

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

MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2019 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Jane E. Gorman

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Leila Ross of 129 Messinger Street was present to hear any updates regarding the Messinger Street Culvert Project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated December 10, 2018 was made by Engle, seconded by Goffredo. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes as amended to remove Goffredo from action item #7, was made by Engle, seconded by Fogel. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Manager Dysard discussed this year's upcoming HBBA downtown events with Council (I Love Chocolate Trail & Competition (2/17), Car Show (6/22), Music Festival (7/20), Fall Craft Market & Festival (9/21). A **MOTION** was made by Bilotta, seconded by Goffredo to approve the Broadway road closure during the June, July and September HBBA events. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Police Chief Felchock is requesting to use \$245.00 from the Police Wish Fund to send Officer Jones to the Blue Line K9 Training Conference. A **MOTION** to approve the expenditure was made by Engle, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** to accept Police Directive 3.7.3 (Vehicles Subject to Tow and Impoundment) was made by Bilotta, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

4. Council President Kresge reviewed the 2019 Board and Commission Appointments. A **MOTION** to reappoint David Ceraul as Borough Solicitor with a monthly retainer of \$4,000 was made by Goffredo, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Goffredo to appoint HRMM&L (Bernadette Kearney) as the Borough Alternate Solicitor. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Bilotta to reappoint Ott Consulting as Borough Engineer. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Engle to appoint Boucher & James as Borough Alternate Engineer. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Engle to reappoint Barry Isett & Associates as the Borough Code Officer/Building Inspector. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Bilotta to reappoint Robert Rhodes as the Emergency Management Coordinator. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to reappoint Heather Major as the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
The Zoning Hearing Board appointment was tabled. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Engle to reappoint Nathaniel Dysard and James Kresge to the Slate Belt Rising Board for a one-year term. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to reappoint Sherry Haycock and Ed Wojtkowski to the Park Board for a five-year term. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Schweitzer to reappoint Jane Gorman to the Disruptive Conduct Board for a three-year term. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Schweitzer to reappoint Michael Bauer to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Engle to reappoint Jane Gorman to the Authority Board for a five-year term. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Engle to approve Margle Law Offices as the Authority Solicitor, pending approval of the Authority Board. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Engle to approve Boucher & James as the Authority Engineer, pending approval of the Authority Board. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Engle to appoint James Kresge to the BACIDA Board for five-year term. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Dysard reported that the easement agreements for the Messinger Street culvert project have been finalized and approval from Council is needed to release the funds providing compensation to each property owner for the easement. A **MOTION** to authorize the release of funds for the easement agreements was made by Bilotta, seconded by Fogel. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Dysard reported that PennDOT has indicated that they are prepared to move forward with the turnback of certain State roadways (South 8th Street, Broadway and Messinger Street) as previously discussed. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to authorize Manager Dysard to sign documents of behalf of the Borough, with final acceptance to be brought to Council for approval. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. Manager Dysard reported that the tax collector is requesting approval of a \$5.00 increase in tax certification fees. The new charge would be \$25.00 per certification. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the \$5.00 tax certification fee increase. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
8. Council President Kresge stated that the next football season will be the 100th Bangor/Pen Argyl football game. A **MOTION** was made Schweitzer, seconded by Bilotta to approve a game committee (James Kresge, Robert Goffredo and Nathaniel Dysard). This committee will engage with the Bangor School District regarding this event and keep Borough Council up-to-date. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

9. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Engle to approve a letter of support for the Multi-Municipal Routes 512/611 Transportation Plan Submission for consideration to be included in the Lehigh Valley long range transportation plan being submitted through Slate Belt Rising and the CACLV. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Council Member Goffredo thanked Borough Council for their patience when he missed a couple meetings last year.
2. Manager Dysard commented that the Borough will be applying for a State Recycling Grant. Also, tentatively the first week in April there will be a curbside yard waste collection event, April 6th and October 5th electronic recycling events for Bangor residents and a paper shredding event in October. Dysard stated that the settlement with Ken's Auto has been executed.
3. Council President Kresge stated that there will be an Executive Session with action to follow regarding the hiring of a new Police Officer.
4. Mayor Kerzner stated that a Boy Scout reached out to her and is looking to do an Eagle Scout project in the borough.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 8:28 P.M. to discuss hiring a new police officer, with action to follow was made by Bilotta, seconded by Fogel. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Engle to enter back into public session at 8:46 P.M. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Engle, seconded by Fogel to offer conditional employment to Ryan Sabatine who was selected from the eligibility list by the Civil Service Commission. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary