

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 25, 2024 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Rosemarie Capone
Barry Schweitzer

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$469,547.50 was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Council President Kresge stated that LVPC will be readvertising for December. A **MOTION** to table the Plan Slate Belt Regional Comprehensive Plan to the December Council meeting was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider reported that the Rental/Landlord Registration Ordinance #1006 has been discussed at prior meetings and was advertised. Mayor DeFranco had questions and Manager Reider and Solicitor Ceraul addressed them. Property owners Edward and Donna Passno were present to ask Council questions regarding this Ordinance. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling to approve the Bangor Borough Rental/Landlord Registration Ordinance #1006. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider reported that the civil service process has started to hire two new police officers in 2025. The Civil Service Board of Examiners was approved by the Bangor Borough Civil Service Commission. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Augustine to approve the Civil Service Board of Examiners. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to authorize advertisement of the proposed 2025 budgets. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** to authorize advertisement of the 2025 Tax Ordinance #1007 was made by Paulson, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Jones stated that Officer Hunsicker's retirement party is November 30th at Liberty Fire Hall and starts at 1:00 p.m.
Chief Jones will commendate Officer Sabatine at next month's council meeting. He saved a person's life in Washington Township.

2. Mayor DeFranco voiced her opinion regarding the budget, Blue Valley Rescue Squad, and donations. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
3. Council Member Sperling updated Council on the upcoming Park Board Event. Sperling asked everyone to keep Council Member Capone in their thoughts and prayers. Sperling wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
4. Manager Reider wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Reider gave Council a paving update and stated that the fence removal at Pennico Park has started. Reider gave Council an update on upcoming borough events.
5. Council President Kresge agreed with the Mayor regarding her comments about Blue Valley Rescue Squad. Kresge asked everyone to keep Rosemarie in their thoughts and prayers. Kresge encouraged everyone to research the Rush Limbaugh Thanksgiving Story, he would always tell the true story of Thanksgiving. Kresge wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

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 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary