

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

MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2022, 7:00PM

SWEARING IN ELECTED OFFICIALS

Annamarie Robertone swore in the following individuals: Mary Ellen DeFranco, Marissa Donnelly, James Kresge, James Augustine, JoAnna Paulson, and Brenda Valletta.

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

Others Present:

Nathaniel J. Dysard, Borough Manager
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Mary Ellen DeFranco, Mayor

Absent:

Rosemarie Capone

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Michael Fowler was present to congratulate the new Council Members/Mayor and to introduce himself as Constable.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A **NOMINATION** to elect James Kresge as Council President was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo. Vote 6-0.
2. A **NOMINATION** to elect Robert Goffredo, Sr. as Council Vice-President was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine. Vote 6-0.
3. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated December 13, 2021, was made by Goffredo, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** to reappoint David Ceraul as Borough Solicitor, HRMM&L as Alternate Borough Solicitor, Ott Consulting as Borough Engineer, Boucher & James as Alternate Borough Engineer, Barry Isett Associates as Code Enforcement/Building Inspection, Robert Engle as Fire Chief, Todd Albert as Assistant Fire Chief, Robert Rhodes as Emergency Management Coordinator, and Heather Major as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. A **NOMINATION** to appoint Lelia Ross to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term was made by Goffredo, seconded by Augustine. Vote 5-1, Paulson-nay, **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** to reappoint Karasek Law Offices as the Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board was made by Augustine, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. A **MOTION** to reappoint Rosemarie Capone to the Slate Belt Rising Board for a one-year term was made by Schweizer, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

8. A **NOMINATION** to appoint Robert Goffredo, Jr. to the Planning Commission Board for a four-year term was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine. A **NOMINATION** to appoint Ricky Fahrenkrug to the Planning Commission Board was made by Donnelly, seconded by Paulson. Goffredo Jr.- 3 votes; Fahrenkrug- 2 votes; Councilman Goffredo Sr. abstained.
9. A **NOMINATION** to appoint Michael Bilotta to the Civil Service Commission-Alternate was made by Augustine, seconded by Schweitzer. Vote 5-1, Paulson, nay. **MOTION** carried
10. A **MOTION** to reappoint Brian Berger to the Bangor Borough Authority Board for a five-year term was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo. Vote 4-2, Paulson-Donnelly, nay – **MOTION** carried.
11. A **MOTION** to reappoint Margle Law as the Authority Solicitor and Boucher & James as the Authority Engineer was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo. Vote 5-1, Paulson-nay. **MOTION** carried.
12. Council President Kresge reported that Nathaniel Dysard has submitted his resignation as Borough Manager, effective January 21, 2022. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to accept his resignation with regrets. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. Council President Kresge stated that he appreciated all the work Dysard has done as Borough Manager.
13. Council President Kresge discussed the State redistricting House & Senate seats for our State Representation with Council. This would cut the Bangor School District in half and remove Bangor from the current district and put Bangor under the district that currently serves Pen Argyl and Wind Gap. Bangor would no longer be in the current Senate District and would go the District of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Schweitzer to amend the agenda to add the Resolution 2022-1 opposing the redistricting as it currently stands. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Donnelly to adopt the Resolution 2022-1 which opposes the redistricting efforts at the State, for House & Senate seats, by using the School District template and amending it to be Bangor Borough. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Fire Chief Engle and assistant Fire Chief Albert stated that the fireman and equipment are prepared for the winter.
Resident Carl Giovanni made comments regarding water being drained from the Memorial Park pool. Council President Kresge stated this was not a question for the Fire Chiefs.
2. Police Chief Felchock wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed the new Council Members/Mayor.
3. Mayor DeFranco read a letter that she prepared to Council stating her intentions as serving as Bangor's Mayor.
4. Council Member Donnelly stated that she is happy to serve on Council.
5. Council Member Augustine wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed the new Council Members/Mayor.
6. Council Member Schweitzer welcomed the new Council Members/Mayor and as the Authority Chairperson he will keep Council included of any decisions with the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
7. Council Member Goffredo welcomed the new Council Members/Mayor and thanked Council for considering Resolution 2022-1.
Goffredo also wished Dysard the best of luck and said he will be missed.
8. Solicitor Ceraul welcomed the new Council Members/Mayor and is available to anyone if needed.
9. Manager Dysard stated that it is important to keep everything moving forward.
10. Council President Kresge thanked Ms. Robertone for helping with swearing in the new elected officials and welcomed the Council Members/Mayor.
Kresge also thanked everyone for electing him again as Council President.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Goffredo, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary