

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

MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2022, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Marissa Donnelly
Joanna Paulson – via phone
Barry G. Schweitzer
Robert Goffredo, Sr.
James Augustine

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Rosemarie Capone

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to approve the November 14, 2022, and November 28, 2022, minutes. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$296,186.33 was made by Goffredo, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to approve with regrets the resignation of Ed Wojtkowski from the Planning Commission. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. Council President Kresge commented that Mr. Wojtkowski was a wonderful volunteer and asset to the Planning Commission.
4. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Augustine to approve with regrets the letter of resignation from Bangor Police Chief Scott Felchock. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. Council President Kresge thanked Chief Felchock for his years of service and the police directives that he implemented in the department.
5. Manager Reider reported that the Roseto Borough Sewer Authority is requesting a letter of support to include with their PA Small Water and Sewer grant application. Council Member Schweitzer updated Council on the recent Roseto Borough Sewer Authority meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine to approve Manager Reider providing a letter of support from Borough Council to include in their grant application. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** to adopt the 2023 Borough and Authority/Sanitation final budgets was made by Donnelly, seconded by Paulson. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. A **MOTION** to adopt the 2023 Tax Ordinance #1002 was made by Donnelly, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
8. A **MOTION** to approve the 2023 Borough observed holiday calendar, 2023 Borough Council meeting schedule (meetings starting at 6:30 P.M.), and Authority meeting schedule (no change), was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
9. Manager Reider provided a list of the 2023 Board and Commission vacancies to Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Council Members Donnelly, Augustine, Goffredo and Paulson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
2. Council Member Schweitzer complimented Mayor DeFranco and Council Members Donnelly and Paulson for a job well done in 2022.
3. Council Member Paulson commented that she enjoyed being on Council this year and looks forward to continuing these efforts in 2023.
4. Mayor DeFranco wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mayor DeFranco also commented that she learned a lot this year and complimented her fellow Council Members and Manager Reider on being supportive and working so hard for the borough.
5. Solicitor Ceraul wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
6. Manager Reider thanked Council for a great year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Manager Reider updated Council on the recent grant awards that the borough received. Manager Reider acknowledged the prompt response of Officer Sylvester and Officer Lillis during a recent incident involving a choking child.
7. Council President Kresge acknowledged Lionel Messi along with the Argentina soccer team for winning the World Cup. Council President Kresge wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. to discuss personnel matters regarding the police department with possible action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:23 P.M. Council President Kresge stated that personnel matters involving the police department were discussed and no action was to be taken.

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 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary