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

MINUTES

MARCH 25, 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

Steven English - HRMM&L

Jeffrey Ott – Ott Consulting

Don Peters – Bohler Engineering

Theresa Calantoni

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$373,161.21 was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
- 2. Manager Reider provided the Sewer Planning Module submission materials for the Patriots Square project including a Resolution for adoption to Council for their review. The Sewer Planning Module was reviewed by the Planning Commission and recommended for Borough Council approval. Council Member Paulson voiced her questions/concerns regarding the sewer planning module. A MOTION was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Paulson to table this until the issue with Roseto is resolved. Schweitzer rescinded his motion and Paulson rescinded her second. A MOTION was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Paulson to table the Sewer Planning Module for Patriots Square until Council receives clarification from Engineer Mike Gable. All were in favor. MOTION carried.
- 3. Engineer Jeffrey Ott stated that the Planning Commission reviewed the Quarry Ridge Phase 1 Final Land Development Plan and made a recommendation for Council approval. Steven English was present to answer any questions/concerns from Council regarding the Resolution. Don Peters was present from Bohler Engineering to answer any questions/concerns from Council. Council President Kresge read the waivers that were included in the Resolution. A MOTION was made by Capone, seconded by Sperling to approve the Resolution for approval of the Phase 1 Final Plan Subdivision and Land Development for Quarry Ridge as presented including the approval of all waiver deferral requests. All were in favor. MOTION carried.
- 4. Manager Reider reported that the Livable Landscapes Grant program is open for Northampton County, and he would like to submit a grant application for \$75,000 as part of the borough's splash pad project. A MOTION was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to adopt a Resolution for the Northampton County Livable Landscapes Grant Application. All were in favor. MOTION carried.

- 5. Manager Reider stated that slate shingles fell off the police station roof damaging Chief Jones's personal vehicle. J. Wilson Enterprises assessed the roof and provided a proposal. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine to approve the proposal from J. Wilson Enterprises. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.
- 6. Manager Reider reported that LVL Engineering Group is no longer in business and the staff, including current alternate borough engineer Michael Gable, has moved to T&M Associates. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling to appoint Michael Gable and T&M Associates as the alternate borough engineer. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- 1. Chief Jones updated Council on the recent police department activities.
- 2. Mayor DeFranco commented that the Bangor Easter Egg Hunt was a success with approximately four hundred kids. Mayor DeFranco thanked Council Member Paulson, and everyone involved with the event. Fidelity was one of the sponsors and gave away free ice-cream. Mayor DeFranco spoke with Antoinette at Fidelity Bank regarding them sponsoring a Bark in the Park event at Bangor Park. Council Member Kresge asked for this item to be added to the agenda for the next Council meeting.
- 3. Council Member Paulson thanked Mayor DeFranco for paying for the food at the Easter Egg Hunt and everyone involved. Paulson stated that she will organize the event again next year.
- 4. Council Member Schweitzer voiced his opinion/concerns regarding the stadium/park agreement that Bangor Borough has with the Bangor School District.
- 5. Council Member Capone stated the next Park Board Meeting will be held on April 1st.
- 6. Manager Reider stated that the next Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be on March 27th. Manager Reider updated Council on the pool hiring process. The next Bangor 150th Anniversary meeting will be held on April 2nd.
- 7. Council President Kresge thanked Council Member Paulson for organizing the Bangor Easter Egg Hunt and appreciates everyone that was involved and everyone that supported the event.

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 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary