



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, to held at the Bogota Senior Citizen Center, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, NJ, on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilwoman Murphy.

Mayor Kelemen asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for all those involved in the Paramus school bus accident which occurred that morning and resulted in two deaths and forty three serious injuries.

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, Councilmembers Fede, Gates-Ferris, Miranda, Murphy, and Napolitano. Councilman Macfarlane was absent. Also attending was Borough Attorney Bossong.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to open the meeting for Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Michele Rupar asked how the clerk has any involvement in Bond Anticipation Notes.

Connie Carpenter asked what the salary would be for the new Police Captain. She also asked what in-kind services are which were referred to in Resolution 18-083. She asked why Bogota did not use the BCIA for the Bond Anticipation Note. She said that it would be a good idea for Bogota to adopt an ordinance or resolution concerning the SALT Charitable Contribution law.

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

Borough Attorney Bossong explained that the clerk is responsible to sign attestations and certifications. He also explained that the interim CFO handled the BAN, so he would have to explain why the BCIA was not used. He said that the salary for the Police Captain is contained in his contract. It is \$150,000 for the first year. Councilwoman Fede explained that the grant is a three year grant at \$10,000 per year. The in-kind fees include all the work involved each year by the volunteers who will locate the trees that would be acquired, walk the town to see where trees need to be planted. DPW workers will be responsible for utility mark outs and planting of trees. Both volunteer and paid employee services have to be calculated.

The following Resolution for Police Captain Employment Agreement was approved:

18-089 Authorizing Execution of Employment Agreement with Captain PETERSKI

Swearing in of New Police Captain: Mayor Kelemen explained that Robert PETERSKI became a Bogota police officer in January of 1984 and was promoted to Detective eleven years later and then to Sergeant. He spoke highly of Sgt. PETERSKI and then invited him and his family up to swear him in as the new Police Captain.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

PC-18-06 Payment of Claims

18-083 Grant Agreement (FS18-026) between the Borough of Bogota and NJ DEP

18-084 To Designate a \$4,825,130 Bond Anticipation Note as a qualified tax exempt obligation

18-085 Authorization to Designate a New Bus Stop and Delete an existing Bus Stop

18-086 Renew BCUA Solid Waste Service Agreement for June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2020

18-087 Authorize to Tax Collector to prepare and issue estimated tax bill for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes 2018

The following Resolution to Authorize Engineer for RCB Project was discussed:

18-088 Authorizing Boswell Engineering to Act as Borough Engineers for RCB Project

Councilman Napolitano explained that the RCB project has been presented to the Planning and Zoning Board, so the Borough Planner Griegel, the Planning & Zoning Board Attorney Kelly, and the Planning and Zoning Board Engineer are already involved. The contractor has an engineer, Ferrara, who will be supervising the project. He also explained that when the Resolution to approve the Borough Engineer was presented to Council for approval, no discussion took place. Councilman Miranda reminded everyone that the Planning and Zoning Board is separate from the Mayor and Council and it is a necessary separation. Councilwomen Gates-Ferris and Murphy expressed concerns with the Borough Engineer. Councilwoman Fede also expressed concerns with costs and streamlining the process, but she understands why the Borough Engineer would be involved.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda, to amend Resolution 18-088 to read "Authorizing Costa Engineering to Act as Borough Engineer for RCB Project. Motion passed with Council members Fede, Miranda, and Napolitano voting Yes and Council members Gates-Ferris and Murphy voting No.

The following amended Resolution was approved with Council members Fede, Miranda, and Napolitano voting Yes and Council members Gates-Ferris and Murphy voting No.

18-088 Authorizing Costa Engineering to Act as Borough Engineers for RCB Project.

The following Ordinance was Introduced:

#1513 An Ordinance Amending Schedule I of Section 7-3.3 Entitled "Parking Prohibited at All Times on Certain Streets" to Allow Parking at the Southern Terminus of Linden Avenue

Public Hearing and Adoption of the Following Ordinance occurred:

#1512 An Ordinance Amending Schedule VII of Chapter 7-3.6 Entitled "Time Limit Parking" – to Establish an Overnight Parking Spot on West Grove Street and Amending Schedule VII of Chapter 7-6.2 Creating a Stop Intersection

The following Approvals took place:

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Fede, to approve the Minutes of 4/5/18, 4/19/18, and 5/3/18, Motion carried with only Councilwoman Gates-Ferris voting No. Councilwoman Murphy abstained from the 4/5/18 Minutes because she was absent for that meeting.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Napolitano, to approve the request from Cindy Cross of 232 Beechwood Avenue for a street closing for a block party on June 9, 2018. Motion carried.

### Discussion

Overnight Parking Exception for Borough Volunteers: Councilman Miranda explained that sometimes first responders vehicles are blocked in their driveways when a fire call occurs. He said that they need to have immediate access to an emergency and suggested placards for the volunteers cars, so that they can legally remain on the street all night. He said that the placards would only be for active members and would have to be renewed annually. The Chiefs of each department would be responsible for updating the rosters.

### Reports

Mayor Kelemen extended compliments to the Police Chief Maye and the OEM Coordinator Woegens for the helicopter and coordinating the Drunk Driving Simulation to be held on June 1, 2018.. He said there were broken swings at Pagano Park, and he told the Recreation He thanked Interlogic Solutions for their donation to the town. He expressed concerns about curbing etc. on River Road, as well as soil draining from under the sidewalk. The DPW is correcting that problem. He said that there are many new homeowners in Bogota who do not know the rules about garbage collection, so they have been receiving summonses. He

spoke to the DPW Superintendent Gordon Kohles and Code Enforcement Officer Nick Barese about the situation. He would like to send out a mailing. Gordon Kohles suggested going back to one day of Bulk pick-up each month. Mayor Kelemen reminded everyone that Memorial Day will be in two weeks. There will be 9:00am Fire Inspections and an 11:00am Memorial Service coordinated by the VFW and American Legion. The parade will be at 2:00pm.

Councilwoman Gates-Ferris: Library – She reported that she saw the new website for the Library and reminded everyone about police appreciation week and extended her appreciation of the police.

Councilman Miranda: Police Department – He thanked Interlogic Solutions for donating \$8,200 in equipment. He also thanked the Police Chief for obtaining the new command center from Holy Name Hospital at a reduced cost. A military style truck was donated as well. He reminded everyone that it is Police appreciation week.

Recreation Committee – He expressed concern about the counselors and suggested uniforms and ID cards for the counselors and for all employees. He also reported that something needs to be done about the fields. He said that the Ridgefield Park Soccer fields were flooded and the Little Ferry fields were flooded. He would like the town to get new fields and a new Recreation Center.

Councilwoman Fede: Environmental Commission – She reported that she is working on updating the tree take-down list for trees. She said there is a Trex Box in Borough Hall to collect bags for benches. 45,000 bags will get a Trex bench for the town. This includes grocery bags, newspaper bags, and dry cleaning bags. She is going to create a list to put on the website, so people will know what bags they can bring. She reported that the tree grant list is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>, so we need to identify the planting locations for new trees. She announced that the Firemen's Park meeting will be held at the Broad Street Firehouse on Sunday at 10:00am.

Rescue Squad – She thanked the Rescue Squad for their response to the storm issues. They did a great job cleaning up after the storm.

Councilman Napolitano: Infrastructure – He reported that the last payment to D&L is on tonight's payment of claims, so they will now pave East Fort Lee Road which will conclude the road program for 2017. He said that Phase III and Phase IV for Leonia Avenue will be combined. The Borough Engineer will go out to bid to complete the Leonia Avenue project.

Senior Citizens – He reported that on June 4, 2018 there will be a meeting about having bilingual services available for Spanish speaking senior citizens. The county will come to explain Available Senior Services in English and in Spanish. Councilman Miranda will help.

Finance – The Annual Financial Statement for 2017 should be ready next week. A grant application was submitted for the basketball courts at Olsen Park. The Borough Engineer should survey Olsen Park to see how to get rid of the puddles there.

BACSA – He met with BACSA recently and there were 4 or 5 members present. They looked over the guidelines for alcoholism and drug abuse. He explained that very time a BACSA meeting is held and people attend,

they receive funding for participation. The DUI simulation will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are hopeful that the Youth Academy will be back next year because it is a help. Project Graduation is underway. With 66 graduates, about 40 have signed up already.

Planning & Zoning – Subdivision on Larch Avenue and West Fort Lee Road has been approved for another house. Planner Greigel will begin the study of areas in need. There was a field meeting in the Old Hess garage to discuss the RCB project. Representatives from the Police, Fire Department, the DPW, an environmental group and the LSRP were all there. It was well attended. Truck routes were discussed to have soil brought in through Hackensack instead of Bogota. The sidewalk will be closed and a crosswalk will be created for pedestrians.

Councilwoman Murphy: Library – She reported that the library met on Monday. Chelsea Coleman is creating a new website that will be interactive friendly. The Library is getting rid of WIX which will save the town \$500. She said that Denise, a part timer will be leaving, so a position will be available soon. The Library workers will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade. Chelsea is doing a lot of cleaning up at the library.

Fire Department: There was no meeting since her last report.

Since Councilman Macfarlane was absent, Mayor Kelemen reported that the Board of Education selected and approved Damien Kennedy as the new Superintendent effective July 1, 2018. He complimented The Board of Education President Lisa Kohles. He reported that the Board of Education, the School Superintendent, and the Mayor and Council now have a great relationship. There is also a new football coach, Mr. Appleton. He announced that three good people from Bogota Education will be retiring: Jay Mahoney, Terry Ciccone, and Patty Petrosino.

Mayor Kelemen also announced that two grants have been applied for: \$52,690 for safety equipment including boots and gear AND \$13,435 for Olsen Park playground equipment.

The Borough Clerk reported that the SPCA was disbanded, so each town must hire its own animal control officer. She discussed the matter with the Police Chief who suggested hiring the County Animal Control Officer which would require an amendment to our current animal control agreement.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.