

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

MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2023 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Marissa Donnelly
Joanna Paulson
Robert Goffredo, Sr.
James Augustine
Rosemarie Capone

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Barry G. Schweitzer

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated December 19, 2022, was made by Goffredo, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. The Tax Collector provided a 2022 per capita tax exoneration list to Council for their review. A **MOTION** to approve the 2022 per capita exoneration list, per the borough tax collector was made by Augustine, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** to reappoint David Ceraul as Borough Solicitor, HRMM&L as Alternate Borough Solicitor, Ott Consulting as Borough Engineer, LVL Engineering Group as Alternate Borough Engineer, Barry Isett Associates as Code Enforcement/Building Inspection, Karasek Law Offices as the Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board, Margle Law as the Authority Solicitor and LVL Engineering Group as the Authority Engineer was made by Augustine, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** to reappoint Rosemarie Capone and Stephen Reider to the Slate Belt Rising Board was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. A **MOTION** to reappoint Rosemarie Capone to the Park Board was made by Augustine, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **NOMINATION** to reappoint Marissa Donnelly to the Planning Commission was made by Augustine. A **NOMINATION** to appoint Rick Fahrenkrug to the Planning Commission was made by Paulson. A **NOMINATION** to appoint Joe Diorio to the Planning Commission was made by Goffredo. Vote: Capone- Donnelly, Kresge- Donnelly, Goffredo-Donnelly, Augustine-Donnelly, Donnelly-Donnelly, Paulson-Donnelly. Vote: 6-0, Donnelly (4-year term). Vote: Paulson-Fahrenkrug, Capone-Diorio, Kresge-Fahrenkrug, Goffredo-Diorio, Augustine-Diorio, Donnelly-Fahrenkrug, Mayor DeFranco-Fahrenkrug. Vote: 4-3, Fahrenkrug (term expires 12/31/2024).
7. A **MOTION** to reappoint James Kresge to the Authority Board was made by Augustine, seconded by Capone. Kresge Abstained, **MOTION** carried.
8. A **MOTION** to reappoint Robert Rhodes as Emergency Management Coordinator was made by Goffredo, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
9. A **MOTION** to reappoint Heather Major as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator was made by Augustine, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

10. Manager Reider stated that a letter was received from the Slate Belt Council of Governments asking the borough to rejoin the COG. Reider commented that the COG has purchased equipment that would be useful to the Borough & Authority (street sweeper, camera for sewer and stormwater). Manager Reider is recommending that cost of the membership be split between the Borough and Authority. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Paulson to rejoin the COG, and split the \$1,400 fee between the Borough & Authority. Kresge, Nay - **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Brenda Valletta was present to discuss the 2022 per capita tax exoneration list with Council.
2. Council Members Paulson & Augustine wished everyone a Happy New Year.
3. Solicitor Ceraul thanked Manager Reider for his patience while he was feeling ill recently.
4. Manager Reider gave Council a grant update. Reider stated that the borough is in the process of selling some of their unused vehicles (dump truck, police vehicle).
5. Council President Kresge would like Council to consider potential uses for Pennico Park in the future and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:41 P.M. to discuss personnel matters with action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:34 P.M. Council President Kresge stated that personnel matters regarding public works and the police department were discussed.

A **MOTION** to approve the Borough Manager drafting a letter of resolution in response to resolve the grievances that were presented by the public works department was made by Goffredo, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to approve the draft Officer in Charge job description. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Donnelly, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Secretary