



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, April 5, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilman Miranda.

Mayor Kelemen requested a moment of silence in memory of Mary Dwyer who was a member of the First Aid Squad for years.

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, Gates-Ferris, Macfarlane, Miranda, and Napolitano were present. Councilwoman Murphy was absent. Also attending were Borough Attorney Bossong and Borough Administrator Scarpa.

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

Michelle Rugar asked why "land use board" was used in Resolutions 18-072 and 18-073 instead of "Planning and Zoning Board". She pointed out that March 28th should have been March 27th in those Resolutions. She questioned if Ordinance 1509 would have people fined write away or would a warning notice be given first. She said that Ordinance 1510 could have been written better especially the 6th "Whereas".

Marlene Aguilar complained that there is nowhere to park now that the town put a fence under the Main Street overpass so that cars cannot park there. She requested help in finding parking.

Connie Carpenter appreciated the Swim Club Lease moving forward and appreciated Councilwoman Fede's role in making that happen. She asked if there should be a Cap amount on Affordable Housing. She said that there must be more award letters than she received in her OPRA request. 60 days??? She asked if a corrective action plan will be created for the 2016 audit or if that is mute now. She asked when the 2017 audit will be ready, and she said the street in front of firehouse 3 is a mess.

Motion to close Citizen comments was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Macfarlane. Motion carried.

Borough Attorney Bossong reported that "Land use Board" is the term used for combined Planning & Zoning Board. He will make the correction of the dates on Resolution 18-072 and 18-073. He also pointed out that Resolution 18-072 is a Superfluous resolution required by the Special Master before she will sign off on the Affordable Housing Compliance. No CAP is needed.

Councilwoman Fede thanked Connie Carpenter for acknowledging her work with the Swim Club. Councilman Napolitano said that parking is not permitted under the bridge, and an Ordinance would have to be passed to allow parking there. Mayor Kelemen said that there were a number of issues there, and the Board of Health, Property Maintenance, and the DPW were all involved. He also said that the parking issue cannot be addressed until the Police Chief returns from vacation. Proper protocol and procedures must be followed. Councilwoman Fede said that she has been working with Suez Water concerning property it owns in Bogota.

The following Resolution that was approved at the March 15, 2018 Mayor and Council Meeting was Memorialized (Hard copies were distributed to the Mayor and Council):

18-067 Retirement of Captain Sepp

The Following Resolutions on the Consent Agenda were approved:

18-071 Approval of Lease Agreement between the Borough of Bogota and Bogota Swim Club, Inc.

18-072 Concerning Funding for Bogota's Affordable Housing Program – Intent to Bond

18-073 Endorsement of Borough of Bogota's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
18-074 Resolution of Group Affidavit Form Certifying Receipt of Audit

The Following Ordinance was Introduced:

#1510 An Ordinance Amending Chapter VII Entitled "Traffic" Schedule XVII to Add Handicap Parking space Near 137 Gray Street

Public Hearing and Adoption of the following Ordinances took place:

#1508 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14-4 Entitled "Removal of Garbage"

#1509 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21A-10.10 Entitled "Off-Street Parking"

Public Hearing on the following Bond Ordinance took place but received only three yes votes. (Four yes votes are needed for a Bond Ordinance to pass):

#1507 Multi-Purpose Bond Ordinance

Approvals

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Fede, to approve the Minutes of 3/15/18. Motion carried with Councilmembers Napolitano and Fede voting "Yes", Councilwoman Gates-Ferris voting "No", and Councilmen Macfarlane and Miranda abstaining because they were absent from the 3/15/18 meeting.

Discussion:

Discuss process for hiring of a new police captain: Councilman Miranda gave out packets to the Mayor and Council concerning hiring a Police Captain and hiring an SRO. He explained that the Board of Education will share the cost of an SRO, and a committee needs to be formed. A Captain needs to be hired first. Borough Attorney Bossong explained that cost sharing with the Board of Education is very involved, and a committee will need to be formed. Borough Clerk Cook distributed the section of the ordinance involving hiring a Police Captain. Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda, to move forward with the process of looking for a new Police Captain based on the ordinance in place. Motion carried with Councilwoman Gates-Ferris recusing herself. Mayor Kelemen said that he will speak to the School Board President about forming a committee for an SRO.

Reports

Mayor Kelemen announced that the home owner at 159 Queen Anne Road would like the bus stop moved away from in front of his house. He said that the OEM Coordinator is working on the Drunk Driver Simulation. He reiterated that there were complaints concerning the property on Linden and Elm Avenue. He said that the parking lot construction at the high school has not generated any complaints. The area next to the Central Avenue Firehouse will be ready for demolition soon. He announced that the Eastern Bergen County Board of Realtors asked him to be the keynote speaker on the Mayors' Panel Board at their conference. He said that the Check for Crimestoppers will be on the April payment of claims. He reported that Mr. Moore did a great job coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt with 150 to 200 children in attendance. He commended Councilman Miranda for giving out 620 Easter hams. He commented on the retirement of Captain Sepp who served Bogota for many years and was leaving as a true professional. He said that the Police were concerned about contract negotiations, so he added Council members Fede and Miranda to the negotiating committee.

Councilwoman Gates-Ferris had no report.

Councilman Miranda – Police Department: He reported that the Crimestoppers dinner was very good, and he thanked the Police for all the work they do. He said that 40 summonses have been issued with the "you text you pay" campaign. He said that he gave out 624 hams with the help of the police. Court Sense donated barricades, and a hummer was donated to store the barricades.

DPW: He thanked the DPW for all the snow removal. He said that the new equipment is great.

Recreation Committee: the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. He said that the Animal Shelter was there with animals to be adopted. It was an added attraction to the event. There were 36 special egg baskets.

Councilwoman Fede – Veterans: The re-dedication of the William C. Ryan Bridge will take place on April 21st. She and Mr. Scarpa met with the County and the VFW to coordinate the event. The 'Nam Vets Motorcycle club will be there. Councilwoman Gates-Ferris contacted the Bogota High School Band to be there. There will be a lot of proclamations and dignitaries.

Environmental Commission – April 21 will be the Clean up from 10AM to 2PM. The Green Fair

will take place on May 5 with Ridgefield Park. Sandy Recovery trees will be given out.

Finance: She was surprised the bond ordinance did not pass. Adopting a bond ordinance is a long process. She thanked Ray Herr for joining the Borough as interim CFO. She reported that D&L must finish last year's project. Battaglia Finance is working on reconciling 2017 accounts, so the audit can be

Fire Department: She requested that the Broad Street Firehouse bill be paid. She said that Rainbow Cleaners was asked to clean a large flag, and Rainbow Cleaners donated a new flag as a replacement. The Fire Department is working on revising the by-laws and confirming and cleaning the roster.

Councilman Napolitano – Buildings and Grounds: He announced that the Ribbon Cutting for the new DPW building is coming up soon. The new Recreation building plans are moving forward. The Borough Architect looked at an alternate location right next to the present Recreation building. No land swap will occur. The Borough Architect is authorized to prepare plans. \$250,000 will be given to the town in addition to the \$125,000 already given by Riverfront Development for Recreational facilities.

Infrasructure: He reported that Borough Engineer Costa is preparing a report about the Riverfront Development Project. The Planning Board requested money from the Mayor and Council for the Master Plan.

Senior Citizens: Seniors had a nice St. Patrick's Day meeting. The Senior Advisory Board meeting for next week was cancelled.

BACSA: He said that the committee is helping to coordinate the Drunk Driving simulated accident.

Councilman Macfarlane - Board of Education: He said that the Board had a Citizen Report for continuing the Police Junior Academy. It was too late to start this year. He said that Construction is continuing with some annoyance to neighbors. School safety is first priority.

Board of Health: The Board will be meeting on Monday.

Administrator Scarpa reported that he met with other local administrators, some of whom belong to the Pascack Valley Road program. He explained that because the bond ordinance was not adopted, Bogota will not be able to participate in the Pascack Valley Road Program. He also said that a letter of intent is needed for the Open Space Grant Application, and a Public Hearing will have to take place concerning it. Opening of the bridge was mentioned including some ornamental railings. The bridge will be open in time for the re-dedication. \$3,000,000 in Community Enhancement money was given to the borough. He complimented the DPW on the snow plowing, and reported that the uniforms for the DPW workers have been ordered. He wished Captain Sepp well. He is looking into playground safety equipment. He announced that June 30, 2018 will be Shred Day.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Miranda to go into closed session at 8:53PM.. Motion carried and the following Resolution was added to the agenda:

18-074C Closed Session

When the Open Meeting resumed at 9:15, motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilwoman Fede to introduce Bond Ordinance #1511 which has the same language as Bond Ordinance #1507. Motion Carried. Public Hearing on Bong Ordinance #1511 will take place at the April 19, 2018 Council meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Napolitano, seconded by Councilman Macfarlane, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Jeanne Cook.