

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

**MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 16, 2024 - 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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

James W. Kresge

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

The individual was present to thank Officer Sabatine.

Officer Ryan Sabatine accepted this commendation letter with great honor and stated that the ultimate reason for putting on a police uniform is being able to help save a life.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Sandy Antunes was present from Empire's Coffee. Empire's Coffee in conjunction with the Second Ward Fire Company are sponsoring a free meal on December 28<sup>th</sup> at the coffee shop and Ms. Antunes asked if the borough could advertise this event.
2. On behalf of the Rescue Fire Company, David Mcloughan thanked the Borough, Council, and the Mayor for supporting the Santa Express Event. Mayor DeFranco praised this event and thanked David and all the Council Members that were involved.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated November 13, 2024, and November 25, 2024 was made by Sperling, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$886,257.93 was made by Augustine, seconded by Paulson. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider stated that the Plan Slate Belt Regional Comprehensive Plan is ready for review and approval. Manager Reider answered questions from Council. Becky Bradley was present from the LVPC to explain the Comprehensive Plan. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Sperling to adopt the Plan Slate Belt Regional Comprehensive Plan. Vote: 3-1, Paulson-Nay. **MOTION** carried.

4. A **MOTION** to adopt the 2025 Borough and Authority/Sanitation final budgets was made by Augustine, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. A **MOTION** to adopt the 2025 Tax Ordinance #1007 was made by Sperling, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Reider provided Council with a copy of the new police contract as agreed to by the Borough and police negotiators. A **MOTION** was made by Paulson, seconded by Augustine to approve the new police contract. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Augustine to approve the 2025 Borough observed holiday calendar. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
8. A **MOTION** to approve the 2025 Borough Council meeting schedule, and Authority meeting schedule, was made by Paulson, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
9. Manager Reider provided a list of the 2025 Board and Commission vacancies to Council.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1. Council Member Sperling praised the Rescue Fire Company for the Santa Express Event. Sperling asked everyone to keep Council Member Capone in their thoughts and prayers. Sperling wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
2. Council Member Paulson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
3. Mayor DeFranco praised the Santa Express Event and feels that this event can be expanded next year. The mayor appreciated everyone's hard work and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.
4. Chief Jones wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked Council Member Paulson for her gift to the Police Department.
5. Chief Engle gave Council a Fire Department update. Engle wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.
6. Manager Reider gave Council an update on the salt shed, paving, and Authority's pump station projects. Reider wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.
7. Vice President Donnelly wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Augustine, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary