

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

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 24, 2022, 7:00PM**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

James W. Kresge  
Robert Goffredo, Sr.  
Barry G. Schweitzer  
James Augustine  
Marissa Donnelly  
Joanna Paulson  
Rosemarie Capone

**Others Present:**

David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor  
Mary Ellen DeFranco, Mayor

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Mr. Hershbine from 34 Miller Street requested the borough to determine the source of, and address the problem of, large amounts of water flowing down Northampton and Miller Streets by his property. Mayor DeFranco asked Mr. Hershbine to contact her to discuss this further.
2. Jessica Goffredo from 172 North Ninth Street spoke in opposition to the request of Slate Hills Enterprises for vacating of the alley between her property and theirs as part of Ordinance #1000. A discussion ensued between Solicitor Ceraul and Attorney Laymen, representing Slate Hills Enterprises, whereby it was recommended that Council table this matter. A **MOTION** to table discussion on Ordinance #1000 until such time that Attorneys Zito (representing Ms. Goffredo), and Layman can attend was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$515,963.36 to be paid was made by Goffredo, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** to approve the 2021 per capita exoneration list, per the borough tax collector was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Ordinance #1,000 was tabled as referenced in the public comments of this meeting.
4. A **MOTION** to approve transfer of air packs Bangor Borough received through grant approval to BFD Relief Association was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Prior to appointment of Treasurer, Mayor DeFranco questioned if the Treasurer and Secretary can be the same person. President Kresge referenced a section of the Borough Code that specifically states the same person may hold both positions. A **MOTION** to appoint Tracy Palmer as Interim Treasurer was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** to appoint Tracy Palmer as Borough Right to Know Officer was made by Goffredo, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. A **MOTION** to appoint Mark Brown as Alternate Zoning Officer made by Schweitzer, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

1. Fire Chief Engle reported all equipment is running good, members are actively drilling, and that he hopes for a mild winter here-on-out.
2. Mayor DeFranco requested that the Borough Secretary attend meetings.
3. Council President Kresge appointed a Personnel Committee to include Robert Goffredo, Barry Schweitzer and Rosemarie Capone on matters pertaining to the vacant Borough Manager position.
4. Council Member Schweitzer reported the sewer system and Authority are running smoothly.
5. Solicitor Ceraul commented on the passing of Duane Miller and asked for a moment of silence. A moment of silence was held to honor Duane Miller.
6. President Kresge asked Solicitor Ceraul to help him in drafting a proclamation honoring Duane Miller for a future council meeting. Kresge also notified everyone that he was creating a School District Representation Committee of Robert Goffredo, Jim Augustine, and Marissa Donnelly to begin official conversations with the School District on matters pertaining to the Stadium and other Borough/School District items.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Capone, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary