

Minutes of the Work Session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota held on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at Borough Hall at 7:30 PM

Salute to the Flag was led by Council President Jorge Nunez.

Mayor Kelemen asked for a moment of silence after the flag salute in honor of three former volunteers who died recently. (Cora McShane, Grace Knapp, and Marion Buttgeroit)

Roll Call: Mayor Kelemen, Council members Kohles, Mitchell, Nunez and Robbins were present. Councilman Burdiez was absent.

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.

Mayor Kelemen announced that he was giving up his Council seat since he was elected Mayor for the unexpired term of Mayor McHale.

The Bogota Republican Committee presented three names for the council to appoint a replacement for the vacated council seat. The three choices were: Daniele Fede, Donald R. Hunter, and Evelyn Mary R. Pullis. Motion was made by Councilman Mitchell to appoint Daniele Fede, seconded by Councilman Nunez. Motion was approved and carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Kelemen conferred the oath of office on Daniele Fede who then thanked all those who had voted for her in the election. She said she is ready for the challenge and has a purple note book, not blue or red.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

14-212 Tax Check totaling \$35,819.15

14-213 Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2014 Year End Holiday Crackdown

Resolution 14-214 Appoint Jeanne Cook Acting Borough Clerk was pulled.

The following Payment of Claims Resolution was adopted:

PC-14-11

The following Approval took place:

Social Permit for FOP Lodge 46 Charitable Foundation holding Comedy Night at the VFW Hall on 2/27/15.

Discussion:

Councilwoman Kohles said that Chief Burke felt there was a need for security cameras in the Police Department parking lot for cars and in the building in case of altercations. There should be cameras in Borough Hall as well. Chief Burke met with the Supt. of Schools also.

Mayor Kelemen suggested creating a Conference Room on the Main Floor of Borough Hall for executive sessions and for any community organization in need of a conference room.

Recreation Commission Christmas Party will be held December 19th. Mayor Kelemen said that the Recreation Commission enjoys seeing the Mayor and Councilmembers at the party.

Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 12th at 7:30pm.

Councilwoman Kohles mentioned the Pet Expo to be held at the Recreation Center on December 6.

Councilman Robbins reminded everyone of the Fire Chief selection meeting to take place on December 6 at the Senior Center.

Councilman Mitchell mentioned the new, beautiful ambulance.

Citizen Remarks

Charlie Cook of Larch Avenue suggested using a boot to hold cars in the parking lot or fencing in the lot.

Nick Zampetti of Larch Avenue noted that it was appropriate for council people to recuse themselves from voting for their clothing allowance. He also mentioned costs for the Atlantic City trip, and reminded the Council members that they and the former Mayor said at the last meeting that they would pay for their hotel themselves. He said that monies appropriated for expenditures should not be spent haphazardly.

Rodney Benet of Palisade Avenue spoke about getting better football equipment for the football recreation program. He would like to see homework nights, etc.

Lois Mitchell of Cypress Avenue said that crossing the street by the high school is dangerous.

Don Stofan of 2nd Place said that traffic is a mess by 297 Palisade Avenue.

The following Resolution was adopted:

14-212A Closed Session

Meeting reconvened at 8:48pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.