

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

MINUTES

JULY 13, 2020 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present

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

Others Present:

Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Brooke Kerzner, Mayor (via phone at 7:07 P.M.)

Absent:

Daryl Gutierrez, Junior Council Member

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated June 8, 2020 and June 22, 2020 was made by Bilotta, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Dysard reported that a design change was needed for the Broadway Sewer project after completing the test pits and investigative work. There was no change to the contract cost but due to this being a grant funded project, the engineer prepared a change order with the contractor to have in writing so everyone is in compliance with the revised design and what is expected from the contractor. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Capone to approve Change Order No. 2 for the revised design. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Dysard updated Council regarding the State Fireworks Legislation. Some large communities in Pennsylvania have lobbied the state government and were successful in getting fireworks prohibited within their borders. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine to have Manager Dysard draft a letter to our local representatives supporting the prohibition of fireworks in all municipalities and encouraging legislature to prohibit the sale of fireworks. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Dysard reviewed a Zoning Hearing Board appeal application for 633 Third Avenue with Council. The individual who purchased the property had the intent to divide the property into two units. The individual was advised that he would need approval from the Zoning Hearing Board but proceeded to do the work without permits and was sent a violation. The individual then applied for a Zoning Hearing Board application to convert the property to two units and is claiming it has always been two units. The borough has documentation that in the 70's the smaller portion of the property was added as an extension (in-law suite) of the existing dwelling as well as a borough census from the 80's stating that everyone living at the property was related. The 2018 Zoning Ordinance prohibits a two-family residential dwelling and converting a property into a two-family dwelling in the B Zoning District in the borough. A **MOTION** was made by Bilotta, seconded by Fogel to approve Council opposing the Zoning Hearing Board application. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

5. Manager Dysard updated Council on current property maintenance and violation notices in the borough. The owner at 330 South Second Street received a violation letter and was belligerent to Manager Dysard, the staff and an elected official over the telephone. Dysard included the violation information in the Council packets for their knowledge.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Mayor Kerzner updated Council on her recent duties as Mayor.
2. Council Member Fogel updated Council regarding the YMCA COVID-19 policies and procedures.
3. Council Member Capone stated that Movie Night at the Park will be held on July 17th.
4. Council Member Bilotta stated that he hopes that the outside dining at Murray Street Courtyard is successful. Mayor Kerner and Manager Dysard stated that people are utilizing the outside dining.
5. Council Member Goffredo updated Council on the upcoming YMCA construction activities. Columbia Fire Company will have a drive through food event outside the firehouse on Garibaldi Avenue Thursday-Saturday night 7-23-7/25.

6. Manager Dysard mentioned the Act 172 Ordinance that was adopted by the borough which allowed certain qualified fire fighters to receive a rebate in their real estate and earned income tax. The borough has completed the calculations for the real estate taxes for the eligible 11 individuals which total \$1,900 and checks will be sent.
7. Council President Kresge stated that a meeting will be held with individuals that are interested in the Ridge Road property. Manager Dysard, Council President Kresge and Council Members Schweitzer and Goffredo will be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:01 P.M. to discuss legal and real estate matters, with no action to follow was made by Bilotta, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Secretary