

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

MINUTES

JANUARY 27, 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
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 payment of the bills totaling \$341,079.70 was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider stated that the 150th Committee would like to change the parade route (South Main, Broadway and ending on 4th Street) that is to be used for their parade in June. The 150th Committee Chair was present to discuss the route with Council and answer any questions. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly to approve the alternate parade route pending approval from PennDOT. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider and Council continued their discussion from last meeting regarding the 2025 appointments for Authority Engineer, Alternate Borough Engineer and Inspector. Manager Reider provided Council with the additional requested information for their review. A **MOTION** to reappoint Barry Isett Associates as Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, and T&M Associates as Alternate Borough Engineer and Authority Engineer was made by Augustine, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider provided Council with a draft audit report for the Borough's Pension Plans for the 2020-2023 plan years. Reider stated that there was a finding for non-compliance in 2019 regarding the Authority contribution. The borough sent a payment in 2020 to correct this issue and PMRS misapplied the payment, so the fault was with PMRS and not the borough. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to table the approval of the 2020-2023 Pension Plan Audit. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Reider reported that any change in tax collector compensation must be finalized by the first meeting in February. The current ordinance established compensation through 2025. Manager Reider and Council discussed the tax collectors compensation. No action was taken; therefore, the compensation rate will remain the same at \$10,700.00 moving forward through the next election cycle.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Jones updated Council on the hiring process of the new full-time police officers.
2. Mayor DeFranco discussed the Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on April 12th with a rain date of April 13th.
3. Council Member Sperling mentioned that at the last 150th Committee meeting they discussed having the opening ceremonies on June 7th at 10:00 a.m. on Broadway. They are requesting that the Mayor and Council be involved in the ceremony.
4. Council Member Paulson suggested that flowers be sent to Council Member Capone.
5. Council Member Schweitzer gave Council an update on Council Member Capone.
6. Manager Reider gave Council a borough events update. Reider will participate in a Spring Career Day at Bangor High School that is focused on summer employment.
7. Council President Kresge praised the Crimewatch website.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters, with no action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary