



## Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, in the Bogota Council Chambers at 7:30PM.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris.

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen and Council members Fede, Gates-Ferris, Macfarlane, Murphy and Napolitano were present. Councilman Miranda was absent. Other Attendees Included Borough Administrator Scarpa, Borough Attorney Bossing, and CFO DiMaria.

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 April 17, 2017.

Mayor Kelemen introduced Police Chief Daniel Maye, Health Inspector Jin Park, and Board of Health President Paul Viola to discuss dog bite procedures. Chief Maye spoke first about the limited role the police play in dog bite procedures. The police go to the scene and gather information. Their biggest concern is determining if the dog has updated rabies shots and the well-being of the victims. Town ordinances reflect the state statutes.

Health Inspector Jin Park explained that when a dog bites another individual, a dog quarantine notice is prepared by the Board of Health or the Animal Control Officer. It is sent to the owner of the dog, and a copy is sent to the victim. The dog owner must keep the dog away from the public during the 10 day quarantine period. Then the owner must bring the dog to a vet get the quarantine notice signed by a vet in order to be released. The minimum fine for an unlicensed dog is \$150. The Animal Control officer is the professional who can determine if an animal is mild or vicious. He sent a report saying that the dog in question was not a vicious dog. He advised the dog owner to put a padlock on the gate to keep the gate locked when the dog is in the yard.

The County Engineers did not come to do a culvert presentation.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Macfarlane, to open the meeting to Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Lisa Kohles asked what happens if a dog bites again.

Fran Trahan said that the dog that attacked her dog had run after and barked at her dog on 5 previous occasions. This 6<sup>th</sup> encounter, he attacked her dog. She explained that strong dogs like that cannot be left unattended.

Susan Harper explained that her fence is falling apart, and Bergen Fence told her that part of the fence is on town property. She would like to replace the fence.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Gates-Ferris, to close Citizen Remarks. Motion carried.

Health Inspector Park explained that Animal Control is called in after a second bite to determine if the dog is vicious. Dog on dog fights happen. Removal of a dog is the responsibility of the Animal Control Officer – not the Borough.

Borough Attorney Bossong said that a resolution can be put on the next meeting to have an agreement for the fence on Susan Harper's property as well as the property of other residents with a similar situation.

The following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

PC17-04 Payment of Claims

17-085 To Add a Bus Stop and Delete a Bus Stop on Palisade Avenue

17-086 Bogota 2016 Tonnage Grant Resolution

The following Ordinance was introduced and approved:

#1497 Amending Chapter VII entitled "Traffic" Schedule XVII to Add Handicap Parking Spaces Near the VFW

Public Hearing and Adoption of the following Ordinance occurred:

#1496 Amending Chapter VII Entitled :Traffic: Schedule 1- No Parking to Add a No Parking Zone on Fairview Avenue

Approval:

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, to approve Engine Company #1 accepting Jose Aybar as a volunteer firefighter. Motion carried.

Councilman Napolitano suggested inviting new firefighters to the meeting on the night they are approved.

Reports

Mayor Kelemen announced that on May 6<sup>th</sup> a celebration of life in honor of Nikki Spiegel will take place in the Bogota Public Library. He reported that the American Legion invited everyone to the Memorial Day Parade. He encouraged everyone to go to the Memorial Day Services at 11:00AM in front of Borough Hall. At 1:30 everyone will meet at Cypress Avenue and Palisade Avenue for the parade. The Mayor reported that a bus stop on Palisade Avenue is causing distress for the homeowner, so he spoke to New Jersey Transit, and they agreed to put the new spot where they had originally intended to put the bus stop until a former police chief requested that it be put in the middle of the block.

Mayor Kelemen said that he does not want the culvert because it will mean closing down the road again for an extended period. He complained about the flooding on East Fort Lee Road. The town had been promised by the County that the flooding issue would be resolved before closing the Mid-town bridge. The Mayor contacted County Executive Tedesco, Senator Weinberg, and several other officials about the flooding problem, but no one got back to him. Citizens can call 1-800-Bergen County.

Palisade Avenue will be paved. The issue concerning the house with the sump pump on Palisade Avenue has been taken care of. The lights on 3<sup>rd</sup> Place will be fixed. Bogota Beautiful was successful in cleaning up Fireman's Park. The Swim Club meeting is in May. The pool manager requested that something be done with the trench by the volley ball court, so Gordon and Perry repaired the trench. He is disappointed that the town did not get the Safe Routes to School Grant. Ridgewood and Rutherford did get the grants.

Councilwoman Gates-Ferris offered to look into the reason Bogota did not receive the grant.

The Mayor learned that there is now flooding on West Shore Avenue. He and Gordon Kohles are looking into resolving that problem.

Mayor Kelemen reminded everyone that he would like nothing better than to have the volunteer ambulance back, but no one has approached him with a plan. He also reminded everyone that after the Overnight Parking meeting took place, it was determined that police, fire, DPW and Rescue all want the No Parking from 3:00am to 5:00am. He is going to suggest that No Overnight Parking be put on CCOs for tenants, so that they will be aware of parking regulations as soon as they move to Bogota. He would also like to impose a \$5,000 fine on landlords who do not apply for CCOs.

Councilwoman Gates-Ferris thanked the DPW for all of the work that they do.

Transportation: She and Mayor Kelemen went to a Noise Abatement Advisory Committee. The number of flights at Teterboro Airport has increased.

- Councilwoman Fede - Environmental Commission: She and the Mayor will be going to the schools for a poster contest for Arbor Day. Awards will be given. May 1 is Loyalty Day at the VFW. Earth Day is May 13, 2017 in Ridgefield Park. There will be a lot of entertainment. Bogota has been recognized as Tree City USA for 16 years. She met with the tree expert and is in the process of preparing the third 5 year plan. She is also working on tree planting grants. She requested a sign to make people aware of the change in location for recycling
- Rescue: Rescue assisted in clean-up day last weekend. Freeholders and Assembly members were present. The Rescue Boot Drive will be held this Saturday. May 6<sup>th</sup> will be Community Garden expansion Day. They will be adding a shed and benches.
- Councilman Napolitano - Senior Citizens: Police Chief Maye, Administrator Scarpa and he met with the Seniors. Their main concern is with sidewalk issues especially in front of Borough Hall.
- Infrastructure: The Pre-Construction meeting took place for Leonia Avenue Phase II. The foundation was poured for the DPW building. Borough Hall and the Police Department are in good shape.
- Finance: The public hearing on the budget will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup>. He will look into what is needed to be able to get the Safe Routes to Schools Grant. He is hoping the town will get the Transportation Alternative Grant.
- (Meetings for the County Master Plan will be starting.)
- Councilwoman Murphy - Fire Department: May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the next Fire Officers Meeting.
- Councilman Macfarlane - Board of Health: There was a meeting in April.
- Library Board: The Library Board met. The Library is doing its own bill paying. It received a bench mark from other libraries.
- Board of Education: The Board met and voted for the resolution for shared services for the repair and maintenance of the fields. Boilers are being replaced. Open hearings on the budget will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Kelemen said that Councilman Miranda wanted to talk about the Easter Egg Hunt which was a great success. The Mayor wanted to thank everyone involved with it.

Administrator Scarpa mentioned a letter from the State OEM for the 2011 storm. Mr. Scarpa had to get the cancelled check from the company involved. The mailbox that collects tattered flags was painted. The Safety report for the first quarter was sent to JIF. He asked for suggestions for the Open Space Grant. There was a Pre-Construction meeting with PSE&G for replacing gas lines on River Road. There will be a joint meeting with the Board of Education in the near future. Leonia Avenue Roadwork is underway. Fire Prevention has a new vehicle paid for with fine money. June 10 is Shredding Day. BCUA agreement for garbage dumping ends May 1<sup>st</sup> and must be renewed. He and the Police Chief bought \$7300 worth of furniture from WB Mason for \$2,900. People are complaining about bills from Holy Name. There is no difference than in the past when Holy Name covered for Bogota ambulance.

Borough Attorney Bossong spoke about COAH Ordinances for Affordable Housing legislation. Bogota will have to appoint an Affordable Housing Agent and an Affordable Housing liaison.

Borough Clerk Cook explained that 73 boxes of old files were shredded after obtaining permission from the state.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Fede. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.