

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

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 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 – arrived at 6:43 P.M.
Marc Sperling

Others Present:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. The owner of 424 South Northampton Street was present to discuss a police incident that occurred recently at his rental. Manager Reider advised Mr. Neumann that he would need to complete a Right-to-Know form to obtain a copy of the police report. Council President Kresge asked Manager Reider to follow-up with Mr. Neumann regarding his requests.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated January 2, 2024 and January 22, 2024, was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider provided Council with a copy of Empire's Coffee 2023 food stand agreement and a proposed menu price list for the 2024 season at the Bangor Memorial Park. Sandy Antunes from Empire's Coffee was present to answer any questions/concerns from Council. Manager Reider and Council discussed agreement options. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to table this and have Manager Reider work with Sandy Antunes on providing Council with three agreement options (as is, reduced pricing or a hybrid) for review at the next Council meeting. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider reported that the borough pays a fee to our IT service to store police data offsite. Chief Jones spoke with East Bangor, and they agreed to store Bangor's police body and car camera data at the East Bangor Police Department at no cost to Bangor Borough. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Sperling to approve the Data Storage Agreement with East Bangor Borough. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Council Member Schweitzer addressed Council as to why he submitted a letter of resignation from his appointed seat on the Slate Belt Council of Governments. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to approve with regret the resignation of Council Member Schweitzer from the COG. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. Council President Kresge stated that Schweitzer is a man of integrity and feels that he could continue serving on the COG, but he respects his decision.

5. At the request of the Bangor Fire Department, Manager Reider and Council discussed the purchase of a new ladder truck. Assistant Chief Albert was present to address Council and answer any questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Assistant Fire Chief Albert stated that the Fire Department is looking for volunteers.
2. At the request of Council Member Paulson, Chief Jones provided Council with comparable monthly reports from last year to this year. Chief Jones gave Council an update on the police hiring process.
3. Mayor DeFranco updated Council on the recent snow emergency and asked how this will be relayed to the Public. Manager Reider stated information is posted on the borough website, WFMZ and social media. Mayor DeFranco reminded Council that Bangor's 150th Anniversary committee meeting will be held on February 20th and encouraged everyone to attend.
4. Council Member Paulson mentioned that on the Bangor Borough website there are outdated video clips with the prior Mayor. These videos were created at no cost, and new videos can be created if desired.
5. Council Member Schweitzer gave Council an Authority update.
6. Manager Reider gave Council a grant update.
Manager Reider stated that a meeting was held with the Bangor Area School District to discuss the park and stadium.
Manager Reider updated Council on the summer employee hiring process.
Manager Reider updated Council on the citizen alert systems that he has been discussing with Chief Jones.
7. Council President Kresge acknowledged President's Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:49 P.M. to discuss personnel and legal matters with potential action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:10 P.M. Personnel and legal matters were discussed.

A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Sperling to hire a temporary Public Works employee to be used as needed. All were in favor. **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 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary