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

MINUTES March 26, 2018 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 Goffredo, Sr.

Barry G. Schweitzer

Lisa Fogel

Others Present:

Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager

Brooke Kerzner, Mayor

David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor

Absent:

Bonnie J. LaBar

Sascha Gutierrez, Junior Council Member

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1. Daniel Blickley of 30 South Sixth Street was present to discuss with Borough Council the deteriorating alley next to his property. Council President Kresge and Solicitor Ceraul stated that the Borough does not maintain alleys. Council President Kresge requested that Mr. Blickley stay after the meeting to discuss this further.
- 2. Leila Ross of 129 Messinger Street was present for an update on the letters sent by the Borough to the affected residents on Messinger Street concerning the culvert project. Manager Dysard stated that second notice letters were mailed out.
- 3. David Houser of 575 Grand Avenue was present to thank the Bangor Police Department concerning a call recently on Grand Avenue involving a commercial vehicle parking violation. David Houser also asked for an update on the Borough Board vacancies. Manager Dysard will follow-up.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

A **MOTION** to approve the bills totaling \$226,547.93 to be paid was made by Bilotta, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A **MOTION** to accept Police Directives 1.4.2 (Selection-Administrative Practices & Procedures) and 3.7.1 (Vehicle Enforcement Procedures), was made by Engle, seconded by Gorman. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

- 2. Police Chief Felchock is requesting approval for disposition of the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police vehicle that is beyond its useful life. Chief Felchock recommended turning the vehicle over to the school district. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Gorman to turn it over to the Bangor School District rather than auction the vehicle. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 3. Manager Dysard reported that several amendments are proposed to the vehicles and traffic ordinance, including the revisions needed for one-way traffic on Murray Street, that are included in the revised Ordinance. A MOTION was made by Goffredo, seconded by Bilotta to authorize the advertisement of the Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance #973. All were in favor. MOTION carried.
- 4. Manager Dysard stated that the current prevailing wage laws have not been substantially updated since the 1960's and as a result leave the threshold for all non-locally funded road projects at \$25,000. The proposed Resolution asks the State Legislature to increase the prevailing wage rate to \$130,000 with a future inflation adjustment. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Fogel to approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution that will be sent to the PSAB. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 5. Representatives from Liberty Fire Company were scheduled to attend the meeting to provide Borough Council with an update of the building/parking lot project. They were not present, so this topic was not discussed.
- 6. Manager Dysard reported that a draft ordinance was prepared to move forward regarding abolishing wards in the Borough and have all Council members at large. A **MOTION** to move forward and put it on the agenda for the next meeting was made by Engle, seconded by Fogel. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- 1. Fire Chief Engle commented that he heard positive feedback from residents concerning the recent snow emergency declaration requiring vehicles to be removed from snow emergency routes.
- 2. Council member Gorman asked for Park Board Volunteers.
- 3. Council member Bilotta felt that calling the snow emergency was a success because Public Works could plow the streets more efficiently.
- 4. Mayor Kerzner received a letter from The First United Methodist Church praising Liberty Fire Company for pumping out their basement during the March 2nd storm event. Kerzner donated half her salary as Mayor to Blue Valley Rescue and the other half to Liberty Fire Company.
 - Kerzner held an online Bangor Snow Bunny Challenge contest during the last snow storm.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session at 7:48 P.M. to discuss legal matters, with no action to follow was made by Engle, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary