

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at the council chambers of Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Administrator Greiner

Roll Call: Mayor McHale, Council members Uceta, Jackson, Nunez, and Konigsberg were present; Councilmembers Burdiez, and Robbins 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 3, 2013

The following resolution was adopted:
13-84A Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and resolution 13-89 accepting George McNerney's resignation as the borough's Accounts Payable Clerk was added to the consent agenda.

A Public Hearing took place and the following ordinance was adopted:
#1426 Salary ordinance amendment for new administrator's position

The following items on the consent agenda were approved:
Resolutions:

- 13-85 Authorizing the issuance of \$800,000 Tax Anticipation Notes of 2013 of the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
- 13-86 Appoint two BCCD representatives; Mayor McHale and Administrator Greiner
- 13-87 Tax check for \$384.81 to M/M Rella
- 13-88 Purchase safety padding equipment for Olsen Park from Safeco for \$65,355
- 13-89 Accepting George McNerney's resignation as the Accounts Payable clerk

Mayor McHale appointed Rob Contino as alternate to the Recreation Commission

Bills for "early voting" will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Councilman Konigsberg advised that first quarter tax bills are being paid; the Rescue Squad is happy the lighting is repaired and their training is ongoing; money collected from the Library's fines will be donated to the needy.

Councilwoman Uceta advised the Bogota Day will be celebrated in June; the snack bar is in the process of renovations; the Board of Education school budget passed.

Council President Jackson advised that the borough received two checks totaling \$1250 which were awarded for safety to the borough' oxygen masks were donated to the ambulance squad; a FEMA representative will be here for debris removal; a mitigation grant for flooding at River Rd and Elm Avenue is applied for and the berms prevent flooding.

Councilman Nunez met with the senior citizens and asked of the status of the old Dewey property; sidewalks are a problem; they want the new Administrator, the Police Chief and Gordon Kohles to meet with them to discuss issues concerning problems; they wish the polling district 3 were changed to the Central Ave. firehouse; the bus roof leaks when it rains.

Mayor McHale reported the snack bar is being repaired from flooding from the hurricane; the DPW workers did a great job.

Council President Jackson confronted Councilman Nunez for procedures he used in interviewing a potential personnel candidate. The following resolutions were added to the agenda and approved:

13-90 Admonish Councilman Nunez

13-91 Admonish Councilman Burdiez

Attorney Monaghan advised that, regarding the old Dewey property, the developer must return plans for the Planning Board to approve the site plan .

New Administrator Grainer looks forward to working and serving the residents.

Citizen Remarks:

Nick Zampetti and Charles Severino want council to "hold the line" on early voting He also asked for the deadline on tax appeals – they were extended to May 1st.

A resident of 356 Larch Avenue questioned his assessment figure and Mayor McHale replied when the values drop, the rates increase.

Adjournment took place at 8:30 PM