

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

MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2025 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Marissa Donnelly
Marc Sperling
Joanna Paulson
James Augustine
Barry Schweitzer – arrived at 6:51 P.M.
James W. Kresge

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Rosemarie Capone

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated December 16, 2024, was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. The Tax Collector provided a 2024 per capita tax exoneration list to Council for their review. A **MOTION** to approve the 2024 per capita exoneration list, per the borough tax collector was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A **MOTION** to reappoint David Ceraul as Borough Solicitor, Karasek Law Offices as the Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board, Margle Law as the Authority Solicitor, Heather Major as Emergency Management Coordinator, and Robert Rhodes as Deputy Management Coordinator was made by Paulson, seconded by Donnelly. Vote: 4-1- Augustine, Nay. **MOTION** carried. Manager Reider and Council discussed the professional services that had rate increases. A **MOTION** to approve HRMM&L as Alternate Borough Solicitor was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** to table the remaining engineering service appointments to the end of the meeting was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** to appoint Jessica Shiner to Disruptive Conduct Board-Community, reappoint Tiffany Kresge to the Zoning Hearing Board, Rosemarie Capone and Stephen Reider to the Slate Belt Rising Board, Ricky Fahrenkrug and Edward Fitzgerald to the Planning Commission, Alex Dostal for Park Board, Joanna Paulson Disruptive Conduct Board-Council, Michael Bauer for Civil Service Commission, and Barry Schweitzer for Bangor Borough Authority Board was made by Augustine, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Reider stated that Empire's Coffee has submitted a letter of interest to continue operating the concession stand at the Bangor Memorial Pool. Ms. Antunes was present from Empire's Coffee and stated that there is no rate increase to the menu from last year. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly to approve having Empire's Coffee run the pool concession stand. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

6. Manager Reider stated part-time Police Officer Signarovitz has left for a full-time position at another department. Chief Jones would like to hire Officer Mitchell Clinton as a part-time police officer. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Augustine to approve hiring Mitchell Clinton, subject to successful completion of all department required background checks and examinations. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. Chief Jones and Council discussed the Bangor Police Department Directive Number 2.2.4, that would establish the role of sergeant. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling to approve the directive, subject to the revisions made by Chief Jones. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Jones updated Council on the hiring process of the new full-time police officer. Jones thanked Council Members Sperling, Augustine and Donnelly for the Crumbl Cookies that were delivered to the department for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
2. Mayor DeFranco wished everyone a Happy New Year.
3. Council Member Paulson commented that she is preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt Event.
4. Council Member Schweitzer updated Council on the Authority.
5. Council Member Donnelly wished everyone a Happy New Year.
6. Solicitor Ceraul stated that the realtor letter will be discussed in executive session and wished everyone a Happy New Year.
7. Council President Kresge feels that brighter days are ahead of us after January 20th and prayers to the victims in the California wildfires.
8. Manager Reider updated Council on the Authority sewer rates. Reider stated that the salt shed project should be completed shortly and asked that all officials return their Statement of Financial Interests forms as soon as possible.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED:

8. Manager Reider and Council continued their discussion of the engineering service appointments. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Schweitzer to approve Ott Consulting as the Borough Engineer, and to table Barry Isett Associates and T&M Associates pending Manager Reider contacting them regarding their fees. Vote: 5-1, Paulson-Nay. **MOTION** carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:21 P.M. to discuss a potential legal matter with no action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary