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

MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2022, 7:01PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge

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

Absent:

Robert Goffredo, Sr.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. A MOTION was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to approve the March 14, 2022, and March 28, 2022 minutes. A MOTION was made by Paulson, seconded by Donnelly to amend the motion and to approve the March minutes separately. All were in favor. MOTION carried. A MOTION was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to approve the minutes dated March 14, 2022, Paulson, nay MOTION carried. A MOTION was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to approve the minutes dated March 28, 2022. All were in favor. MOTION carried.
- 2. A disabled parking space application was received for 508 South Main Street. Manager Reider stated that the applicant submitted all the appropriate paperwork. A **MOTION** to approve the disabled parking sign application was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 3. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Capone to approve Stephen Reider as the signer for all PA DCED LSA grant agreements and reports. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 4. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Capone to appoint Stephen Reider to the Slate Belt Regional Comprehensive Plan Committee. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 5. Chief Felchock explained the civil service process/requirements that a borough must follow when hiring a full-time police officer, which limits the ability of municipal police departments to hire full-time officers. Council President Kresge highlighted portions of the Borough of Columbia Resolution calling for the PA state legislature to remove the civil service process requirements from the Borough Code. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Capone to move forward, and adopt the next available Bangor Borough resolution. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 6. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to table Resolution 2022-06 honoring Duane E. Miller for the next council meeting when the Miller family will be available. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

- 7. A **MOTION** was made by Paulson, seconded by Augustine to amend the agenda to discuss the resignation of Amy Herkalo from the Park Board. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to accept with regrets the resignation of Amy Herkalo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 8. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Schweitzer to amend the agenda to discuss the Resolution supporting the Ukraine in the unprovoked war started by Russia. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Donnelly for Bangor Borough to adopt a Resolution identical to the Ukraine West Easton Resolution supporting the Ukraine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- **9.** A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine to amend the agenda to discuss nominating a President Pro Tem. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. A **NOMINATION** was made by Augustine to nominate Schweitzer. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to close the nominations. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. Vote to appoint Schweitzer President Pro Tem. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- 1. Manager Reider updated Council regarding the grants that he is working on and the meetings he has attended.
 - Reider commented that the borough's electronic recycling event was a success and thanked Mayor DeFranco, Council President Kresge, Forrest Meyers, and Jeff Paulson for volunteering their time during the event.
 - Reider stated that he is in the process of hiring a new Public Works employee and updated Council regarding the hiring of pool employees.
- 2. Council Member Paulson questioned the schedule of the Planning Commission meetings. Manager Reider explained that meetings are held on an as needed basis.
- 3. Council Member Schweitzer stated that all is well with the Authority.
- 4. Council President Kresge also thanked Mayor DeFranco, Forrest Meyers, and Jeff Paulson for their assistance during the recycling event and apologized for being tardy for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary