

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 27, 2023 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

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 payment of the bills totaling \$473,292.63 was made by Donnelly, seconded by Goffredo. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Council President Kresge reported that the Board of Examiners was approved by the Civil Service Commission to conduct Civil Service Testing. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine to approve the Board of Examiners. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Council President Kresge stated that two letters of interest have been received for the vacant seat on the Zoning Hearing Board, but one letter was rescinded. A **MOTION** was made Goffredo, seconded by Capone to appoint Anthony Catino to the Zoning Hearing Board. Vote 6-1, Paulson Abstained. **MOTION** carried.
4. Council President Kresge reported that Robert Rhodes submitted his resignation from his seat on the Bangor Borough Authority Board. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to approve the letter of resignation from Robert Rhodes from the Authority Board. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Council President Kresge lectured the board about decorum and respect during conversations about the budget. A **MOTION** was made by Goffredo, seconded by Donnelly to authorize advertisement of the 2024 proposed budgets. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** to authorize advertisement of the 2024 Tax Ordinance #1004 was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Engle thanked Borough Council and Manager Reider for all their help and support of the fire department.
2. Chief Jones appreciates the fire department for supporting the Police and acknowledged Manager Reider in working with him on the police budget. Council President Kresge expressed his appreciation of Chief Jones working with Manager Reider on the budget and doing an excellent job as Police Chief.
3. Mayor DeFranco stated that she reviewed the budget and appreciated the changes made by Manager Reider. Mayor DeFranco praised the fire department and stated she supports them being fully funded.

4. Council Member Paulson read an article to Council that she came across regarding Holton Township, Michigan incorporating a resolution to make themselves a second amendment sanctuary. Paulson suggested that Council consider this due to what is going on federally. Paulson commented that she sent the link to Manager Reider which included the article and a news clip. Council President Kresge asked Manager Reider to forward the link to Council for their review before further discussion.
Paulson took issue with Council President Kresge's comments from the last meeting about political motivations and Veteran's Day.
Paulson commented that she feels that appointments to committees are not based on qualifications but based on emotions and friendships providing her lack of an appointment as an example.
5. Council Member Augustine stated that he hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and thanked Manager Reider for doing a fantastic job on the budget.
6. Council Member Capone mentioned that The Mission of Love Foodbank fed 282 families and donated 250 turkeys. Capone stated that there will not be a Park Board meeting in December.
7. Manager Reider updated Council on upcoming downtown events and the Dollar General Market.
8. Council President Kresge apologized to the Mayor and Council for his tone of voice earlier in the meeting but not his words. Kresge is hoping that at future meetings Council can disagree but be peaceful with each other.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Secretary