

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

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 22, 2024, 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Stephen Reider, Borough Manager  
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor – arrived at 6:40 P.M.  
Mary Ellen Defranco, Mayor

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. David Carhart from 139 Market Street asked if you need to call the borough office before a meeting to speak during public comment. Council President Kresge stated no but if you are on the agenda, you will speak first.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$173,868.64 was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. The Tax Collector provided a 2023 per capita tax exoneration list to Council for their review. A **MOTION** to approve the 2023 per capita exoneration list, per the borough tax collector was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider gave Council an overview of the lot line adjustment for parcels E9-22-41A & E9-22-42 (Kline's Auto) that was reviewed by the Planning Commission and waiver requests were recommended for Borough Council approval (**304.F, 306, SALDO 306.C.2.f & 613**). The planned lot line adjustment complies with the Bangor Borough Zoning Ordinance if a parking easement is provided for two parking spaces on parcel E9-22-41A for use by the occupants of the home located on parcel E9-22-42. Ryan Dentith from Stateline Engineering, who represents the applicant was present to answer any questions. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Capone to approve the waiver requests and lot line adjustments as presented. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider provided the Sewer Planning Module submission materials to Council for their review. A resolution needs to be adopted by Council so the submission can be sent to DEP for review and so the applicant can continue with their submissions. The Sewer Planning Module has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and Authority. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling to adopt the Quarry Ridge Sewer Planning Module Resolution. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

5. Manager Reider stated that Empire Coffee has submitted a letter of interest to continue operating the food stand at the Bangor Memorial Pool. A **MOTION** was made by Paulson, seconded by Augustine to table this topic until Council reviews the contract. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Reider reported that Chief Jones is requesting to purchase new printers and scanners for the patrol vehicles. Chief Jones commented that the handwritten citation process that the officers currently use is antiquated. The printer/scanner purchase would allow officers to scan citations/registrations, etc. and the information would be sent electronically to the police reporting system at the station. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Capone to approve the purchase of the printers, scanners, software, and installation, not to exceed \$10,000.00. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1. Assistant Fire Chief Albert stated that he had a productive meeting with Manager Reider regarding the budget and the Knox Box System.
2. Chief Jones reported that written tests were conducted for full-time police officer applicants. Chief Jones thanked Manager Reider for applying for the PCCD grant. The police department was awarded \$20,000 as an incentive for the police officer hiring process.
3. Council Member Sperling voiced his concerns regarding the new garbage hauler WhiteTail. Manager Reider addressed his questions/concerns. Sperling commented that he witnessed the sewer drains in Roseto during a recent rainstorm and what he saw was disgusting. Authority Chairperson Schweitzer updated Council regarding the steps the Authority is taking regarding Roseto. Sperling recommended getting individuals that need to complete community service to help with borough summer events.
4. Council Member Paulson complimented Public Works on the snow removal with the recent storm. Paulson was disappointed to hear about the issues with the new garbage hauler, but she does appreciate that the trucks look well maintained and seem quieter.
5. Council Member Schweitzer continued updating Council regarding the Authority.
6. Council Member Capone thanked Brenda Valletta for all her hard work as tax collector.
7. Manager Reider reported that the summer employee hiring process will be starting this month. Manager Reider gave Council a grant update. The new Public Works truck should arrive next month.
8. Council President Kresge complimented Bangor Borough's response to winter weather.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss 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 7:56 P.M. Personnel matters were discussed, and no action was taken.

#### **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 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary