

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

MINUTES

JANUARY 2, 2024, 6:30 PM

SWEARING IN ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor DeFranco swore in the following individuals: Marc Sperling, Barry Schweitzer, and Rosemarie Capone.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **NOMINATION** to elect James Kresge as Council President was made by Donnelly. Vote 7-0.
2. A **NOMINATION** to elect James Augustine as Council Vice-President was made by Capone. A **NOMINATION** to elect Marissa Donnelly was made by Sperling. Vote 5-2, Donnelly.
3. A **NOMINATION** to elect Barry Schweitzer as Council President Pro Tempore was made by Capone. Vote 7-0.
4. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated December 18, 2023, was made by Sperling, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. A **MOTION** to reappoint David Ceraul as Borough Solicitor, HRMM&L as Alternate Borough Solicitor, Karasek Law Offices as Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board, Ott Consulting as Borough Engineer, LVL Engineering as Alternate Borough Engineer, Stan Margle as Authority Solicitor, LVL Engineering as Authority Engineer and Barry Isett Associates as Code Enforcement/Building Inspection was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Paulson All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** to reappoint Robert Engle as Fire Chief and Todd Albert as Assistant Fire Chief was made by Capone, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. A **MOTION** to appoint Heather Major as Emergency Management Coordinator, and Robert Rhodes as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
8. A **MOTION** to appoint/reappoint the following to Borough Boards and Commissions (Anthony Catino for Zoning Hearing Board, Rosemarie Capone and Stephen Reider for Slate Belt Rising, Marc Sperling for Planning Commission, Sherry Haycock and Dawn Davanzo for Park Board, Edward Fitzgerald for Disruptive Conduct Board Renter, Robert Engle for Authority Board and James Kresge on BACIDA), was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

9. Manager Reider prepared the draft Resolution supporting the Second Amendment that was recommended by Council Member Paulson. Council Member Paulson addressed and educated Council regarding the recent articles she read on this subject.

James Labar from 303 North Fourth Street, David Carhart from 139 Market Street and Jacob Littlefield was present to give Council their comments/suggestions on the Resolution. Council discussed the draft Resolution. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Paulson to approve the Second Amendment Resolution. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Council Member Sperling thanked the residents of Bangor for voting him in and he is looking forward to working hard for the people of Bangor.
2. Council Member Paulson welcomed Marc Sperling to Council. Paulson suggested that the borough meetings be listed on the Bangor Borough website calendar and wished everyone a Happy New Year.
3. Council Member Donnelly stated that she is looking forward to working with everyone on Council and wished everyone a Happy New Year.
4. Council Member Schweitzer commented that he is honored to be serving another term on Council.
5. Council Member Augustine wished everyone a Happy New Year.
6. Council Member Capone wished everyone a Happy New Year and updated Council on the next Park Board meeting date.
7. Solicitor Ceraul wished everyone a Happy New Year.
8. Manager Reider updated Council on recent grant awards that were given to the Borough and Authority.
9. Chief Engle and Assistant Fire Chief Albert wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that the fire department is prepared for winter.
10. Council President Kresge congratulated Sperling, Schweitzer, and Capone for winning the election and congratulated Donnelly and Schweitzer on their new council positions. He is looking forward to a new year serving as Council President.
Kresge felt that the demolition on Market Street was done well and safely and wished everyone a Happy Healthy New Year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:26 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 7:45 P.M. Personnel matters were discussed. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Paulson to approve the employee request for 24 hours of vacation time granted. 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 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary