

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

**MINUTES**

**MAY 12, 2025 - 6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Rosemarie Capone  
Barry Schweitzer

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Borough resident Jennifer Wilder was present to discuss installing a Little Free Library at the Bangor Memorial Park. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly to approve the Little Free Library under the conditions that Ms. Wilder conducts the appropriate fundraising and coordinates with Manager Reider and Public Works to determine the appropriate location, as well as assume responsibility for any repairs and upkeep of the Little Free Library. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Dixie Tayyab was present from 5 South Second Street to introduce himself to Council. Mr. Tayyab stated that he loves this community and is currently working with Congressman Ryan Mackenzie and the Bangor School District Board of Education.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated April 14, 2025 and April 28, 2025, was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$351,821.99 was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. A Liquor License Transfer Hearing was held for Five Star Petroleum, Inc. Five Star Petroleum, Inc. is seeking approval for the transfer of restaurant liquor license No. R-19560 from Bath Borough into Bangor Borough. The location in the Borough to which the license is intended to be transferred is the convenience/gas station located at 133 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Bangor, PA. Representatives from Five Star Petroleum were present to answer any questions. Council President Kresge opened the hearing up to Public Comment. David Carhart and Dixie Tayyab were opposed to the transfer. Tanner Stout was in favor of the transfer. Mayor DeFranco and Council addressed the questions/concerns. Council President Kresge closed Public Comment. Solicitor Ceraul resumed the hearing. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling to approve the Five Star Petroleum, Inc. Liquor License Transfer Resolution. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

4. Manager Reider reported that the DEP has allocated sewer capacity to the Bangor Borough Authority for new users to connect to the sanitary sewer system. Quarry Ridge has received an allocation of capacity and must re-submit their Sewer Planning Module to DEP for approval. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Sperling to approve the Ridge Road Sewer Planning Module. Vote: 4-1, Paulson-Nay. **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Reider stated that Goffredo Enterprises, LLC is petitioning Council to hold a meeting per the Bangor Borough Zoning Ordinance regarding 580 Third Avenue. Solicitor Anthony Giovannini representing Goffredo Enterprises was present to discuss the petition and answer questions from Council. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to approve scheduling the petition for June 9th. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Reider reported that Slate Belt municipalities have been discussing options for better EMS service and/or a regional service within the area to help with coverage and response times. A letter of intent is needed from each municipality that would like to participate in the PEER Assistance program. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Augustine to approve the letter of intent. Vote: 4-1, Donnelly-Nay. **MOTION** carried.
7. Manager Reider reported that now that the regional comprehensive plan has been completed the next step is to move forward with the implementation agreement. Implementation will include amending the Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance within the next two years to ensure compatibility with the plan. The agreement has been reviewed by the Borough Planning Commission. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to approve the Regional Comprehensive Plan Implementation Agreement. Vote: 4-1-Paulson-Nay. **MOTION** carried.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

1. Police Chief Jones gave Council a police department update.
2. Mayor DeFranco stated that the Memorial Day Ceramony will be held at St. Johns Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.
3. Council Members Sperling and Donnelly complimented Police Officer Clinton on playing football with the kids at the park.
4. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to authorize Solicitor Ceraul's son to appear on Solicitor Ceraul's behalf for MDJ hearings if there is a conflict with Solicitor Ceraul's schedule. Vote: 4-1, Nay-Paulson. **MOTION** carried.
5. Reider gave Council a pool/park update.
6. Council President Kresge believes recent comments and actions from the Bangor Librarian reflects inadequate appreciation for what Bangor Borough does for the library.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:38 P.M. to discuss a legal matter with no action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary