

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

MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2025 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Marissa Donnelly
Marc Sperling
James Augustine
James W. Kresge
Barry Schweitzer
Rosemarie Capone – via phone

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Joanna Paulson

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Mike DeMasi from VS Eyewear was present to ask Council to consider making the street behind his building one-way.
2. Brenda Valletta was present to request a stop sign at the intersection of Park Avenue and Chestnut Street..

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated May 12, 2025, was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A hearing was held for Goffredo Enterprises LLC regarding a zoning modification to permit a business office use at 580 3rd Avenue. Solicitor Anthony Giovannini called his first witness, John Goffredo. John Goffredo provided his testimony and Solicitor Ceraul conducted a cross examination. Solicitor's Giovannini and Ceraul answered any questions from Council and the Public. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine to approve the zoning modification with the added conditions discussed. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Manager Reider stated that there is a vacancy for a part-time police officer. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling, to approve hiring Steven Pinsker, subject to meeting all qualifications as required by the borough and police department. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Capone to approve with regret the resignation of Anthony Catino from the Zoning Hearing Board. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. Manager Reider stated that Northampton County has received offers for the sale of property located at 334 North Fifth Street, which is currently in repository. The vacant lot is in the "B" Residential zoning district and is non-conforming because of its dimensions. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the sale. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Reider reported that there have been cases of bird flu found within Bangor Borough. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine to indefinitely suspend permits for chickens and other fowl. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

7. Manager Reider stated that an Executive Session will be held to discuss legal matters.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Police Chief Jones gave Council a police department update.
2. Mayor DeFranco commented that she received a nice letter from the Mayor of Pen Argyl regarding the Bangor 150th Celebration.
3. Council Member Sperling commented that the Bangor 150th events were a success. Government representatives sent proclamations. Sperling commended Officer Clinton in interacting with the kids in the borough and taking the time to talk to the residents.
4. Council Member Schweitzer gave Council an Authority update.
5. Council Member Augustine praised the Bangor 150th Celebration.
6. Manager Reider stated that due to the current weather conditions trees have fallen at Pennico and a downtown pocket park. Reider will discuss the damage with the insurance company.
Reider gave Council a pool/park and grant update.
Reider received a quote for security cameras outside the administrative building. The Authority has agreed to pay half the amount quoted.
Reider stated that he received a quotation from Axon for updated police body worn cameras, tasers and in car cameras. This will be added to the agenda for a future Council Meeting.
7. Council Member Capone enjoyed the Bangor 150th parade and thanked Council Member Schweitzer for his assistance. Capone praised Council Member Sperling on his work with the recent Park Board events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:51 P.M. to discuss legal matters with potential action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 8:07 P.M. Legal matters were discussed, and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary