

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

**MINUTES**

**MARCH 11, 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 inform Council of a civil case he had two years ago with a contractor for not completing a job. Council President Kresge asked Mr. Carhart to give Manager Reider the name of the contractor.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated February 12, 2024 and February 26, 2024, was made by Sperling, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Council President Kresge stated that the Civil Service Commission has requested that Council certify the Police Officer Eligibility list. Council Member Paulson commented that Pittsburgh is losing officers and thanked Chief Jones for trying to recruit officers. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to approve the Police Officer Eligibility List. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider stated that Upper Mount Bethel is seeking a letter of support from Bangor Borough for their grant project. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to approve the borough sending a letter of support. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider and Council continued their discussion regarding the Per Capita Tax. Manager Reider provided Council with information and potential options to replace the Per Capita Tax and a draft ordinance to repeal the Per Capita Tax. This discussion will continue at future Council meetings.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1. Chief Jones mentioned that the call volume and incidents have increased from last year to this year. Jones requested to hire another part-time officer. Jones reported that he had discussions with Mark Brown regarding landlord/tenant issues and revising the disruptive conduct ordinance.
2. Mayor DeFranco thanked Chief Jones for all his hard work and that everyone has seen a dramatic difference in the police department within the last year.

3. Council Member Schweitzer voiced his opinion/concerns regarding the stadium/park agreement that Bangor Borough has with the Bangor School District.
4. Council Member Capone mentioned that the number of families being fed at the Mission of Love Food Bank has increased.
5. Manager Reider updated Council on the pool hiring process.  
Reider gave Council a grant update.
6. Council President Kresge acknowledged Chief Engle, Al Bilsky, Rescue Fire Company, Mr. Karasek & Mr. Dalessandro who responded to his issue yesterday.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary