

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

MINUTES

June 13, 2018 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Michael J. Bilotta
Robert Goffredo, Sr.
Barry G. Schweitzer
Lisa Fogel

Others Present:

Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager
Brooke Kerzner, Mayor
Sascha Gutierrez, Junior Council Member

Absent:

Jane E. Gorman
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Residents from South Seventh Street were present to discuss the two street lighting concerns on their street (end of the road on Church and Seventh Street and a light in the middle.) Manager Dysard stated that the Borough has been working with Met-Ed and RCN continuously to get this issue resolved. RCN may have fixed the damage they caused to the underground wiring and Met-Ed needs to attach the connection back to the transformer box. Met-Ed is resisting making the connection. Solicitor Ceraul has drafted a letter from the Borough to RCN and Met-Ed advising them that this issue needs to be resolved. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Fogel to approve the Borough purchasing a solar light fixture for the end of the road on Church and Seventh Street at a cost of approximately \$5,500. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Leila Ross of 129 Messinger Street was present for an update on the Messinger Street culvert project. The Borough will contact Jeff Ott for an update on status of the bid documents.
3. JoAnn Mengel of 218 North Eighth Street was present for an update concerning the weeds at the abandoned property next to hers. Manager Dysard stated that the Borough is working on this with the banks' Management Company.
4. James Parry of 211 North Eighth Street was present to discuss the 175 North Eighth Street sidewalk repair issue, the tall brush located on the corner of Seventh Street and First Avenue, pot holes on First Avenue and cars located at 236 North Eighth Street. Manager Dysard stated that Public Works will be doing some investigative work on First Avenue. The property owner next to Mr. Parry's house was contacted about replacing the sidewalk and the Borough will follow up.

5. The resident of 318 Pennsylvania Avenue was present to address the property issues located at 314 Pennsylvania Avenue. Manager Dysard stated that the borough is addressing the issues.
6. David Houser of 575 Grand Avenue was present to thank the Borough for ensuring that the advertisement sign located on the pole at the top of Market Street was removed. Houser also mentioned that the tree limb on Second Avenue and North Ninth Street that obscures the stop sign at the intersection has not been removed. Manager Dysard indicated that a letter was sent to the property owner. Houser wanted to make Council aware of the tree branches located at 40 North Ninth Street that is obscuring the stop sign. After mentioning his interpretation of the Pennsylvania State Borough Code Houser withdrew his letter of intent seeking an appointment as a Borough Council Member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated May 14, 2018 was made by Bilotta, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A **NOMINATION** to appoint Robert Engle as a member to Bangor Borough Council was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Bilotta. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. Mayor Kerzner swore in Robert Engle as Bangor Borough Council Member.
2. Manager Dysard stated that PA American Water will be completing two water main replacement projects (Snyder & Northampton Street) and they are requesting full paving restoration as an alternative to paying the street excavation permit fees. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the fee waiver request. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Bilotta to award the 2018 Road Paving Bid to low bidder (\$65,334.71) Bracalente Construction, Inc. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Schweitzer to adopt the Park Regulations Ordinance #975. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Engle to adopt the Park Rules and Regulations Resolution. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Bilotta to adopt the Street Opening Ordinance #976. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. A **MOTION** was made by Fogel, seconded by Goffredo to adopt the Curfew Ordinance #977. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
8. Manager Dysard stated that Act 172 recently created legislation intended to provide incentives to active volunteers of fire companies and emergency medical services. Borough Council discussed the draft Act 172 Ordinance. This Ordinance would create tax credits for active volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical service volunteers who meet the certain criteria.
President Kresge stated that if approved this year and the program starts in 2019 the volunteers would need to meet the criteria in 2019 to qualify to start receiving the credit in 2020.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Mayor Kerzner stated that she married her second couple and spoke at the Memorial Day Parade.
Kerzner complimented Manager Dysard on the job he does for the Borough and working on passing Ordinances.
Kerzner will be donating her next salary as Mayor to Sascha Gutierrez's grandmother in Puerto Rico to help towards getting her insulin.
Bangor Trust Brewing will be having their ribbing cutting on June 15th at 6:00 P.M.
2. Fire Chief Engle mentioned the Liberty Fire Carnival on July 12-14.
3. Council Member Schweitzer stated that the COG is looking for a new Animal Control Officer.
Senator Scavello is holding a hearing on clean fill at the Wind Gap Middle School on July 9th at 10:00 A.M. and Schweitzer will be on the panel.
4. Council President Kresge congratulated Junior Council Member, Sascha Gutierrez on graduating and thanked her for serving on Borough Council.
He also acknowledged Bangor Graduate Amelia O'Brien who will be attending the Naval Academy.
As a Veteran Council President Kresge was very pleased with Mayor Kerzner's speech at the Memorial Day Parade.
5. Junior Council Member Sascha Gutierrez commented on the success of the Community Clean Up Day Event.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. to discuss legal matters, with no action to follow was made by Bilotta, seconded by Engle. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary