

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

MINUTES

JULY 22, 2024, 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

James W. Kresge
Marissa Donnelly
Rosemarie Capone
Marc Sperling
Barry Schweitzer
James Augustine
Joanna Paulson

Others Present:

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

Chief Kevin Jones read a commendation letter recognizing the outstanding actions Officer Ryan Sabatine did on a recent incident assisting Washington Township Police Department.

Officer Ryan Sabatine accepted this commendation letter with great honor and complimented his fellow officers that were on the call.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$458,390.13 was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Dave from the Bangor Fire Department commented that The Bangor 150 Committee would like to organize a parade next year along South Main Street and ending on Broadway. Manager Reider stated that South Main Street is a state road and therefore, permits are required and approval from the municipality is one of the permit requirements. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Augustine to approve the parade route as presented and for the borough to work with the Fire Police Captain. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. The Police Department is requesting to use the Police Wish Fund to purchase a new camera for evidence filing and cataloging. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to approve the Police Wish Fund purchase for \$650.00. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider provided Council with a copy of Bangor Borough Ordinance #1005 for their review. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly to approve Ordinance #1005, which would repeal the Per Capita Tax. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Reider stated that a trick-or-treat date needs to be finalized to include in the Fall Newsletter. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to have Bangor's trick-or-treat on Sunday, October 27th from 2-5 P.M. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

6. Manager Reider reviewed the 2024 Road Paving Project bid advertisement with Council and answered questions. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to approve the 2024 Road Paving bid advertisement. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. A letter of interest was received from Alisha Rak to fill a vacant seat on the Parks and Recreation Board. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine seconded by Capone to appoint Alisha Rak to the Parks and Recreation Board, pending a criminal background check and child abuse clearance. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
8. Manager Reider provided Council with cost estimates for the Splash Pad at the Bangor Memorial Park and a sheet detailing the funding that is currently available for the project. Manager Reider and Council discussed the project. Council directed Manager Reider to research options to repurpose the LSA funds.
9. Manager Reider provided Council with the bid tabulation for the Salt Shed project and a sheet detailing the funding that is currently available for the project. Manager Reider and Council discussed the project. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Capone to award the contract to Dutchman Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$349,484.00. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Council Member Sperling reminded everyone that August 6th is National Night Out and requested the support of Council and Mayor DeFranco.
Sperling thanked Bangor Borough on behalf of the LGBTQ Community Association for the use of the street for their Pride event. Sperling also thanked the emergency service providers that were at the event.
2. Council Member Augustine commented that the Plainfield Township Fair is July 23rd-27th.
3. Council Member Capone stated that the Luau event was a success and updated Council on the upcoming Park Board events.
4. Manager Reider stated that the East Penn Raiders cancelled their season at the park.
Reider thanked Public Works, the Elks and Dave for their efforts on refurbishing the train.
Reider commented that there is an adult men's basketball league that is trying to start at the park from August-September.
5. Council President Kresge stated that everyone should stay vigilant this year because we had a former President shot at and a current President taken out of the running despite an election process that put him in as a candidate.

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 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary