

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

MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2018 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager
Brooke Kerzner, Mayor
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor

Absent:

Lisa Fogel
Erika Neetz, Junior Council Member

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Janet Miller commented that the Block Party went well and thanked Mayor Kerzner for helping the Friends of the Library with the Duck Race Derby.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

A **MOTION** to approve the bills totaling \$291,214.49 to be paid was made by Bilotta, seconded by Engle. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Council President Kresge stated a letter of interest was received from Daryl Gutierrez to serve as a Junior Council Person. A **MOTION** was made by Gorman, seconded by Schweitzer to appoint Daryl Gutierrez as Junior Council Person. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Jim Padai from Liberty Fire Company updated Borough Council on the Liberty building project and LSA grant funding.
Mayor Kerzner commented that the Planning Commission is in the process of updating the zoning ordinance and requested that Mr. Padai submit plans from the engineer to the Planning Commission/Zoning Board for their review.
Manager Dysard stated that Padai needs to apply for all Borough permit applications. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to authorize Bangor Borough to apply for the LSA Grant on behalf of the Liberty Fire Company. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Planning Commission Board Members Laura Antonow, Carol Hummel and Brooke Kerzner were present to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance revisions with Borough Council.

4. Manager Dysard reported that he worked with Council Member Schweitzer on the draft letter written to the DEP Deputy Secretary asking to standardize the clean fill standards/regulated fill with NY and NJ. Council President Kresge thanked Schweitzer for addressing this issue. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Goffredo to approve the letter as amended with all Borough Council names listed under the signature. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Council President Kresge reported that as part of the hiring process for a new police officer, the Civil Service Rules & Regulations require Council to appoint a firm to conduct the medical and psychological exam. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Gorman to authorize Pocono Occupation Medical to conduct the exams. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Dysard reviewed the Waste and Recycling bid results with Borough Council. J.P. Mascaro & Sons and Waste Management submitted bids. A **MOTION** was made by Bilotta, seconded by Schweitzer to award the municipal waste and recyclables contract to Waste Management for a five (5) year contract (Option 1). All in favor, **MOTION** carried. This includes recyclables being picked up every other week and one bulk item per week. The contract does not include tire pick up, so an option next year would be for the Borough to host hazardous waste events for residents that include tires.
7. Manager Dysard stated that he and the engineer are continuing to negotiate with the low construction bidder regarding the Messinger Street Culvert Project. Reallocating the right away money into the construction budget will be discussed at the next PennVest meeting. PennDOT is requiring that the Borough change the scope of the project because when the culvert connects under Messinger Street (local & state road) this will be considered a bridge project and the Borough will have to comply with all the bridge standards and inspections. Dysard is recommending that the Borough exercise the right of Eminent Domain and condemn the back yards on Messinger Street. Solicitor Ceraul, Manager Dysard and Borough Council discussed this and Manager Dysard will continue to work on this project.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Council Member Engle mentioned the upcoming Pen Argyl Labor Day parade.
2. Council Member Gorman commented that Bangor School scheduled a band competition the same night as Oktoberfest. Manager Dysard and Gorman will have a meeting with the school.
3. Mayor Kerzner reported that the Block Party was a fun festival and the Historic Bangor Business Association will need volunteers to help run small events.
Kerzner thanked Council Member Schweitzer for his efforts working to change the DEP standards for clean fill.
4. Council Member Bilotta requested that the Borough flags be at half-staff due to the passing of Senator John McCain. Manager Dysard will mention this to Public Works.
5. Manager Dysard commented that he attended the recent COG meeting along with Council Member Schweitzer and Mayor Kerzner. Dysard was very direct in his questioning of the discussions being made by the new Executive Director. The newly appointed Animal Control Officer has resigned, and the COG is looking for a replacement.
Borough Council will receive draft budgets next month.
6. Council President Kresge updated Council regarding the letter he sent to PennDOT addressing the Borough's handicap ramps on 512. PennDOT stated that they will mill in front of the ramp and curb on Fourth Street to get the water to drain down 512.
President Kresge mentioned that the US State Legislature is trying to enact laws that would take zoning rights away from municipalities regarding 5G Antennas.
Kresge thanked the local business owners that volunteer during community events and addressed an article written by the President of the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation who visited Bangor. In the article Ms. McGinty from Bangor Trust Brewery stated that "it's been a bit

of a struggle (referring to her business in town) but if there has ever been a town that could call itself the little engine that could, it's Bangor.”

7. Council President Kresge is requesting to attend the PSAB Fall Leadership Conference being held in October for \$600.00. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Engle to reimburse President Kresge to attend the conference. Vote 5-0 and 1 abstention. Yay – Goffredo, Gorman, Bilotta, Engle, Schweitzer. Abstained-Kresge. **MOTION** carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:39 P.M. to discuss legal and real estate matters, with no action to follow was made by Bilotta, seconded by Gorman. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary