

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

MINUTES

JULY 13, 2015 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael J. Bilotta
Kenneth L. Brewer, III
Jane E. Gorman
David G. Houser
James W. Kresge
Bonnie J. LaBar- arrived 7:07 P.M
Karey J. Murphy

Others Present:

David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Joseph H. Capozzolo, Mayor
Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager

Absent:

Robert J. Rhodes, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Allison Gum was present and expressed her concerns to Council about the decline in town.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Capozzolo reported that the Bangor Police Department received recognition in the Express Times with a trophy for stepping up patrol around the quarries.

COUNCIL REPORT:

Mrs. LaBar reported that the 140th Anniversary had their monthly tour. People were grew up in the Trust Building told their stories about living in there and growing up in the Borough of Bangor. July Events are starting at Sabatini's starting at 11 A.M.

Mr. Houser mentioned that there are handouts for an Applebee's fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. He also mentioned that Bangor and Roseto together raised \$1900 for the American Cancer Society during the Relay for Life event held in May.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

No Report.

MANGERS REPORT:

No report.

AUTHORITY REPORT: No Report

PARK BOARD: Members from the Park Board were present and informed Council that the Splash Dance held in June had drawn in around 32 teens for a swim night and the Luau had over 250 attend. Movie Night in early July was cancelled and reschedule for July 27th. Movie Night for August 8th is schedule at this time. They also mentioned that there is always a nice turn out for the youth basketball league. They are always looking for volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A **MOTION** to approve hiring of Legal Counsel for assumption of Bangor Borough Authority made by Houser, seconded by Bilotta. Vote 6-1 (LaBar). **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** to adopt Resolutions 2015-37 through and including 2015-43 made by Houser, seconded by Bilotta. Vote 6-1 (LaBar). **MOTION** carried. LaBar feels that the Borough could've worked with the Borough Authority. She feels a letter should've been sent before the meeting.

2015-37 Bangor Borough Authority shall immediately take action to pay off all its outstanding indebtedness, with interest due thereon, redeem all its outstanding bonds and loans, and settle all other claims which may be outstanding against it, all to be accomplished no later than October 15, 2015.

2015-38 Bangor Borough Authority shall prepare and execute an inventory of all assets of the Authority and turn over control of any and all bank accounts and funds in its possession or control to the Borough no later than October 1, 2015. The Authority shall than promptly convey all of its documents and record and all of its reaming assets and property to the Borough by appropriate documents in form acceptable to the Borough, to be accomplished no later than October 15, 2015.

2015-39 Bangor Borough Authority shall cooperate with the Borough to the fullest extent possible, so that the transition in the ownership, control and operation of the sanitary sewer collection system can be expeditiously accomplished without any adverse impact to any creditors, to the bondholders, rate payers, or to the citizens of Bangor Borough.

2015-40 Bangor Borough Authority is prohibited from engaging in any conduct or expending any money, direct or indirectly, for any purpose, including challenging the right of the Borough to take action to dissolve the Authority, other than accomplishing the directives and objectives of any Borough as set forth in Resolutions 2015-37 through 2015-43 or to protect interests of any bondholders.

2015-41 It is the intent of the Borough that it shall not assume any debt as a result of any of the provisions of dissolving the Bangor Borough Authority as set forth in Resolution 2015-37 through 2015-43.

- 2015-42** The responsibility for updating and implementing the Borough's Act 537 Sewer Facilities Plan shall be exclusively under the control and jurisdiction of the Borough. The Authority shall have no responsibility for updating or implementation the Boroughs' Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan, effective at time of dissolution.
- 2015-43** All funds and assets required by the foregoing resolution to be turned over by the Authority to the Borough shall be held and utilized by the Borough in connection with the operation, maintenance, improvement, and future expansion of the Bangor Borough sanitary sewer system.
3. A **MOTION** to accept the letter of resignation with regrets from Sharon Davis from BACIDA board made by Houser, seconded by Gorman. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
 4. A **MOTION** to submit the Tree Vitalize Grant in the amount of \$5625.00 made by Brewer, seconded by Murphy. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
This Grant is a 50/50 match through the State replacing trees in the downtown area.
 5. A **MOTION** to approve the application for the Northampton County CIPP Grant Program made by Houser, seconded by LaBar. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
This grant application will be for \$94075.00. Half the funds would be from the County and the other half will come from other resources such as grants and Borough funds.
 6. A **MOTION** to waive fee for the Slate Belt Youth Soccer Association for Penico Park which will be used Tuesday-Thursday from August through October from 5-7 made by Brewer, seconded by Bilotta. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
 7. A **MOTION** to waive fee for Bangor Lions Club for the use of the track on September 12th from 8-1 made by LaBar, seconded by Brewer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
 8. A **MOTION** to release final payment funds contingent on County DCED, viewing and approving the payment request as well as the contractor doing one last punch list item which is to place topsoil on the back of the handicap ramp and sidewalk at the NW corner intersection of 2nd Avenue and Division. Once that is completed and the County approves payment and the payroll certification funds will be released made by Brewer, seconded by Murphy. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
 9. A **MOTION** to Authorize Advertisement of Paving Bid made by Brewer, seconded by Murphy. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
This project will be Pennsylvania Avenue from Borough Hall up to 8th. The project will cost approximately \$95,000.
 10. A discussion on parking meters brought to Council's attention that the Borough has close to 100 parking meters. The Borough has approximately 50 meters that will need to be replaced or repaired. Manager Dysard would not be proposing an increase with the rate for parking meters in the Borough at this time.
 11. A discussion on the Slate Belt Community Partnership/Façade Grant Program. SBCP started out as a Main Street Program and has grown in the local municipalities. The County has cut their contribution to this program. Currently it will be Bangor, Pen

Argyl and Wind Gap. Councilmembers Houser and LaBar hope that the Borough continues to be involved in the Borough and believes it's an important program.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janelle Hauff, Borough Secretary