

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

MINUTES

JULY 25, 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
Robert Goffredo, Sr.

Others Present:

Mary Ellen DeFranco, Mayor
Stephen M. Reider, Borough Manager
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Attorney Joseph Piperato
Don Peters – Bohler Engineering
Rob Hoffman – Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.
Theresa Calantoni - TMS Real Estate Investments, LLC.
Tony Ganguzza- Boyle Construction

Absent:

Rosemarie Capone

A Public Hearing was held regarding the Conditional Use Application submitted by TMS Real Estate Investments, LLC. The subject vacant properties are located on Ridge Road (parcels: D9-19-5A, D9-19-4, D9-19-3) and are in the “IC-Industrial Commercial” zoning district. The applicant is requesting Conditional Use approval as permitted in the Bangor Borough Zoning Ordinance Section 500.70 (B)(13). A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Donnelly to approve the Conditional Use Application. Vote, 5-1 – Paulson, Nay. **MOTION** carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Denise Scott was present from 223 Park Avenue to discuss the truck traffic on Park Avenue with Council.
2. Forrest Meyers was present from 649 Snyder Street to discuss with Council the closing of Main Street Market and his volunteering to research ways for cleaning up the borough/downtown.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$109,103.73 was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to approve the June 13, 2022, and July 11, 2022, minutes. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Schweitzer to have Bangor’s trick-or-treat on Sunday, October 30th from 2-5 P.M. Vote 5-1, Donnelly-Nay. **MOTION** carried.
A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Goffredo to table the discussion regarding this year’s Elks Halloween Parade. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

4. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine to appoint Forrest Meyers and Jeff Paulson to the Park Board pending successful completion of a criminal background check and child abuse clearance. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Felchok commented that a letter was sent to all PA Police Chiefs from Attorney General Josh Shapiro regarding the PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency) grant program that will provide \$135 million to local police departments. The state is recognizing the shortage of sworn officers in police departments across Pennsylvania. Manager Reider will submit the application for each police officer to receive a check for \$1,200.
2. Mayor DeFranco mentioned National Night Out being held on August 2nd from 6-9 PM at the Bangor Memorial Park.
3. Council Member Donnelly and Marc Sperling updated Council on the National Night Out event. A **MOTION** was made by Paulson, seconded by Donnelly to amend the agenda. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Paulson, seconded by Schweitzer to approve reopening the pool from 7-8 PM for a fee of \$1.00 to go towards the K9 fund. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Council Member Paulson stated that the Family Luau at the park was a success.
5. Council Member Schweitzer is hopeful with the newly appointed Park Board Members.
6. Manager Reider updated Council on the Grow NORCO grant application for lighting and safety upgrades at the parks.
7. Council President Kresge thanked Rescue Fire Company for helping with the chairs for the overflow seating. Kresge also thanked everyone involved with the Family Luau as he felt the attendance was the best he has seen.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 10:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary