

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at 7:30pm, at the Council Chambers of Borough Hall.

Salute for the flag was led by Councilman Mitchell.

Roll Call: Mayor Jackson, council members Burdiez, Kelemen, Kohles, Mitchell, Nunez and Robbins were present.

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 20, 2014.

Warren Waters spoke concerning Riverfront Development. Mr. Walters discussed redevelopment of the Sifford Pontiac site as well as the Hess property. He explained the need for correcting environmental issues and requested support from Bogota Council on those matters. He is hoping for a resolution to be passed in the near future to allow him to begin the work.

Citizen Remarks:

Dan Creange of 132 Wykoff Avenue, Wykoff, NJ spoke about the Regina Tasca Case. He asked the Council to reconsider their position concerning Tasca.

Bill Brennan of 14 Iowa Road, Wayne, NJ. also spoke about Regina Tasca and his support of her.

George Silos of 385 Larch Avenue spoke in support of Regina Tasca as well.

David Rushfield of 459 River Road asked about redoing sidewalks, curbs, and streets on West Grove Street. The Administrator and the Mayor assured Mr. Rushfield that the work would be done there soon.

Bill Brennan spoke about police pay being taken away.

Mayor Jackson asked that Resolution 14-100 be pulled from the consent agenda, in order to have the CFO discuss it. Resolutions 14-101, 105, and 112 were also pulled to be voted on separately.

The following items on the consent agenda were approved:

Resolutions:

14-98 Compliance with the 2013 Audit

14-99 Application to the Local Finance Board

14-102 Appointment of alternate Municipal Prosecutor Linda Schwager, Esq.

14-103 Appoint Frank DiMaria as Borough Treasurer

14-104 Finding Property Known as Block 72, Lots 1.01 and 1.02 is a Non-Condemnation
Redevelopment Property

14-106 Approve Animal Control Contract

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Resolutions:

14-107 Police Emergency Services Youth Academy Program 2014

14-108 -111 Tax checks totaling \$93,288.72

CFO, Frank DiMaria, explained the budget process. The meeting with the Local Finance Board is scheduled for May 14, 2014, which is the day before the public hearing on the budget.

Mayor Jackson asked the CFO to explain how legal fees and engineering fees are affecting the budget. CFO DiMaria explained that regular business, tax appeals, labor issues, etc. cannot be in Cap Waiver, but legal bills are on the Cap Waiver. He directed the Mayor and Council to turn to Sheet 23 to see how much money is left from the sale of the cell tower.

Discussion ensued about four years of over-expenditures and escalating expenses this year.

The following Resolutions was approved:

14-100 Introduction of Budget

Discussion ensued concerning possible budget over-expenditures.

At 9:22pm, Councilman Robbins excused himself from the meeting.

The following Resolution was approved:

14-101 Amend Professional Services contract for the Provision of Borough Attorney,
Douglas M. Bern, Esq.

Motion was made and approved to adjourn early. Meeting ended at 9:26pm.