

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

MINUTES

MARCH 27, 2023 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Marissa Donnelly
Joanna Paulson
James Augustine
Rosemarie Capone
Barry G. Schweitzer

Others Present:

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

Absent :

Robert Goffredo, Sr.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Robert Stump was present from 290 Erdman Street to ask Council if there will be an option to pay school and per-capita taxes on-line. Manager Reider will investigate options and work with the tax collector.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$236,871.11 was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider provided Council with potential options for contracting out police services with East Bangor and/or Roseto. Manager Reider provided cost estimates to Council and options were discussed.
3. Manager Reider updated Council on a resident's concern with the limited visibility at the corner of Pennsylvania and North Seventh Street that was discussed at a prior Council meeting. A recommendation from Public Works is to have a "Slow Down Hidden Intersection Ahead" sign placed along Pennsylvania Avenue as you approach North Seventh Street. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Paulson to approve having this sign on a temporary six-month trial basis. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider stated that another roof inspection was conducted at the administration building. It was found that there were areas where the rubber roofing and flashing are pulling away or split. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Capone to approve the estimate from Gilliland Construction for \$2,800.00. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Reider and Council discussed the three estimates that were received for the installation of security cameras at Bangor Memorial Park and Pennico Park. This project is part of a grant that was received from Northampton County. Manager Reider will review the quotes to make sure they are comparative and report back to Council at the next meeting.

6. Manager Reider reported that the borough received a CDBG grant for a stormwater infrastructure project on First Street outside of Bangor Hardware. Northampton County stated that since the project is close to a floodplain the EPA and HUD must review the use of funds which could result in more delays. Due to the time constraints for the project to be completed before PennDOT paves, Manager Reider and Council discussed options for spending the CDBG funds and completing the project. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Capone to spend up to \$100,000.00 that was budgeted for the splash pad towards the stormwater project ahead of PennDOT paving First Street. Vote 6-1, Paulson-Nay. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Officer In Charge Jones reported that Officer DeLeone has completed his FTO. Jones updated Council on the current Police Department activities.
As a follow up to last meeting, Manager Reider contacted Pibbles Paws Safe Haven for a quote on their animal control services. The amount is estimated to be \$10,000 a year for services. Forrest Meyers was present from 649 Snyder Street and suggested contacting Teg Hughes for his animal control services.
Robert Stump suggested getting a quotation for a price per call instead of a yearly fee.
Manager Reider will follow up with these suggestions.
2. Council Member Donnelly commented that an Earth Day Clean-up event will take place April 22nd at the Bangor Memorial Park from 9:00 A.M. to noon.
3. Council Member Capone reported that her and Marc Sperling picked up the new popcorn machine.
4. Council Member Schweitzer questioned zoning/code violations for 24 Market Street. Manager Reider will follow up on the citations.
5. Manager Reider gave Council an update on the grants that he is working on and upcoming events in the borough.
6. Council President Kresge commented that the world is currently a mess and acknowledged the recent school shooting in Nashville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:32 P.M. to discuss personnel matters with potential action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:56 P.M. Council President Kresge stated that personnel matters were discussed.

A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Paulson to approve advertising for two part-time police officers as outlined by the Borough Manager. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine to approve advertising internally for a Police Chief. Vote, 6-1. Kresge-Nay. **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Schweitzer to notify the Planning Commission Member, as per section 206 of act 24, of a vote to be held on their removal and their right to a hearing. Vote 6-0-1, Abstain-Paulson. **MOTION** carried.

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 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Secretary