

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

MINUTES

AUGUST 13, 2018 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Michael J. Bilotta

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Leila Ross of 129 Messinger Street took pictures of Messinger Street Culvert during the recent rain event to show Borough Council.
2. Jim Padai from Liberty Fire Company updated Borough Council on the building project and LSA grant funding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated July 9, 2018 & July 23, 2018 was made by Goffredo, seconded by Engle. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Council President Kresge stated that the 2017 Annual Borough audit is complete. Chris Herr from Mallie was present to review the audit with Borough Council and answer any questions. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Gorman to accept the 2017 Borough Audit. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. John Bermingham Sr. from the Slate Belt COG introduced himself to Borough Council and discussed the COG's priorities. Council President Kresge and Borough Council addressed their concerns and comments regarding communication, bylaws, the newly hired Animal Control Officer and where the COG plans on housing the animals.
3. Stephen Reider from Slate Belt Rising discussed the three commercial façade projects they are working on, marketing efforts, promotion and general program updates.
4. A **MOTION** to accept Police Directives 1.4.1 (Selection and Hiring Standards for Sworn Officers) and 3.6.2 (Active Shooter) was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Gorman. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

5. Manager Dysard reported that Council should consider exempting the tax collector from collecting Borough taxes on the Century House Parking lot. This would eliminate the Borough paying itself. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to exempt the borough tax collector from collecting the 2018 Borough parking lot tax. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Council President Kresge discussed Roseto's Act 172 Ordinance and Bangor Borough's draft Ordinance. Roseto will not amend their Ordinance to match Bangor's. Kresge stated there should be a mutual aid agreement (Bangor Fire Department & Columbia Fire Department) between the two municipalities with the same standards. Borough Council will continue to move forward with this agreement.
7. Manager Dysard reported that two bids were received for the Messinger Street Culvert Project and the results were higher than expected. A **MOTION** to table was made by Engle, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Council Member Schweitzer expressed his unhappiness concerning the COG but hopes Mr. Birmingham can turn things around.
Senator Scavello has sent a letter to the DEP Secretary asking to standardize the clean fill standards/regulated fill with NY and NJ.
Schweitzer complimented Manager Dysard on the 2017 Borough Audit.
2. Junior Council Member Neetz asked for everyone to support the Blue Valley Farm Show.
3. Junior Council Member Gutierrez stated that this was her last Council Meeting because she is starting college next week. Gutierrez appreciated the experiences she encountered serving on Council.
4. Council Member Gorman stated that the Pool Party was last week. The next events are the Pooch Plunge on August 19th and Octoberfest on October 13th. Gorman asked for support and volunteers.
5. Mayor Kerzner reported that Officer Glen Connolly's last day was Sunday and the Police Department is in the process of interviewing for a full-time officer.
Kerzner reported that the Block Party is August 25th from 4:00-7:00 and that she walked all wards.
6. Solicitor Ceraul complimented Manager Dysard on the 2017 Borough Audit.
7. Manager Dysard commented that he attended a legal updates conference in Harrisburg and it was very informative.
8. Council President Kresge apologized for not being able to attend the Pool Party.
Kresge stated it was a pleasure to have Junior Council Member Gutierrez on the Board and wished her the best of luck.
Kresge also praised Manager Dysard on the Borough Audit.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session at 8:17 P.M. to discuss legal and personnel matters, with no action to follow was made by Goffredo, seconded by Gorman. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary