

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

MINUTES

AUGUST 28, 2023 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge – arrived at 6:47 P.M.

James Augustine

Rosemarie Capone

Barry G. Schweitzer

Joanna Paulson

Robert Goffredo, Sr.

Marissa Donnelly

Others Present:

Stephen M. Reider, Borough Manager

David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor

Mary Ellen DeFranco, Mayor

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$259,667.38 was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider stated that each year the Borough is required to prepare and adopt the retirement plans MMO's. The 2024 calculation for the police plan contribution is complete. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer to adopt the 2024 Retirement Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation for the police pension. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Ed Fitzgerald was present from 206 Messinger Street to introduce himself to Council and answer questions. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to appoint Ed Fitzgerald to the Bangor Borough Planning Commission. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** was made by Paulson, seconded by Capone to appoint Ed Fitzgerald to the Disruptive Conduct Board as a "Renter." All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine to appoint James Kresge to the Bangor Borough Civil Service Commission. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Reider reviewed the 2024 budget calendar with Council and answered questions.
7. Manager Reider and Council continued their discussion regarding the abolishment of the Per Capita Tax. Manager Reider provided Council with a comparison analysis.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Jones reported that the renovations have started at the Police Station and the new police vehicle is on the road.
2. Mayor DeFranco updated Council on the upcoming football events being held at Bangor Stadium. Mayor DeFranco also questioned the sign at the stadium stating, this is a Bangor Area School District facility. She would like to know when the Bangor Area School District purchased the stadium. Manager Reider will share the agreement with Council.
Mayor DeFranco commented that she talked to the leader of the Roseto Legion, and he indicated that Bangor has fifty active members of the Bangor Legion. Mayor DeFranco suggested to reach out to these members for assistance with the Bangor Memorial Day Event next year.
The mayor attended the Farm Show and volunteers signed up for Bangor's 150th Anniversary Celebration. A meeting will be held in October.
3. Council Member Paulson feels that Bangor is being taken advantage of by the school and Roseto.

4. Council Member Capone stated that the end of the season pool party was a success.
5. Solicitor Ceraul will do some research regarding the Per Capita Tax.
6. Manager Reider updated Council on the pool and park maintenance items. Manager Reider read a letter to Council from a Bangor resident and business owner complimenting Mark Brown and the borough regarding their quick response to a codes issue.
Manager Reider updated Council on the repairs/clean up on Messinger Street.
7. Council President Kresge apologized to Council for being late.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:47 P.M. to discuss police personnel matters with potential action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 7:53 P.M. Police personnel matters were discussed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Secretary