

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

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 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

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Joanna Paulson
Rosemarie Capone

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated October 20, 2025, was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. Manager Reider stated that Officer Sabatine has successfully completed testing and Civil Service Requirements for the Sergeant position with the Bangor Police Department. The Civil Service Commission recommended at their last meeting that Council approve Officer Sabatine's promotion. Chief Jones and Mayor DeFranco stated that they support Officer Sabatine being promoted to Sergeant. A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Augustine to approve Officer Sabatine's promotion to Sergeant, as per Civil Service recommendations. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Council President Kresge reported that a letter of interest was received from Christopher Lousko stating his interest in filling the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling to appoint Christopher Lousko to the Zoning Hearing Board. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Council President Kresge reported that an application for a disabled parking sign was received for 118 Bangor Street. Manager Reider stated that the application has been reviewed and meets all the eligibility requirements of the ordinance. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to table the application pending input from Public Works. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
5. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Schweitzer to approve having facilities at the Bangor Memorial Park appraised (large baseball field, stadium and adjacent parking lots.) All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. A **MOTION** to adopt the 2026 Borough and Authority/Sanitation final budgets was made by Augustine, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
7. A **MOTION** to adopt the 2026 Tax Resolution was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Assistant Fire Chief Albert discussed the recent fire at 125 South Main Street. Albert thanked the local fire departments (Pen Argyl, Portland, Columbia Roseto, Wind Gap, Plainfield Township, Washington Township) and emergency services (Suburban EMS, Fire Police, Bangor Police Department).
2. Police Chief Jones praised the Bangor Fire Department on how they handled the fire at 125 South Main Street. Jones thanked Council for their support of the Police Department and Mayor DeFranco for taking the Police Department and their families out to dinner.
3. Mayor DeFranco praised the Bangor Police Department for everything that they do for the community.
4. Council Member Sperling praised the Bangor Fire Department on how they worked together with the local fire departments. Sperling also complimented the Police Department.
5. Council Member Augustine asked everyone to acknowledge Veteran's Day.
6. Manager Reider gave Council a grant update.
Reider stated the International dump truck is listed on Municibid.
Reider gave Council a downtown event update.
7. Council President Kresge wished fellow Veteran's a Happy Veteran's Day. Kresge stated his appreciation of the Bangor Fire Department for their countless hours and training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. to discuss personnel matters with action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 7:15 P.M. Personnel matters were discussed A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Donnelly to accept the resignation of the Public Works employee. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Sperling, seconded by Augustine to approve the Separation Agreement for the Public Works employee. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

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 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary