

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

MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2024, 6:31 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
James Augustine

Others Present:

Stephen Reider, Borough Manager – arrived at 6:34 p.m.
David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Mary Ellen DeFranco, Mayor
Bernadette Kearney – HRMM&L
Don Peters – Bohler Engineering
Theresa Calantoni

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. David Carhart is requesting permission from Council to have a 33-foot trailer parked on Chestnut Street. His church is having missionaries visit from the Dominican Republic on Tuesday, October 29th from 6 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Borough will coordinate with the Police Department regarding this request.
2. Pat Nicoletti from Blue Valley Rescue was present requesting a donation from the Borough.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated September 9, 2024, and September 23, 2024 was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$568,665.28 was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider reported that the Borough Planning Commission reviewed the Quarry Ridge Final Lot Line Adjustment submission at their October 8, 2024 meeting. Don Peters was present from Bohler Engineering to give Council an overview on the plan updates, and Lot Line Adjustment. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the two requested waivers and Final Lot Line Adjustment. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider reported that the Borough Planning Commission reviewed the Quarry Ridge Final Phase 1 Land Development submission at their October 8, 2024 meeting. Bernadette Kearney was present to give Council an overview of the Resolution and answer questions. Theresa Calantoni was also present to answer any questions. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to approve the Quarry Ridge Final Phase 1 Land Development as per the Resolution. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Chief Jones is requesting to use the Police Wish Fund to purchase a ballistic shield. A **MOTION** was made by Capone, seconded by Sperling to approve the purchase request for the ballistic shield. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

6. Manager Reider provided Council with the revised Bangor Borough Fee Schedule. Manager Reider and Council discussed the Parks and Recreation section of the fee schedule. Council President Kresge handed the gavel to Vice-President Donnelly so he could make a motion. Kresge made a **MOTION** that the non-resident rate applies to anyone outside of the Slate Belt, as it is defined as Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Plainfield, Bangor, East Bangor, Roseto, Upper Mount Bethel, Lower Mount Bethel, Portland, and Washington Township, seconded by Capone. Vote: 6-1, Paulson-Nay. **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling to approve the Bangor Borough Fee Schedule as presented. Vote: 6-1, Paulson-Nay. **MOTION** carried.
7. Manager Reider provided Council with a copy of the revised Rental/Landlord Registration Ordinance for their review. Manager Reider and Council discussed the Rental/Landlord Registration Ordinance #1006.
8. Manager Reider discussed the preliminary 2025 Borough Budget with Council and answered questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Jones asked Council to keep one of our fireman's family in your thoughts and prayers due to him suffering a major medical emergency. Chief Jones had a discussion with Manager Reider regarding the purchase of a mobile fingerprint scanner through the Chiefs of Police Association for \$1,025.00 a year.
2. Council Member Sperling thanked Manager Reider and Dave Mcloughan for all their hard work with the Halloween Parade route and Sperling thanked the volunteers. Sperling also thanked Dave for maintaining the train, so it worked at all the park events.
3. Council Member Paulson felt the Halloween Parade went well and that it was more controlled than at the park. Paulson questioned, other than the recycling event, what is the benefit of a Bangor Borough taxpayer who lives on Park Avenue have vs the person on the other side of the street in Washington Township, and they are paying half the amount in taxes? Paulson feels that Council had the chance to put Bangor taxpayers first and everybody decided against it.
4. Council Member Augustine thanked everyone that participated in Octoberfest and the Halloween Parade.
5. Council Member Schweitzer commented that Bangor is a victim of poor management that occurred in the past from Council and the Authority.
6. Council Member Capone stated that Octoberfest was a success. Capone thanked all the park board members, Dave Mcloughan, and Dave Carhart for their help at Octoberfest. Capone commented that there will be a movie night on November 30th at the Borough Administrative Building.
7. Manager Reider stated that there have been ongoing problems with kids vandalizing the aluminum decorative fence at Pennico park. Manager Reider expressed his concerns regarding the Halloween Parade.
8. Council President Kresge stated that getting more people to use the pool to offset the burden to taxpayers is putting Bangor citizens first.
9. Chief Jones commented that Officer Hunsicker retired on October 19th and there was a good turnout.

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 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary