

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

MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2022, 7:35 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Absent:

James Augustine

Janell Connolly gave the presentation Municipal Leaders' Guide to Social Media Best Practices to Council prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Grace Gardella was present from 131 A Street to discuss with Council the garbage ordinances as she feels that are not being followed by the residents. She also mentioned the tall bushes at 923 Upper PA Ave. Manager Reider stated that the property has been cited.
2. Forrest Meyers was present from 649 Snyder Street to ask Council questions regarding the Ridge Road property.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Paulson to approve the July 25, 2022, minutes. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Solicitor Ceraul discussed Ordinance #1000 with Council. This ordinance removes the limit of the maximum number of volunteers that a fire company within the Bangor Fire Department can have and removes the term limits for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Schweitzer to adopt Ordinance #1000. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider reported that the borough was contacted by Eric Striba regarding use of the pavilions at the park. Parents would like to use the pavilions to have pre-game meals for the Bangor High School Football team on 8/31 and Thursday nights throughout football season. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Goffredo to waive the \$600 pavilion rental fees. Vote: 5-1 Paulson, nay. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider reported that the borough was contacted by Faith Sarisky regarding adding a plaque to an existing bench at Founder's Park in honor of Donald Jones who will be turning 100 and is a local historian and Bangor resident. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the request. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

5. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to approve with regrets the resignation letter from Kelly Rak resigning from the Civil Service Commission. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Paulson to appoint Jeffrey Paulson to the Civil Service Commission with a term expiring on 12/31/22. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. Manager Reider stated that since 2019 the borough has been involved in a multi-municipal planning initiative with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. Bangor Borough has three seats on the Steering Committee with one vacancy. A **NOMINATION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Capone to nominate Marissa Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
8. Manager Reider stated that at a previous meeting murals were discussed for the picnic tables at the Bangor Memorial Park Pool. Council was provided with sketches from a local artist for tabletops and walkways. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer to approve moving forward with the pool tabletop murals. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Felchock stated that Bangor's National Night Out was a success. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to amend the agenda for consideration to authorize Chief Felchock to share our Resolution regarding civil service commission with any officials that he feels are appropriate. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded Goffredo to allow Chief Felchock to share the Resolution as noted. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Mayor DeFranco also agreed that Bangor's National Night Out was very successful and thanked Marc Sperling and Marissa Donnelly for a wonderful night. Mayor DeFranco also commented on the borough minutes as she feels they should be more detailed. Solicitor Ceraul stated that the borough code and case law does not recognize verbatim minutes.
3. Chief Engle commented that all is well with the fire department and asked for copies of Ordinance #1000. Council President Kresge commended the fire department regarding their help with the tractor trailer that was wedged on a tree on Chestnut Street. Chief Engle mentioned an incident on Messinger Street recently where a generator was being run in the basement and endangering five people.
4. Council Member Paulson praised the work being done by Manager Reider.
5. Council Member Capone thanked Marc Sperling and Marissa Donnelly for their outstanding job on the National Night Out event and updated Council on the upcoming park board events.
6. Council Member Donnelly was unable to attend National Night Out but was receiving feedback on social media and was happy with the event.
7. On behalf of the Roseto Big Time Committee, Council Member Goffredo thanked Manager Reider, Chief Felchock, Public Works and others for their help.
8. Solicitor Ceraul stated that he visited the kiddie section at the Bangor Memorial Park with this granddaughter and he was impressed of how nice it was and, in the future, when a donation is needed for equipment, he would like to be involved.
9. Manager Reider updated Council on the grants that he is working on and the staff hiring.
10. Council President Kresge also commented that National Night Out was a success and appreciated the work that was done by Marc Sperling, Marissa Donnelly and everyone involved in the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary