

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

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 26, 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. Sandy Artunes was present from Empire's Coffee to inform Council of kids fighting at the Bangor Memorial Park. President Kresge stated that the borough is looking into purchasing security cameras.
2. Craig Garr was present from 16 North Main Street to discuss with Council the letter he received from CVS regarding him parking in the CVS parking lot. Manager Reider stated that the borough contacted the manager at CVS because vehicles are parked in the lot that have violations as per Borough Ordinances. Matthew Slusser, the resident of 24 North Main was also present to ask council questions about the parking. Manager Reider will follow up regarding this matter.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$317,725.05 was made by Goffredo, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to approve Ordinance #1001. This updated Ordinance will keep the borough in compliance with MS4 stormwater requirements. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider stated that Bracalente Construction has requested an extension on the paving work that is to be completed this year. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Goffredo to approve the extension to November 18, 2022. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider reported that there is a concern with water that is being dispersed onto Pennsylvania Avenue which leads to icing. Currently there are no stormwater inlets on Pennsylvania Avenue between 6th and 8th Street. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine to approve stormwater infrastructure in the amount of \$18,000 and with a \$2,000 additional limit at the discretion of the Borough Manager. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Reider reported that the Elks decided to cancel the Halloween parade this year due to a lack of manpower, but the Elks did say that they would help with registration and lining up the parade groups the night of the parade if the Borough decided to have something at the park. Mr. MacDonald, who is a local resident, has been working to get volunteers to help with the parade.

Manager Reider discussed the parade route with Council and answered questions. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to proceed with the Halloween Parade with a hold harmless agreement for volunteers, and no rain date. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Felchock stated that the new hybrid police vehicle is on the road and commented that the issue of kids fighting at the park usually starts at the school and the police department is aware of the situation.
2. Mayor DeFranco had questions regarding the date and time of the Halloween parade. Manager Reider stated the parade will be on October 20th and he will need to confirm the time details. Mayor DeFranco commented that The Free Press is giving an ad to the Borough for free that will have the parade route and times. Mayor DeFranco commented that the Semi-Professional Football team, East Penn Raiders played at Bangor Park on Saturday night, and it was a success. She feels that the borough needs better marketing to get people to come to these games.
3. Council Member Paulson felt that the East Penn Raiders football game at the park was a lovely event and hopes that they continue to use the park.
4. Manager Reider mentioned to Council the idea of closing the park/basketball court earlier due to the current incidents at the park. Council President Kresge stated that Manager Reider can work with Chief Felchock and do what they feel is necessary. Reider stated that the draft 2023 budget will be ready for Council's review at the next meeting. Reider updated Council on the upcoming football games, Park Board, and Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce events. Reider asked for volunteers for the Boroughs Recycling event on October 1st from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Reider updated Council on the grants that he is working on and mentioned that the next Council meeting will be held on October 17th.
5. Council President Kresge thanked the residents from North Main Street for being polite and respectful during their parking issue presentation. Kresge asked for everyone to be respectful of others.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Goffredo, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary