

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

MINUTES

September 25, 2017 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Michael J. Bilotta
Jane E. Gorman
Robert W. Engle
Robert J. Rhodes, Jr.
Barry G. Schweitzer

Others Present:

Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Sascha Gutierrez, Junior Council Member
Joseph H. Capozzolo, Mayor

Absent:

Bonnie J. LaBar
Robert Goffredo, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated August 14, 2017 & August 28, 2017 was made by Bilotta, seconded by Engle. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

A **MOTION** to approve the bills totaling \$324,504.32 to be paid was made by Bilotta, seconded by Gorman. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A **MOTION** to accept Police Directives 3.6.3 (iPad, Radio Communications Equipment and Similar Technologies), 3.12.1 (Evidence and Property), and 4.11.1 (Response to Animal Incidents), was made by Rhodes, seconded by Engle. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Dysard reported that the 2000 Chevy pick-up truck with the plow is in poor condition and past its useful life. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Rhodes to authorize an advertisement for sale of the retired equipment for bid. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** was made by Bilotta, seconded by Rhodes to approve trick-or-treat for October 29th from 2-5 P.M. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Dysard stated that each year the Borough is required to prepare and adopt the retirement plans MMO for each of the retirement/pension plans (Police Pension Contribution, Non-Uniform Plan, Authority Plan, Cash Balance Non-Uniform.) A **MOTION** was made by Rhodes, seconded by Gorman to adopt the 2018 Retirement Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

5. Manager Dysard indicated that in 2014 Northampton County reviewed the tax-exempt properties in the County. The borough's Century House lot was flagged and was determined a taxable property for the last couple of years (borough, school & county taxes.) Due to computer systems being automated it's showing the property as delinquent and the County wants to sell it at a public tax sale. Manager Dysard contacted the County and this was put on the Revenue Board of Appeals. At the hearing attended by Manager Dysard and Solicitor Ceraul it was determined that there will be no change in assessment and that the tax exemption request was denied. Council discussed their options. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Rhodes to authorize Manager Dysard and Solicitor Ceraul to file another appeal to County Court. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Dysard reported that there was a meeting held with Bangor Borough and the Bangor Elks discussing safety and adequate volunteers for flagging during the Bangor Halloween Parade. It has been difficult to find volunteers so hiring Flagger Force was discussed. The estimated cost is \$1,630.00 and Bangor Elks is asking Borough Council to assist with the cost. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Rhodes to authorize the Borough paying no more than \$850.00 for 2017. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Junior Council Member Gutierrez thanked everyone who supported their soccer car wash fundraiser.
2. Mayor Capozzolo updated Council on the Messinger Street Bridge Opening Ceremony. The tentative date was September 30th and this has been rescheduled for October 7th at 11:00 A.M.
3. Solicitor Ceraul commented that he received the petition from Liberty Fire Company to close Silk Street (alley.) Ceraul will work with Attorney Karasak to schedule a hearing date that accommodates everyone's schedule.
4. Police Chief Felchok asked if anyone had any questions concerning the approved directives and mentioned the recent mental health/medical emergency incident in the borough.
5. Manager Dysard commented that all the full-time Public Works Employee applications have been received and he is currently reviewing them. The 2018 budget discussions will begin at the next Borough Council meeting held on October 16th.
6. Council President Kresge gave high praise of the borough events that were held on September 23rd. He also mentioned Council Member Bonnie LaBar has contacted the Borough. She indicated that she has no intention to resign and plans to return soon.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary