

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

MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2022, 7:00PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Ed Wojtkowski was present from 563 Grand Avenue to discuss with Council the idea of having a community garden at Pennico Park. Manager Reider will follow up with Mr. Wojtkowski.
2. Leila Ross was present from 129 Messinger Street to comment that her car was vandalized. Ross did file a police report for the incident.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** was made by Paulson, seconded by Donnelly to approve the May 9, 2022, and May 23, 2022, minutes. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. The Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Rhodes was present to provide an overview of the Emergency Operations Plan to Council. The information for points of contact was updated. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Donnelly to adopt the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan Resolution. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Michael Gable from LVL Engineering was present to give Council a summary of the Borough's efforts to make the lower section of Broadway a one-way street. Gable also gave Council a summary of the engineering costs that have incurred for the project. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Goffredo to extend the Highway Occupancy Permit with PennDOT. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to table the Broadway project until Council reviews the traffic study. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Mike Gable gave Council a summary of the Bangor Borough's draft Act 537 (Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act) Plan and answered questions. This Act requires that all municipalities develop and implement a comprehensive official sewage facilities plan that addresses present and future sewage disposal needs. The Bangor Borough Plan needs to be updated for multiple reasons including a potential merger with the Roseto Borough Authority. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Paulson to adopt the advertisement of the Bangor Borough Act 537 Plan and submission to the borough Planning Commission. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

5. Manager Reider stated that the borough has received notice to proceed with the road paving project (milling, leveling course, bituminous overlay, and ADA ramp installations) that were included in Community Development Block Grant applications for 2020-2021 and approved by the County of Northampton. The work is proposed along the following local streets: North 11th Street from Market Street to Upper PA Ave., Sullivan Street from Market Street to Upper PA Ave., Upper PA Ave. from stop sign at 11th to Sullivan Street.; Roosevelt Street from Upper PA Ave to North 12th Street; PA Ave. between North 8th and North 9th Street; A Street from dead end to Upper Pennsylvania Ave.; and Upper Pennsylvania Ave. between A Street to stop sign a North 11th Street. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to approve the Road Paving advertisement. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Reider reported that an application was received for a Conditional Use Hearing for the Bangor Borough Authority owned property on Ridge Road. Manager Reider provided his review letter of the application to Council as the Zoning Officer. A **MOTION** was made Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to submit for planning commission review the conditional use application and schedule a hearing date for July 25th. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. Manager Reider reported that the Borough was contacted by Pete Isello regarding 1st Avenue. Isello would like to clear the right of way on 1st Avenue so he can better access his property. Reider provided the survey of the property and work that he is proposing to Council. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine to take no action due to the status of the alley. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
8. Manager Reider stated that Slate Belt Rising would like to paint murals on some of the tables at the Bangor Memorial Park Pool. Local artists use historically appropriate themes for these projects. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to approve the table murals at the pool with the contingency that a sketch is provided to Manager Reider before the tables are painted. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
9. The Bangor VFW will be having a First Responders' Picnic on July 9th from 1-5 pm and is looking for donations. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Augustine to regretfully deny the donation. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
10. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to approve with regrets the resignation letter from Kim Stocker resigning from the Park Board. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
11. Mary Ellen DeFranco submitted a letter of interest for the vacancy on the Borough Planning Commission. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Capone to appoint Mary Ellen DeFranco to the Planning Commission Board. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Mayor DeFranco commented that the June 4th Memorial Park Pool Opening was very successful.
2. Council Member Paulson also stated that the pool opening was a success and thanked everyone that was involved in the opening. Paulson mentioned the graffiti on the playground equipment at Pennico Park. Manager Reider stated that Public Works removed it. Reider will apply for the Grow NorCo grant for lighting upgrades at Pennico Park.
3. Council Member Augustine questioned the security at Pennico and asked for an update. Manager Reider stated that he discussed this with Mayor DeFranco and Chief Felchock and updated Council on their conversations. Augustine thanked Manager Reider and Mayor DeFranco for a successful pool opening.
4. Council Member Capone updated Council on the upcoming park board events.
5. Solicitor Ceraul commended Council on moving forward with the Ridge Road project.

6. Manager Reider updated Council on the following: The pool slide resurfacing is scheduled for the last week in June. The Mission of Love Food Bank groundbreaking event is scheduled for June 21st at 11:00 A.M. The borough received \$200,000 from the LSA grant for a new splash pad at the pool. Slate Belt Rising applied for the borough for a Post Foundation grant for \$30,000, which will be used for materials. Reider applied for a Hotel Tax grant for \$10,000 to encourage tourism and visitation in the borough.
7. Council President Kresge reported that with the developments coming into the borough that a large portion of the money has already been accounted for (stadium debt, ladder truck, etc..) but stated that these developments are very good for Bangor Borough. Kresge thanked Mayor DeFranco for her speech at the Memorial Day Rescue Fire Department event. He also thanked the Rescue Fire Company, Boy Scouts, American Legion and Veteran's.

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 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary