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

<u>MINUTES</u>

AUGUST 23, 2021, 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL:

Members Present

James W. Kresge

Barry G. Schweitzer - via phone

Robert Goffredo

James Augustine

Rosemarie Capone

Krista Ashmore

Others Present:

Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager

David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor

Brooke Kerzner, Mayor

Absent:

Michael J. Bilotta

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1. Forrest Meyers was present from 649 Snyder Street to ask Council questions regarding Ordinance #998. Solicitor Ceraul, Council President Kresge and Manager Dysard addressed his questions/concerns.
- 2. Mary Ellen DeFranco was present from 44 South Third Street to discuss her neighbor using his power washer excessively. Manager Dysard stated that this could fall under Ordinance #998 section 8, paragraph 6.
- 3. Melanie Bingham from 319 North Fifth Street was present to discuss current Authority matters and the budget. Council President Kresge addressed some of her questions/concerns but suggested that she attend an Authority meeting and address the Authority Board since they are a separate entity from Borough Council.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$154,462.74 to be paid was made by Ashmore, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 2. Manager Dysard reviewed the annual borough audit report with Council. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Ashmore to accept the 2020 Borough Audit. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 3. A **MOTION** was made by Ashmore, seconded by Goffredo to adopt the Amended Disruptive Conduct and Nuisances Ordinance #998. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 4. Mayor Kerzner stated that the police department is requesting to use a portion of the police wish fund to pay for the purchase of a laptop computer that will be used to display evidence in court. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine to approve the police wish fund expenditure for approximately \$1,100.00. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 5. Manager Dysard reviewed the Northampton County Grow NORCO Grant Applications with Council. The first application would be for the police department (purchase of a new hybrid Explorer police vehicle with equipment/accessories and computers) in the amount of \$50,000 with a match of \$25,000. The second application would be for capital improvements to the pool facility with a grant request of \$35,000 and a match of \$35,000. A MOTION was made by Augustine, seconded by Ashmore to approve the Northampton County Grow NORCO Grant Applications. All were in favor. MOTION carried.

- 6. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Capone to authorize the auction of several pieces of old equipment that is no longer being utilized. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 7. James Patti from Liberty Fire Company was present to discuss the De Minimis Improvement Plan project with Council. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Goffredo to approve the Liberty Fire Company De Minimis Improvement Plan (contingent to the applicant complying to the items listed in the Ott Consulting review letter #3, dated August 18, 2021. Also, Zoning Hearing Board decision and obtaining building permits). All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- 1. Mayor Kerzner thanked the Fire Company for pumping out basements during the recent rain event.
- 2. Council Member Capone updated Council on the Park Board.
- 3. Council President Kresge noted Bangor Police participated in a public event at the Slate Belt YMCA, and Bangor Fire Department is supposed to do the same later in the week.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Capone, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Tracy Palmer, Secretary