

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

**MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, 7:00 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  
James Augustine

**Others Present:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Ed Wojtkowski and Joseph Winter were present to discuss with Council the idea of having a Bangor Community Victory Garden and Perennial Food Forest. Joseph Winter gave a presentation to Council and answered questions. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Capone to have Joseph Winter work with Manager Reider on a hybrid garden plan at Pennico Park. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Sherry Haycock was present from 12 East High Street to voice her concerns regarding having a football game and fireworks the same days as Octoberfest. Council discussed Ms. Haycocks concerns and the Octoberfest event.
3. John Groller was present from 828 Broadway to discuss with Council the lack of police presence in Bangor. Council President Kresge stated that the borough is in the process of hiring a police officer.
4. Forrest Meyers from 649 Snyder Street feels urban blight is a problem in Bangor and creates crime. Mr. Meyers agreed to send Manager Reider ordinance amendment suggestions regarding property maintenance issues.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Goffredo to approve the August 8, 2022, and August 22, 2022, minutes. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider stated that each year the Borough is required to prepare and adopt the retirement plans MMO's for each of the retirement/pension plans (Police Pension Contribution, Non-Uniform Plan, Authority Plan, Cash Balance Non-Uniform.) All worksheets are ready for approval. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Donnelly to adopt the 2023 Retirement Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation's. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider reported that a Resolution is needed to apply for Monroe and Northampton/Lehigh County LSA grants. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer to adopt the LSA Grant Resolution which authorizes the Borough Manager to submit the application for a new salt shed and execute all necessary documents. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

4. Manager Reider reported that one of the Borough's MS4 requirements for this year is to submit a copy of an ordinance which is consistent with DEP's 2022 model stormwater management ordinance. Manager Reider provided a draft copy for Council's review that was prepared by the Borough Engineer. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Donnelly to approve advertisement, hearing and adoption at the September 26, 2022, Council meeting. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Reider reviewed the 2023 budget calendar with Council and answered questions.
6. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Capone to amend the agenda to discuss Octoberfest. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. Council and Mayor DeFranco continued their discussion regarding the football game, fireworks, and Octoberfest. Manager Reider will communicate with Council Member Capone and all the parties involved regarding any updates on these events. All parties agreed to have the fireworks after the football game.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1. Chief Felchock stated that the department has received their new hybrid police vehicle.
2. Council Member Paulson feels the Bangor Victory Garden is a good idea. Ms. Paulson volunteered to help the night of Octoberfest and feels it will be a good event.
3. Council Member Schweitzer and Council President Kresge mentioned a proclamation honoring Donald Jones for his contributions to the borough that was drafted by Manager Reider and President Kresge. Kresge would like to present this to Mr. Jones at a Council meeting.
4. Manager Reider updated Council regarding the water run off issues on Messinger Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Reider discussed options with Public Works to resolve the runoff in these areas. On Pennsylvania Avenue stormwater infrastructure work would need to be completed for approximately \$15,000. This will be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Manager Reider congratulated the fire department for bringing home honors at the Labor Day parade.

Reider received a request from Pen Argyl borough asking for a support letter for an LSA grant. Pen Argyl is applying to LSA Monroe County for a splash pad/ice rink. A **MOTION** was made by Paulson, seconded by Schweitzer to amend the agenda to add the support letter request. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Paulson, seconded by Schweitzer to authorize the support letter to Pen Argyl borough. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

Manager Reider updated Council on the grants that he is working on and notified them that he has been selected for State Jury Duty next month.

5. Council Member Capone and Council discussed the Elks Halloween Parade. Due to a lack of traffic control personnel the Elks cancelled the parade.
6. Council President Kresge would appreciate Council's support regarding the proclamation for Donald Jones. Kresge thanked Janet Miller for the pictures given to the borough of the event honoring Duane Miller.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 8:31 P.M. to discuss personnel and legal matters with no action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary