



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, held at the Bogota Council Chambers, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, NJ, on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Miranda.

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 December 23, 2017.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Councilmembers Fede, Macfarlane, Miranda, Murphy, and Napolitano were present. Councilwoman Gates-Ferris was absent. Also attending were Borough Attorney Bossong, Borough Administrator Scarpa, and Interim CFO Curran.

Police Chief Maye presented appreciation certificates Mayor and Council, the Borough Administrator, the Borough Clerk, the Auxiliary Police, the Fire Department, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department, and Ken O'Donnell (town Santa Claus and contributor) for their generosity during the Police Christmas Toy fundraiser. He also acknowledged the Auxiliary Police for their work with the Puerto Rico Relief effort and for all the work they do for the police and residents throughout the town. He also presented certificates and acknowledged the great generosity of some local businesses including Tom Favorito of Tom's Service Center, Bob Bartello of Bogota Auto Body, and Ara Toutounjian of Rainbow Cleaners.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda, to open the meeting to Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Connie Carpenter asked for the amounts of the change orders that were on the consent agenda. She also asked why the Swim Club Lease was a closed session item.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Macfarlane, to close Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Borough Attorney Bossong explained that a lease/contract is a closed session item. Administrator Scarpa recited the three change order amounts: Res #18-046 : \$3,725, Res #18-047: Decrease of \$250.00, Res 18-048: \$12,345 of which over \$6,000 was for required electrical work.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 18-042 Authorizing Piazza & Associates as the Administrative Agent for COAH Purposes
- 18-043 Appointing the Borough Clerk, Jeanne Cook, as the Municipal Housing Liaison
- 18-044 Tax Redemption for Block 27.01, Lot 1
- 18-045 Tax Redemption for Block 94, Lot 1
- 18-046 Change Orders #8, 9, and 10 for new DPW Building
- 18-047 Change Orders #11, 12, and 13 for new DPW Building
- 18-048 Change Orders #14, 15, and 16 for new DPW Building
- 18-049 Confirm Endorsement of 2018 Community Development Project
- 18-050 Tax Redemption Block 60, Lot 1

The following Ordinances were introduced:

- 1503 – An Ordinance Replacing the Entire Contents of the Existing Affordable Housing Development Fees Ordinance of the Borough of Bogota
- 1504 – An Ordinance Replacing the Entire Contents of the Existing Affordable Housing Ordinance of the Borough of Bogota to Address the Requirements of the Fair Housing Act and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) regarding Compliance with the Borough's Affordable Housing Obligations

The Public Hearing on Ordinance#1503 and #1504 will take place at the February 15, 2018 Mayor and Council meeting.

Approvals

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Macfarlane, to approve the Minutes for January 18, 2018. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to approve #1 Sean Neubauer as a new member of Hook and Ladder Company #1 and to approve Juan Tull and Christopher Pellagrino as new members of Hose Company #3.

Discussions

Councilwoman Fede requested, on behalf of the Rescue Squad, that the retirement age of the Rescue Squad members be changed from 75 to 80 since there are active members aging out who are crucial to the squad. She requested an ordinance for introduction at the next meeting.

Police Chief Maye and Auxiliary Police President Ray Sanchez requested amending the Auxiliary Police By-laws which have not been amended in many years. The Bogota Auxiliary Police have 14 members and have taken part in extensive training to help the police and residents. Copies of the By-laws and requested amendments were given to the Mayor and Council and Borough Attorney for review and possible approval at the next Mayor and Council meeting.

Discussion took place concerning overnight parking of Commercial Vehicles. A meeting had taken place with Police Chief Maye, Zoning Official Howell, Council members Miranda and Macfarlane, and Administrator Scarpa concerning the many complaints from residents about commercial vehicles parked in driveways. Because it is illegal to run a business out of one's home in Bogota, there should not be more than one truck in the driveway of any home. Councilman Miranda does not want to see anyone hurt who uses a commercial vehicle for his/her job, so an ordinance will be prepared by the Borough Attorney to address residents' concerns and needs.

Council members Miranda, Napolitano, and Macfarlane requested a discussion on changing Bogota's form of government to Non-Partisan Government. Borough Attorney Bossong provided to the Mayor and Council the steps involved to change the form of government. It will be discussed again at a later meeting once everyone has a chance to see the processes involved.

Reports

Mayor Kelemen addressed a concern raised by a Council member at a past meeting about the 200 Club. He announced that the 200 Club donated \$2,500 to fund the Youth Academy. The Mayor met with the new president of Valley National Bank, Junio Abraham who would like to be a part of uniting the community. He reminded everyone that the former bank president had been in charge of the Bogota Chamber of Commerce. He thanked the Interim CFO, Judy Curran, for straightening out pension issues for two employees. He reported that there has been no action by the County regarding the Culvert. He reminded everyone to support the American Heart Association and to wear red on February 2nd and check out the website to support the cause. He is meeting with the Superintendent of Schools on Monday to discuss the parking lot plans. He extended appreciation to Deputy Chief Alex Breuss for the great job he did helping out. He thanked the Bogota Fire Department for their work at the Teaneck fire that took two lives.

Councilman Miranda: Police Department: He met with Crimestoppers. He said that Crimestoppers could help fight the war on drugs because it has a hotline that people can call with anonymous tips or concerns. They will come to events such as the Fall Festival to promote Crimestoppers. He said the cost was between \$2,700 and \$2,750, and the police chief recommends joining.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda, to have Bogota join the Crimestoppers at a cost of \$2750. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Fede: Environmental Commission – She reported that Bogota and Ridgefield Park Green Team are now part of the Bergen County HUB for Sustainable Jersey. Tree planting will take place next fall. She submitted the Tree City recertification. Pruning needs to take place as well. (She thanked the Recreation Department for moving so quickly to pick up the donation of the brand new air hockey game.) She said that the Earth Day Celebration in Ridgefield Park was moved from May 19th to May 5th. She recommended going over the utility bills with a consultant to see if money can be saved. She announced that

Bergen County Rebuilding Together is offering free Carbon Monoxide detectors and selling tickets for \$10 each.

Councilman Napolitano: Finance -He reported that he is collecting data from the CFO and finances are getting in order. He said that the \$125,000 from Riverfront Development has been deposited and \$250,000 more is coming soon.

Buildings and Grounds -He reported that construction has begun on the property on West Fort Lee Road. He suggested an ordinance to create a job entitled "Rental Compliance Officer".

Infrastructure – The County reported that the bridge should be completed on March 23rd. He will keep in touch with the County for a completion date in order to coordinate with the Ryan family for a dedication. The 2018 Drainage and Paving Program will begin with Fort Lee Road.

Senior Citizens – There will be a big birthday party celebrated at their next meeting.

BACSA – On January 22nd, they met with Sgt. Cole. The next meeting is planned for February 21st. In 2016, 63,600 people died from drug overdose. That is more than all the U.S. casualties during the Vietnam War.

Councilwoman Murphy: Library: She said that the new library director was introduced. The new director and the staff are working together to control the problem with unruly children. The Board of Directors are having a meeting on Monday.

Fire Department – The Fire Department meets on the first Monday each month.

Councilman Macfarlane had no report.

Borough Administrator Scarpa explained that the senior bus needed another step added to make it more accessible to the seniors. Hopefully, the seniors will be going on more trips this year. He reported that the Recreation Department will be serving healthier snacks for the after school program. He said that Pascack Valley needs a list of roads to be paved by March. Bogota is receiving \$300,000 worth of road work. He thanked the County for the use of gas pumps for two days. He passed out a resolution to hire Bruno Associates as grant writer to be voted on at the next Mayor and Council meeting.

Borough Attorney Bossong had no report.

Interim CFO Curran said that she is getting everything ready for the audit.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda. Motion carried and meeting switched to closed session at 9:15pm.

When the meeting reconvened at 10:00pm, motion was made by Councilman Macfarlane, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:01pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook