

**BANGOR BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 197 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, BANGOR, PA**

MINUTES

November 13, 2017 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Barry G. Schweitzer
Robert W. Engle
Robert Goffredo, Sr.
Michael J. Bilotta
Robert J. Rhodes, Jr.
Jane E. Gorman

Others Present:

Joseph H. Capozzolo, Mayor
Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager
Sascha Gutierrez, Junior Council Member
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor

Absent:

Bonnie J. LaBar

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Leila Ross (129 Messinger Street) asked for an update on the Messinger Street Culvert project. Manager Dysard stated that there is a conference call with PennVest scheduled for tomorrow.
2. James Parry of 211 North Eight Street wanted an update on the 175 North Eighth Street sidewalk issue that was discussed at the last meeting. Council President Kresge stated that he talked to the homeowner and explained the issues. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Rhodes to have the Borough send a non-conformance letter to the homeowner. Vote 6-1. Yay – Kresge, Goffredo, Gorman, Rhodes, Bilotta, Engle. Nay-Schweitzer. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Manager Dysard stated that the ten-year franchise agreement is expiring with Service Electric. Each year Service Electric pays approximately \$27,000 for the right to use the borough's rights-of-way for cable service. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Rhodes to approve the new ten-year agreement with Service Electric. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Dysard reported that the draft lease agreement has been prepared by the authority solicitor for the property located at 872 Lower South Main Street. The Authority Board has recommended approval of the lease to allow for an animal shelter at the property. Through the COG, the Animal Control Officer would use the facility for an animal shelter. The one dollar a year lease requires all work to be completed at no cost to the Borough/Authority and provides two million dollars of liability insurance. Before occupying the space, the COG will be required to obtain all needed Township and State permits/approvals. A **MOTION** to accept the draft 872 Lower South Main Street Lease Agreement was made by Engle, seconded by Gorman. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

3. There is a long-standing practice for the Authority to recover delinquent sewer accounts by shutting off the water to the property. With the transition of the accounts to Berkheimer and Creditech a new Resolution needs to be adopted allowing Creditech to initiate the shut-off process on the Authority's behalf for any delinquent sewer account over \$300.00. A **MOTION** to adopt the Resolution for Creditech to shut-off water for non-payment of sewer fees was made by Bilotta, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** to authorize advertisement of the 2018 Tax Ordinance #972 was made by Rhodes, seconded by Engle. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. There is no millage increase for 2018.
5. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Rhodes to authorize the advertisement of the 2018 proposed budget as amended. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Council member Gorman asked for Park Board volunteers.
2. Mayor Capozzolo reported on the Veteran's Day Ceremony.
3. Manager Dysard thanked the Park Board for a very successful Octoberfest and reminded everyone of the upcoming borough events; The borough leaf collection will be until November 21st. The Christmas tree lighting will be held on November 25th and is hosted by The Hub. Friends of the Library Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 2nd at the Beehive. The Business Association will be hosting the Christmas in Downtown Bangor on December 8th and 9th.
4. Council President Kresge also asked for Park Board, Civil Service Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and Vacancy Board volunteers. He also thanked Janet Miller for everything she does for the town and all the election volunteers. He is very appreciative of Mayor Capozzolo for representing Bangor at the Veteran's Ceremonies through the years.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters, with no action to follow was made by Rhodes, seconded by Bilotta. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary