

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2024, 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Stephen Reider, Borough Manager
Mary Ellen DeFranco, Mayor

Absent:

David J. Ceraul, Esq., Solicitor
Rosemarie Capone

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. David Carhart was present inquiring about Frontier's fiber optic service.
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 October 21, 2024 was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider reported that a disabled parking sign application was received from Trinity Lutheran Church at 404 Broadway. Manager Reider stated that after his review the application did not meet the borough's requirements. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine, to deny this request due to the application not meeting the requirements of the borough ordinance. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider reported that FEMA has approved the 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, granting it the status of "Approved Pending Adoption". This designation means that the Plan meets all FEMA's and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's criteria for a current Hazard Mitigation Plan. Municipalities must adopt the plan to remain eligible for hazard mitigation funding. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to adopt the Resolution for the 2024 Lehigh Valley Mitigation Plan. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider provided Council with a copy of the Rental/Landlord Registration Ordinance for their review. Manager Reider and Council discussed the Rental/Landlord Registration Ordinance. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Augustine, to advertise the Rental/Landlord Registration Ordinance #1006 for adoption, with the changes that were discussed. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Reider discussed the preliminary 2025 Borough Budget with Council and answered questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Assistant Fire Chief Albert thanked the Council Members who attended the Liberty Fire Company Banquet. Chief Albert stated that they met with First Choice regarding the specs for the new fire truck. Albert commented that the County has passed a county wide burn ban and PA American Water implemented fire hydrant restrictions.
2. Mayor DeFranco commented that she was contacted by Astound to tape a Holiday Greeting from the Mayor. The mayor stated that she went to Astound in October and the greeting will be shown starting the day after Thanksgiving to New Year's Day
3. Council Member Paulson thanked Manager Reider for his work on Ordinance #1006.
4. Council Member Schweitzer gave Council an Authority update.
5. Council Member Sperling thanked the local Police and fire companies for their assistance with the funeral procession of Ronold Karasek, Jr. Sperling thanked Council President Kresge for being the Master of Ceremonies for the Veterans Day Luncheon. Sperling updated Council on the upcoming park board event.
6. Manager Reider stated that there are continued issues at Pennico Park involving vandalism of the fence. No one objected to Reider's proposal to remove the fence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. to discuss a police matter with no action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary