

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

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 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
Joanna Paulson

Others Present:

Stephen Reider, Borough Manager
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Mary Ellen DeFranco, Mayor
Michael Gable, T&M Associates

Absent:

James Augustine

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. David Carhart was present from 139 Market Street to read a letter to Council regarding six things that the Lord hates.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated August 7, 2024, August 12, 2024 and August 26, 2024 was made by Sperling, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider stated that a letter of interest was received from David McCloughan to serve on the Park Board. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Donnelly to appoint David McCloughan to the Park Board, subject to completion of a criminal background and child abuse clearance. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider discussed the Bangor Borough Sewer Authority Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan with Council. The Authority Engineer Michael Gable was present to answer any questions from Council. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Donnelly to approve the Resolution so it can be submitted to the DEP for their review. Vote: 5-0-1, Paulson abstained. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider provided Council with a copy of the updated Bangor Borough Fee Schedule. Manager Reider and Council discussed the potential changes.
5. Council President Kresge read a Resolution honoring A Clean Slate's 10-year anniversary and expressing appreciation for the support of a Clean Slate and Recovery Revolution to the Bangor Borough Community. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to adopt the Resolution honoring A Clean Slate. All were in favor, **MOTION** carried. Council President Kresge praised Jana Sarnowski for all the work she does for the community/youth sports/church.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Jones gave Council a Police Department update.
2. Council Member Sperling stated that he had the privilege of representing Bangor at The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber Foundation Award Ceremony. Bangor Borough was awarded \$1,500 for the Bangor 150th Anniversary.
Sperling read an email from Laurie Hackett, the Director of Corporation & Community Relations at Air Products stating that \$1,000 will be donated towards banners for Bangor's 150th Anniversary. Sperling mentioned the school shooting in Georgia and a football coach that was killed in the incident.
Sperling asked everyone to remember September 11th.
3. Council Member Paulson mentioned the situation in Springfield, OH and Aurora, CO regarding dangerous illegal immigrants. Paulson feels that Bangor Borough needs to be protected from dangerous illegal immigrants, and she would like a committee formed to create an ordinance to prevent the federal government from dumping illegal immigrants in Bangor Borough. Council President Kresge asked for Council Member Paulson to work with Manager Reider regarding this matter.
4. Council Member Schweitzer feels that the borough needs a database listing all residents. Schweitzer feels that the borough ordinance that mandates landlords to provide the borough with their tenants information must be enforced.
5. Mayor DeFranco stated that since the tax bills have been sent, she noticed that more homes are for sale in the borough.
6. Council Member Capone stated that the Wizardfest and Magickal Market Event had a low turnout due to the weather.
7. Manager Reider gave Council a grant update.
Reider reported that the Halloween Parade will be held at the park since no response was received from PennDOT.
Reider stated that the new dump truck should arrive next month.
8. Jana Sarnowski arrived at the meeting and Council President Kresge re-read the resolution honoring A Clean Slate and Recovery Revolution. Council President Kresge acknowledged Ms. Sarnowski for all the organizations that she participates in and feels she is a tremendous asset to the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:34 P.M. to discuss a legal matter with potential action to follow was made by Capone, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:01 P.M. Legal matters were discussed.

A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to send the negotiated police agreement to Attorney Harrison for review.

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 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary