

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

MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2021, 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mayor Kerzner asked for a moment of silence for Edo the Borough's K9 dog that passed away.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present

James W. Kresge
Barry G. Schweitzer - via phone
Robert Goffredo
Michael J. Bilotta
James Augustine
Rosemarie Capone
Krista Ashmore

Others Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Melanie Bingham from 319 North Fifth Street was present to ask Council the borough's process in distributing the LSA grants. Manager Dysard explained the borough's process to Ms. Bingham. Bingham also asked if a vote had to take place at the next Zoning Hearing Board. Manager Dysard stated no.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated July 12, 2021, was made by Bilotta, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$357,702.33 to be paid was made by Goffredo, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Dysard reviewed section 730.8 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding establishing a fee-in-lieu of required parking space option with Council. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Bilotta to approve the Parking Fee-In-Lieu Resolution that includes a \$400.00 annual fee for each spot. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Dysard stated that the borough received a grant from DEP to purchase a wheel loader and chipper to assist with yard waste collections. DEP is providing funding of \$110,297.00 and the borough will need to provide matching funds of approximately \$18,500.00. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Capone to authorize the purchases. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Dysard discussed the amendment to the Disruptive Conduct and Nuisances Ordinance with Council and answered questions. This revision would include language pertaining to dead or decaying trees in the borough. A **MOTION** was made by Ashmore, seconded by Capone to authorize advertisement of the Disruptive Conduct and Nuisances Ordinance, as presented. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Felchock stated that the 2015 Ford Explorer will be ready for auction.
2. Mayor Kerzner thanked Chief Felchock for his phone call regarding the sudden decision to put down Edo. Kerzner will contact Officer Jones to ask if he would like to have a public ceremony for Edo.
Bill Wagner from the Elks contacted Kerzner and praised Ahren and Harley for their efforts assisting with getting the train operational for Octoberfest.
3. Council Member Capone stated that Movie Night at the Park was a success.
4. Council Member Augustine stated that there is a new state law requiring the publishing and posting of meeting agendas.
5. Council Member Ashmore thanked Council for their condolences to her and her family.
6. Solicitor Ceraul commented that he would assist with the funding for another K9 dog for the borough, if decision is made to move forward with another dog.
7. Manager Dysard mentioned the upcoming Zoning Hearing Board regarding the consideration of a use variance for the Slate Belt Veteran's Association for 32 residential units.
8. Council President Kresge commented that he is concerned of the Slate Belt Veteran's Association project due to them purchasing property in Mt. Bethel and not following through with the proposed smart home for a wounded veteran.
Kresge stated that he was disappointed of the confusion with not having the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor disclose a conflict with the project further in advance of the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting.
Kresge commented on the Bangor Area Commercial and Industrial Development Authority's agreement with River Pointe Logistics regarding the purchase of the power plant property in Upper Mt. Bethel Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:41 P.M. to discuss a legal matter with no action to follow was made by Capone, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Secretary