

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

MINUTES

April 23, 2018 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Michael J. Bilotta
Jane E. Gorman
Barry G. Schweitzer
Lisa Fogel

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Bonnie J. LaBar
Robert W. Engle
Robert Goffredo, Sr.
Sascha Gutierrez, Junior Council Member

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. David Houser of 575 Grand Avenue noticed that the yard waste dumpsters at the park were more full than usual. He asked if the Borough Authority gets money from the state since borough employees are manning the dumpsters. Manager Dysard and Solicitor Ceraul responded, no. Houser also asked if the dumpsters are secure and not being used by residents outside Bangor borough. Manager Dysard said this has been an ongoing manning issue. Currently this is a service to the borough residents and a resource to the community. Council President Kresge asked everyone to research programs/options moving forward concerning a solution to yard waste disposal.
2. Leila Ross of 129 Messinger Street was present and asked about the hole in the road currently found on Messinger Street. Manager Dysard stated that the hole is unrelated to the Messinger Street Culvert Project and is being addressed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

A **MOTION** to approve the bills totaling \$224,668.03 to be paid was made by Bilotta, seconded by Gorman. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Police Chief Felchock received notification from one of the full-time officers that he/she intends to test with the Slate Belt Regional Police Department in May. Chief Felchock is requesting approval to proceed with establishing a police officer hiring list. The total cost being approximately \$5,000.00. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Bilotta to authorize the establishment of the police officer hiring list on the condition of a \$40.00 application fee per applicant. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

2. A **MOTION** to accept Police Directives 1.5.1 (Training of Personnel) and 1.5.3 (Probationary Status Training Program-Full Time Officer), was made by Gorman, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** to waive the yard sale permit fee for the Memorial Day weekend community wide yard sale held on May 25th-28th was made by Bilotta, seconded by Fogel. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Bilotta to adopt the Ward Elimination Ordinance #974. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Dysard reported that the borough posted park rules and several park rule related Ordinances conflict with one another. To improve signage and enforcement at Bangor Borough parks, an updated park rules and regulations Ordinance is being proposed which combines the prior separate Ordinances in to one consolidated version. The proposed Ordinance also creates a provision for Council to adopt park rules and regulations by resolution which allows flexibility in future changes in the rules without having to amend the Ordinance. A **MOTION** was made by Gorman, seconded by Schweitzer to authorize advertising the Park Regulations Ordinance #975. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Borough Council discussed the draft updated Street Opening Ordinance that is largely used to require utility companies to restore the road after they excavate for water, gas, etc. The draft update provides slightly more restriction and penalty for opening newly paved roadways. Manager Dysard will review the draft Ordinance with the Borough Engineer and Solicitor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Chief Felchok thanked the City of Bethlehem Parking Authority for all the parking meters that they gave Bangor Borough.
2. Council Member Schweitzer stated that the COG is advertising for a part-time animal control officer. Schweitzer mentioned that he will comment at the next COG meeting that they are not providing enough support towards animal control.
3. Council Member Gorman commented that the 2018 Bangor Park Board Event Dates will be placed in the kiosks.
4. Mayor Kerzner commented that she attended two fireman's banquets.
The Bangor Elks will be helping with grant funding along with approximately 100 other volunteers for the Community Clean-up day on May 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
5. Council Member Fogel thanked the Bangor Police and Fire Department for their participation in the YMCA Healthy Kids Day event.
6. Council President Kresge thanked Bangor Police Officer's Sylvester and Jones for their participation in the YMCA Healthy Kids Day event. He also thanked the Rescue Fire Company, fireman Alan Bilsky and Lisa Fogel for coordinating the event. Fogel would like to get Bangor more involved in YMCA events.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session at 7:58 P.M. to discuss legal matters, with no action to follow was made by Bilotta, seconded by Fogel. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary