

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

MINUTES

MARCH 28, 2022, 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mary Ellen DeFranco, Mayor
Stephen M. Reider, Borough Manager
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Tracy Palmer, Borough Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mayor DeFranco read a letter that she prepared to the audience regarding the interactions she had with the Park Board members and Council at the last meeting as well as the local and world events that took place on March 14th. Council President Kresge and Council discussed her concerns.
2. Council Member Paulson welcome Borough Manager Stephen Reider and asked for a list of grants. Manager Reider will provide a list of grants that the borough has applied for to Council.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$192,023.72 to be paid was made by Goffredo, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** to approve the addendum for a Intermunicipal Transfer of Restaurant Liquor License to New Main Street Market, LLC of Liquor License No. R-9691 was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer – Paulson, nay. **MOTION** carried.
3. A disabled parking space application was received for 402 South Main Street. The applicant is requesting a parking space on the street to have better access to the front of their home. A **MOTION** to approve the disabled parking sign application was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. East Bangor Borough has asked for a letter of support to include with a grant application for a park project that they are working on. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to approve the letter of support. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Capone to appoint Stephen Reider as Borough Treasurer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine to appoint Stephen Reider as Right-to-Know Officer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to appoint Stephen Reider as Borough Zoning Officer. Paulson, nay. **MOTION** carried.

8. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to table the Borough Council Secretary appointment. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
9. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to appoint Stephen Reider as delegate to the Slate Belt Rising Steering Committee. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
10. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to appoint Stephen Reider as delegate the Northampton County Tax Collection Committee delegate. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
11. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Goffredo to amend the agenda to include Senator Boscola's request to use the Borough Hall as an outreach office every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Paulson, nay. **MOTION** carried.
A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Goffredo to approve Boscola's request to have her staff use the Borough Hall for this year to provide services to residents that need state-related help. Council will revisit this at the January 2023 Reorganization meeting. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
12. Sandy Antunes was present from Empire Coffee regarding the pool stand lease at the park. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to amend the agenda to discuss the Empire Coffee lease at the pool. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to authorize the extension of the lease for another season with Empire Coffee for the pool. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Chief Engle stated that the firetrucks are ready, and the firemen have training on Monday nights.
2. Chief Felchock thanked the mayor for her support of the Police Department.
3. Mayor DeFranco thanked the fire, police and first responders for all their work.
4. Council Member Paulson asked for an update on the pool lifeguard applications. Manager Reider stated that two applications have been received but they are not certified. Manager Reider will continue discussions with the YMCA, and he will reach out to the school districts.
5. Council Members Schweitzer, Capone, Donnelly, and Augustine welcomed Manager Reider.
6. Council Members Schweitzer and Augustine thanked Council President Kresge for all his work during the absence of a Borough Manager.
7. Solicitor Ceraul welcomed Reider and asked for everyone to be patient as he is new to this position.
8. Manager Reider stated that he appreciates everyone's confidence and patience and thanked Kresge for all his work during the transition. Reider also thanked his staff as they are the key to the boroughs and his success as Borough Manager.
9. Council President Kresge thanked all the employees of the borough and welcomed Stephen.

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 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary