

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 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 COMMENT:

1. Grace Gardella was present from 131 A Street to thank Council for her road being paved.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to approve the October 17, 2022, minutes. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A disabled parking space application was received for 326 Messinger Street. Manager Reider stated that the applicant submitted all the appropriate paperwork. A **MOTION** to approve the disabled parking sign application was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. The Slate Belt Veterans' Association is requesting Council to waive the sign ordinance so that the Association can keep their sign at 428 Market Street. The current sign is in violation of Bangor Borough Zoning Ordinances and Borough Council does not have the authority to grant variances or waive ordinances. Council President Kresge voiced his disappointment that the Slate Belt Veterans' Association has not followed borough regulations regarding permits. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Donnelly to have Manager Reider send a letter to the Slate Belt Veterans' Association advising them that the sign needs to be removed as per the borough ordinance and the proper permits must be obtained. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine to accept with regrets the resignation letter from Ed Wojtkowski from the Park Board. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Alex Dostal and Dawn Davanzo were present to express their interest to serve on the park board. A **NOMINATION** to appoint Alex Dostal to the park board, pending a successful completion of a Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearance was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. Vote 7-0. All in favor, **MOTION** carried. A **NOMINATION** to appoint Dawn Davanzo to the park board, pending a successful completion of a Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearance was made by Goffredo, seconded by Augustine. Vote 7-0. All in favor, **MOTION** carried.

6. Council President Kresge reported that the Civil Service Commission has signed the eligibility list for the open police officer position. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Goffredo to approve the request so the list can be certified, and the background investigation can begin for the two candidates. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. Manager Reider reported that Officer Sylvester is requesting Council's approval to purchase her borough owned recently decommissioned Glock 22 pistol. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the sale to Officer Sylvester and have Manager Reider execute the transfer to Officer Sylvester at an authorized FFL dealer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
8. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to approve the recommendation of the Bangor Borough Authority Board to send representatives of the Authority (as per the letter) to the next Roseto Borough Sewer Authority meeting to discuss the pending merger between BBA and RBSA. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
9. Manager Reider provided a copy of the draft merger agreement between BBA and RBSA to Council for their review and discussion. Manager Reider and Mike Gable answered questions from Council regarding the merger.
10. There were additional comments from the public. Michelle from the Slate Belt Volunteers was present to discuss with Council the idea of a Christmas tree light spectacular for the kids at the park on December 10th and 11th at no cost to the borough. Mayor DeFranco and the Slate Belt Volunteers did contact the park board regarding this event. Manager Reider will work on the logistics with the parties involved for this event.
11. Manager Reider discussed the updated versions of the preliminary 2023 budgets with Council and answered questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Felchok updated Council on the hiring process of the two candidates for the new police officer position.
2. Chief Engle stated that Rescue Fire Company will be selling Christmas trees starting on November 25th.
3. Council Member Capone reported that The Mission of Love received their building permit for their new building, and they provided food for 214 families.
4. Manager Reider stated the Bangor tree lighting is December 4th.
5. Council President Kresge gave a belated thank you to his fellow Veterans, Council Member Schweitzer and Chief Felchok for their service and all the Veterans that have served.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. to discuss personnel matters with no action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary