

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

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Bryan Dunlap representing Suburban EMS was present to give Council an overview of the services they provide and their current revenue and expenses. Suburban is requesting funding from the 19 municipalities that they service. The Bangor Borough contribution amount would be \$44,000 to assist them in maintaining the emergency service that they provide to the borough.
2. Paul Brady representing Whitetail Disposal was present to give Council an overview of the company. Manager Reider stated that the trash bids are currently under review and will be discussed at the next Authority meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated August 14, 2023 and August 28, 2023, was made by Goffredo, 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 for each of the retirement/pension plans. The 2024 calculation for the Non-Uniform Plan, Authority Plan, and Cash Balance Non-Uniform contributions are complete. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Schweitzer to adopt the 2024 Retirement Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation's. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. The Police Department received an anonymous donation for the police wish fund. Chief Jones is requesting to purchase three AR-15 rifles. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to approve the wish fund purchase. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider and Council discussed the replacement and new location of the Founder's Park Christmas tree.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Jones updated Council on the current activities regarding the Police Department.
2. Mayor DeFranco & Council Member Paulson asked for an update on the Halloween Parade. Manager Reider reached out to Tyler McDonald asking him to assist with getting volunteers for the parade. A volunteer and waiver sheet are posted on Facebook and the process will be the same as last year.

3. Council Member Paulson asked for an update on the negotiations regarding the school contract with the borough. Manager Reider stated that he shared a copy of the contract with the Council Members. Council President Kresge stated that any conversation with the school district about the agreement should wait till after the elections.
4. Council Member Schweitzer shared his comments with Council regarding the school contract with the borough.
5. Council Member Capone stated that the Park Board meeting is scheduled for September 12th and Octoberfest will be discussed.
6. Manager Reider reported that the borough received an anonymous letter listing potential code violations in the borough. The code enforcement officer has sent out warnings and has received some responses from homeowners indicating that they currently do not have the money to replace their sidewalks.

Manager Reider stated that Jim Patti from Liberty Fire Company sent a letter advising the borough of an event being held for Jeff Pritchard's 50 years of service. The event will be on October 28th at 6:00 P.M. at Allegheny Brewing Company. Council Members who would like to attend can contact Jim Patti or Manager Reider.

Manager Reider commented that the borough received a Community Preservation and Heritage Award through the State Museum in Harrisburg for the Quarry Hoist project.

Reider congratulated the fire department on their honors at the Labor Day Parade.

Manager Reider updated Council on the Liquid Fuels Audit.

Several requests have been received to install speed bumps on Division Street. Discussions will be held with the police and fire departments regarding safety.

Manager Reider updated Council on the repairs/clean-up on Messinger Street.

7. Council President Kresge commented that it looks as if the state is going to force municipalities to abide by OSHA regulations.

Kresge acknowledged September 11th and said to hug your loved ones because tomorrow is never guaranteed.

Janet Miller thanked Mayor DeFranco for participating at the Farm Show to help get volunteers for Bangor's 150th Anniversary event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss police personnel matters with potential action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:05 P.M. Police personnel matters were discussed. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to conditionally hire the part-time police candidate proposed by Chief Jones. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

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 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Secretary