

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2020 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present

James W. Kresge
Michael J. Bilotta
James Augustine
Barry G. Schweitzer
Robert Goffredo, Sr.
Krista Ashmore

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Rosemarie Capone
Daryl Gutierrez, Junior Council Member

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Dave Owens and Jim Patti from Liberty Fire Company spoke about the need to change retaining wall designs for their parking lot project in order to reduce costs. Council was asked to request another one-year extension on the Liberty Fire LSA Grant. A **MOTION** to approve requesting a one-year extension from the LSA for the Liberty Fire Company retaining wall/parking lot grant project was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Melanie Bingham was present from 319 North Fifth Street to discuss her sidewalk issues and on-street dumpster concerns with Council.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated October 19, 2020 was made by Bilotta, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Ashmore to approve the Property Maintenance Appeals Board Resolution and corresponding Application. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to accept the resignation of Josh LaRusso from the Zoning Hearing Board. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** was made by Bilotta, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the Broadway Storm Sewer Pay Application #5. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Borough Council discussed two possible grant applications to submit for the current round of LSA gaming funds. Following discussion of an application for the Borough and one for the Fire Department, a **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to approve an LSA grant application for Borough building improvements in the amount of \$75,500 and an application for the Bangor Fire Department for air packs in the amount of \$175,000; additionally the Borough Manager is authorized to submit the applications and execute contract documents. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Dysard discussed the 2021 draft Authority & Borough budgets with Council and answered questions. Council was advised that we are unable to increase the Earned Income Tax rate for 2021 due to several legal factors including advertising requirements. Manager Dysard indicated that the proposed budget and tax ordinance will need to be authorized for advertisement at the next Council Meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Council President Kresge suggested having a formal letter from the Borough sent to the Bangor School Board regarding stadium contract discussions.
2. Council Member Schweitzer updated Council regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.
3. Council Member Augustine thanked all the poll workers and voters who came out and supported the 2020 Presidential Election.
4. Mayor Kerzner updated Council regarding COVID-19 and expressed concerns about the rising infection rate.
5. Manager Dysard stated that he was approached by a resident who expressed his concern regarding parking at the 100 block of Market Street. This issue will be researched and revisited at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Augustine, seconded by Bilotta. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Secretary