken-care of, however the Borough is doing everything in their power to catch up.

Mayor Kelemen – Congratulated Mrs. Solomov in getting the group of kids together to assist seniors cleaning up the snow. Additionally, he said that helping the community can give us the opportunity to connect with people and set a great example for the kids. Mayor Kelemen, also

addressed Mrs. Cruz question regarding the tree and noted that the Borough is doing everything possible to address this issue.

Motion is made to Nominate Council President Mary Ellen Murphy by Councilman Connors, seconded by Councilman Robbins, motion carried on rollcall vote. All present in favor, none opposed

Councilman Connors nominated Councilwoman Murphy because she has demonstrated the ability to work with everyone. He additionally said that her leadership and experience make her the right candidate. Councilwoman Mary Ellen Murphy was sworn in by Mayor Kelemen.

Motion is made to elect Class III Planning Board Member (Member of the Council), council woman Murphy. Councilman Robbins motioned to elect class III Planning Board Member, seconded by Councilwoman, Granquist. The motion carried on roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilwoman Fede said that Council President Murphy is the perfect candidate because of her commitment and energy. She additionally said that she successfully completed her term. She will continue to do a great job as a planning and zoning member.

Mayor Kelemen selected and sworn in the New Police Commissioner, Councilwoman Fede.

Mayor Kelemen reads the list of Council Committee Assignments

Council Committees 2022

Councilwoman Fede	Administration/ Personnel, Environmental Commission, Police/Auxiliary/Court/ Office of Emergency, Senior Citizens, Veterans Affairs and Property Maintenance
Councilwoman Murphy	Administration/ Personnel, Construction/ Planning/Zoning, Environmental Commission, Library, Fire Department and Board of Education
Councilman Connors	BACSA, Health/Insurance, Board of Education, Police/Auxiliary/Court/ Office, Rescue, Recreation and Transportation
Councilwoman Carpenter	Building and Grounds, Construction/Planning/Zoning, DPW, Library, Finance/Tax/Grants and Liaisons to County and State
Councilwoman Granquist	BACSA, DPW, Police/Auxiliary/Court/ Office of Emergency, Rescue, Senior Citizens, Transportation, Finance/Tax/Grants

Councilman Robbins

Fire Department, Health /Insurance, Recreation,
Transportation, Veteran’s Affairs, Liaisons to County and
State and Property Maintenance

A motion is made by Councilman Connors to accept Mayor Kelemen’s recommendations for Council Committee Assignments, seconded by Councilwoman Fede, The motion carried on roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor Kelemen appoints the following to the Planning/Zoning Board and Environmental Commission for the following terms:

Planning/Zoning Board

Class II SGT Detective Hector Liriano – Term expires 12/31/2022 – Re-appoint
Alt # 2 Jose Chavez – Term expires 12/31/2023 – Re-appoint

Mayor Kelemen appointed the following to the Environmental Commission for the following terms:

Environmental Commission

Yesenia Frias – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint
Rebecca Youla – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint
Diane Mancini – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint
Isabel Bustamante – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint

Associates:

Susan Cruz – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint
Mark Olson – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint

Mayor Kelemen recommended and nominated the following to serve on the Board of Health for the following terms:

A motion is made by Councilman Robbins to accept Mayor Kelemen’s recommendations of the following to serve on the Board of Health for the following terms: Seconded by Councilwoman Fede. The motion carried on roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed. Councilwoman Carpenter abstained.

Board of Health

Susan Caraccio – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint
Cyndi Briones – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint
Eileen Hennessy – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint

A motion is made by Councilman Connors to accept Mayor Kelemen’s recommendations of the following to serve on the Recreation Committee for the following terms. Seconded by Council President Murphy. The motion carried on roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

Recreation Committee

Rebecca Youla – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint
Jason Kearns – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Re-appoint
Mike Kernes – Term expires 12/31/2022 – Appoint
Kristen Meberg – Term expires 12/31/2022 – Appoint
Nicole DeValle – Alternante – Term expires 12/31/2023 – Appoint
Stephanie Van der Have – Alternate – Term expires 12/31/2024 – Appoint

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion is made by Councilwoman Carpenter to pass the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Robbins. The motion carried on roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

- 2022:01 Adopt the Temporary Budget
- 2022:02 Authorizing CY2021 Budget to be read by Title Only
- 2022:03 Accelerate Tax Sale
- 2022:04 Authorize Bank Depositories
- 2022:05 Adopt Cash Management Plan
- 2022:06 Authorize Official Newspapers. The Record and the Star Ledger
- 2022:07 Authorize Signatories for checks
- 2022:08 Authorization for Borough Attorney and Tax Assessor to Settle Tax Appeals
- 2022:09 Establish Delinquent Tax Rate
- 2022:10 Authorize Interim Payments
- 2022:11 Authorize Collection of Costs for Insufficient Fund
- 2022:12 Appoint Adults School Crossing Guards
- 2022:13 Participate in Bergen County Police Mutual Aid Plan
- 2022:14 Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O)
- 2022:15 Re-Appoint Jesse D’Amore as Bogota’s Wastewater Collection Operation
- 2022:16 Re-Appoint Christopher Eilert as Qualified Purchasing Agent
- 2022:17 Re-Appoint of Daniel Craddock as DPW Assistant Superintendent

Citizen Remarks: One (5) minute time limit per person.

Nunez- Congratulated the Council president Murphy, and additionally congratulated the Mayor and Council on their committee selections. He said, “Woman bring the greater in all people” Best of luck to all. Hence, advised the Council to make the right decisions and work together because leadership is the key for success.

Youla- She said; “By working together we can accomplish amazing things.” She looks forward to working together with Councilman Connors and Councilwoman Granquist and all the new members.

Solomov- She supported Nunez comments by saying leadership is very important. She also asked for an update regarding the recycling center.

Mayor and Council answered citizen's remarks:

Council President Murphy: Thanked Mr. Nunez for his kind words. She also said that moving forward is important in life if want progress. Speaking on her behalf moving forward is a way to reconnect and have better communication.

Councilman Connors- One of the best ways you can acknowledge your volunteers' contributions is by saying "Thank you". Additionally, he said he is grateful for all the volunteers the town has noting it is a team effort.

Councilwoman Fede- Thanked Mrs. Solomov for all her time and hard work. Thank you for volunteering your time and expertise.

Mayor Kelemen- Thanked all the volunteers for their amazing generosity and dedication. This town couldn't have been as successful without all the people who give their time and dedication. He extended his congratulated Mr. Frank Miranda, he was elected president of the Board of Education. He also said he is looking forward to working with everyone. Additionally he addressed Mrs. Solomov question regarding the recycling center by saying that Mrs. Granquist will have an update on the recycling center at the next meeting.

Reports:

Five (5) minute time limit per Council Member

Mayor, Council Committees, Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney, Deputy Clerk

Mayor Kelemen announced that the Emergency Services Volunteer Dinner will be postponed to March 2022 due to the current health situation. He congratulated all the Board Members and said he looking forward to working with everyone. He wished everyone Happy New Year.

Councilwoman Granquist- Attended the Rescue holiday party and it was very nice. She will get some updates for the shared service/recycling center at the next meeting.

Councilman Connor – Congratulated Mr. Miranda, Ms. Cruz, and Mr. Alvarez on winning the Board of Education election. He said Mr. Miranda was elected President and Ms. Ruckett was elected as Vice President. Next Board of Education meeting will be held in person on Tuesday January, 18. During the Board meeting, Superintendent Kennedy explained they plan to keep social distance for all students to trying to keep them safe.

Councilwoman Carpenter- She said the Finance Department has reviewed the budget and she is looking forward to working with the CFO and auditors. She is working on the next Rescue American funds. She mentioned the bid opening for the recreation center will be on January 12, 2022 @2pm and she is planning to attend. She thanked Jayson Flores from Costa Engineer for organizing everything more than 20 submissions. In addition she asked the Police Commissioner Mrs. Fede if she can get a report with the list Police department calls made to the Atrium for the last three months of 20221.

Council President Murphy- Expressed her interest in attending to the bid opening. She reported on the library by saying the tea event they have every year for Valentine’s Day is cancelled and they will be continuing with their zoom meetings. They have very limited open hours due to short staff.

Councilman Robbins – He asked the council for approved to accept a new Kenneth Kalman, Jr Junior Firefighter for the Bogota Volunteer Department so he can begin training with the department.

Motion was made by Councilman Robbins to accept Kenneth Kalman, Jr a new Junior Firefighter for the Bogota Volunteer Fire Department Resolution 2022:18, seconded by Councilwoman Carpenter. The motion carried on roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilwoman Fede – The Library postponed their valentine tea event. Additionally, she said that the senior budget should be look at, so it can possibly be used to help them shoveling snow.

Mayor Kelemen - He expressed his gratitude toward all the kids in town helping the seniors to clean up the snow. Additionally, he would like to think of a way to reward them. “They are doing a fantastic job and we will look for a way to say thank you.” Thank you to Mrs. Solomov and her hard work and dedication to the community.

Councilman Connors-He recommended a BBQ as a way to said thank you to the kids in helping the seniors. He extended his gratitude to all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work. Along with it he asked Borough Administrator Scarpa, what the department’s protocol for dangerous road conditions is when the DPW is called and if he was aware of an accident that happened on Main Street. Mr. Scarpa said that he was not aware of any incident and he will look into it.

Administrator Scarpa- He wished everyone a Happy New Year. Along with it he reported that he is working with the CFO on all the departments’ budgets. In addition, a safety meeting was completed last week. He also, noted that the Senior Center has new appliances.

Mayor Kelemen wished everyone a great year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilwoman Carpenter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Connors. All present in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm

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I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the minutes.

Yenlys F. Bolivard