

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

MINUTES

July 23, 2018 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Michael J. Bilotta
Robert Goffredo, Sr.
Barry G. Schweitzer
Lisa Fogel
Jane E. Gorman

Others Present:

Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager
Brooke Kerzner, Mayor
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Sascha Gutierrez, Junior Council Member

Absent:

Erika Neetz, Junior Council Member

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Leila Ross of 129 Messinger Street was present for an update on the Messinger Street culvert project. Manager Dysard stated that there should be updates at the August 13th Council meeting concerning bids.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

A **MOTION** to approve the bills totaling \$229,016.64 to be paid was made by Bilotta, seconded by Gorman. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Jim Padai from Liberty Fire Company was present to discuss the Liberty building project and LSA grant funding with Borough Council. Mr. Padai is requesting Council's decision by September 15th to give him time to submit the LSA grant application. Council President Kresge stated that Council will revisit this topic next month.
2. Manager Dysard discussed the Borough's zoning ordinance updates with Council that are being completed by the Planning Commission and gave them general information about zoning and the zoning ordinance process. The proposed revisions that will be presented to Council are a complete comprehensive change to the 1967 zoning document.
3. Council President Kresge updated Council on the Act 172 Ordinance of 2016 that would provide tax credits for Active Volunteer Emergency Responders. It appears the reciprocity

between Roseto and Bangor may not be possible. President Kresge contacted the Pennsylvania State Association of Townships, Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's and the Pennsylvania Municipal League. They stated that the Act 172 Ordinance does not apply to an individual who lives in your municipality but serves elsewhere. The intent is that the individual lives in the town and serves in the town. However, the Act 172 wording does not specify or prohibit it. President Kresge is waiting to hear back from Representative Warner concerning this issue. Solicitor Ceraul reviewed the Act and there is no prohibition, so mutual aid agreements would need to be written. He also discussed the Declaratory Judgements Act to Council that could be an option to clarify the issue. President Kresge and Solicitor Ceraul will make some calls and research this further.

4. Manager Dysard reported that PennDOT approached him regarding the Turnback program. This program would pay the Borough to repave State roads and then transfers ownership to the Borough (sections of Broadway, Messinger except for the bridge and sections of South Eighth Street). The ongoing maintenance for those roads would be included in the Borough's annual liquid fuels funding. Borough Council directed Manager Dysard to continue conversations with PennDOT.
5. Manager Dysard reported that the owners of the Century House have agreed to modify the existing lease payments to offset the property taxes. Solicitor Ceraul and Manager Dysard reviewed the changes with Borough Council (increase lease payment of \$2,000 a year and escalator of 3% on the \$2,000 payment). A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the modifications to the lease agreement. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Dysard stated that a minor change is needed to the Borough's existing media interaction/public relations policy included in the Employee Handbook. A statement was added to provide for accuracy and consistency of information, and language was added for the Bangor Borough Police Department to coordinate any press releases or other statements with the Mayor. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Engle to approve the modifications. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Council Member Fogel enjoyed the Luau and she commented that the new ramps located at the corner of New and Erdman Streets are complete.
2. Council Member Goffredo mentioned the Roseto Big Time starting this week.
3. Solicitor Ceraul commented that only six of the twenty-one Easement Agreements for the Messinger Street Culvert project have been received. He will work with Manager Dysard in contacting these residents.
4. Council Member Schweitzer commented that he received a letter from Senator Scavello's office thanking him for his attendance at the Clean Fill Environmental Hearing. Schweitzer requested that Borough Council send a letter to Senator Scavello asking Pennsylvania to match the standards for clean and regulated fill with the EPA. Schweitzer will work with Manager Dysard on a letter for Council's review.
5. Council Member Engle stated that the Liberty Carnival was a success. The VFW is offering a free picnic to all first responders in August.

6. Council Member Gorman stated that the Luau was a tremendous success with excellent attendance. She thanked Council President Kresge and Rosemarie for their help.
7. Mayor Kerzner commented that due to rain the Block Party has been rescheduled for August 25th.
Kerzner agrees with Schweitzer regarding sending a letter to Senator Scavello's office.
Kerzner complimented the signs and banners in town and the amount of work that volunteer firefighters do for this community.
8. Council President Kresge complimented the Park Board on all their successful events.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:42 P.M. to discuss real estate matters, with no action to follow was made by Engle, seconded by Bilotta. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tray Palmer, Administrative Secretary