

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 26, 2018 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Barry G. Schweitzer
Jane E. Gorman
Michael J. Bilotta
Robert W. Engle
Lisa Fogel

Others Present:

Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Daryl Gutierrez, Junior Council Member
Brooke Kerzner, Mayor
Erika Neetz, Junior Council Member

Absent:

Robert Goffredo, Sr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Leila Ross of 129 Messinger Street was present to hear any updates regarding the Messinger Street Culvert Project.
2. Mark Rouch complimented the Fire Department on how they handled the fire at 603 Pennsylvania Avenue.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

A **MOTION** to approve the bills totaling \$382,610.63 to be paid was made by Bilotta, seconded by Engle. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Public Hearing was held on the proposed zoning ordinance and map. Members of the Planning Commission (Carol Hummel, Laura Antonow, Mark Rouch, Brooke Kerzner & Louise Williams) were in attendance. Brooke Kerzner presented the residents and Council with a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the proposed changes. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Schweitzer to close the record. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** was made by Gorman, seconded by Schweitzer to adopt the Zoning Code and Map Ordinance #984. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Schweitzer to adopt the Authority Board Compensation Ordinance #982. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Council discussed the final negotiated version of the Police Chief MOU for 2019-2023. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Gorman to adopt the Police Chief MOU. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

5. Manager Dysard stated that for several months Council has discussed the Volunteer Fire and EMS tax credit program. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Bilotta to authorize the advertisement of the Volunteer Fire and EMS Tax Credits Ordinance #985. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Council President Kresge addressed the ongoing issue of the borough vehicles stored at Ken's Auto. The owner of Ken's Auto has agreed to drop all legal proceedings for \$1,000 and turn over the title to the Crown Victoria. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the settlement of \$1,000 and turning over the title of the Crown Victoria. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. Manager Dysard asked Council for any questions regarding the final 2019 budgets. Adoption of the tax ordinance and budgets will be on the December 10, 2018 agenda for consideration.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Council Member Schweitzer received a letter from Senator Scavello's office regarding clean fill. The DEP is requesting written comments in response to the law changes that they are proposing to make.
2. Fire Chief Engle stated that the Fire Department is selling Christmas Trees and are willing to help anyone in need.
3. Junior Council Member Neetz commented that the Bangor Elks Antlers started putting Christmas bags together for the needy.
4. Mayor Kerzner attended the Slate Belt Rising and LVPC meetings. She commented that the Chile Festival cook off, downtown was a success.
5. Council Member Fogel thanked the Police Department for their quick response to a call at her house recently.
6. Manager Dysard gave Council copies of information from the USDA regarding the Spotted Lantern Fly. The USDA is educating people in hopes of avoiding the spreading of this fly. Dysard stated that Tree Smith's will be parking their trucks at Memorial Park until the end of the year. They have an arrangement with the borough to park there in exchange for doing tree work for the borough. Dysard complimented Public Works on how they plowed the roads during the recent snow event.
7. Council President Kresge also complimented Public Works. Kresge is optimistic moving forward on Council and all the borough departments continuing to work together. Kresge updated Council on the latest statistics for Northampton County from the LVPC.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Bilotta, seconded by Engle. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary