

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

**MINUTES**

**APRIL 14, 2025 - 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Marissa Donnelly  
Marc Sperling  
James Augustine  
James W. Kresge  
Rosemarie Capone – via phone  
Joanna Paulson

**Others Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Barry Schweitzer

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated March 10, 2025 and March 24, 2025, was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider discussed the borough's final Pension Plan Audit for the 2020-2023 plan years with Council and answered questions.
3. Manager Reider stated that the borough received correspondence from Greater Lehigh Realtors regarding the verbiage used in Ordinance #1006. Manager Reider and Council discussed possible revisions to Bangor Borough Ordinance #1006.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1. Assistant Fire Chief Albert stated that two firemen completed Solar Panel Training. Albert asked Manager Reider for a list of properties in the borough with solar panels. Albert also stated that Hazmat Awareness Training, Fire School and DCNR Wildfire training was completed. May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> is National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend and municipalities are asked to sound the fire siren at noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> and flags are at half-staff three days in May. Albert commented that the ladder truck replacement final specs have not been received. Albert stated that the borough is in a drought and fire hydrant usage is prohibited for training.
2. Police Chief Jones thanked Hometown Brand Center for donating a refrigerator to the police department. Jones attended a meeting at the County regarding flock camera systems and they agreed to place a camera in the borough.
3. Mayor DeFranco stated that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. The mayor appreciated the use of the refreshment stand and Recue Fire Department has expressed interest in using this building in the future.
4. Council Member Paulson mentioned the 158 EDU's that the DEP has awarded the Authority. Paulson questioned how the borough is planning for the increase of population as far as emergency services.

5. Solicitor Ceraul stated that he was on the Board of Directors for the Episcopal Apartments, and it was sold. They have partnered with the United Way of the Lehigh Valley and the money will be used for programs to benefit seniors.
6. Manager Reider stated that Mayor DeFranco received a letter from STA indicating that they are closing the Bangor terminal for the buses because STA lost the contract with Bangor School District. Krise Bus was awarded the contract.  
Reider started a discussion regarding the borough's parking lot behind Solicitor Ceraul's office.  
Reider commented that he will be advertising for the position of Parking Enforcement Officer.

**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 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary