

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

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 26, 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
Mary Ellen DeFranco, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. David Carhart was present from 139 Market Street to ask Council if a handicap parking space can be placed at Cross Road Baptist Church. Manager Reider reviewed the current parking ordinance/resolution regulations with Mr. Carhart and Council. Manager Reider will research this request further.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$757,246.25 was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider stated that potentially abolishing the per capita tax was discussed last year prior to the budget process. Brenda Valletta was present to continue this discussion with Council and answer questions. Manager Reider will provide Council with an updated calculations/comparison analysis report.
3. Manager Reider and Council continued their discussion regarding the pool concession stand rental. Three contract options were provided to Council for their review. Manager Reider and Council discussed the options. Sandy Antunes from Empire's Coffee was present to answer any questions/concerns from Council. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Schweitzer to adopt the option one contract. Vote: 5-2, Nay, Paulson-Kresge. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider, Council and Chief Engle continued their discussion regarding the fire department ladder truck purchase. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Capone to approve the Borough of Bangor purchasing the ladder truck as presented from (First Choice, E1), with the understanding that the current ladder truck will be sold, and the proceeds will go towards the new ladder truck purchase. The Bangor Fire Department will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the new truck and the fire department will support efforts to make payments. Manager Reider will be the signer for the agreement. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
5. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Sperling to appoint Rosemarie Capone to the Slate Belt Council of Governments. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Engle thanked Council for approving the purchase of the new ladder truck.
2. Chief Jones gave Council an update on the police hiring process.
3. Council Member Sperling thanked Public Works for their help during the recent snow event.
4. Council Member Capone stated that the next Park Board meeting is on March 4th and welcomed anyone to attend.
5. Manager Reider updated Council on the pool hiring process.
Reider gave Council an update regarding Public Works.
Reider stated that he had conversations with Mayor DeFranco and Council Member Paulson regarding a potential egg hunt in the borough.
6. Council President Kresge reminded the public of decorum at meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 8:09 P.M. to discuss a legal matter with potential action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:42 P.M. A legal matter was discussed.

A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling to adopt the resolution brought before Council with the understanding that the signatory line and the preamble needs to be changed. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

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 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary