

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

MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 2025 - 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Joanna Paulson

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Gary Haycock was present on behalf of the Bangor Jacksonian Club to present the Bangor Police Department with a \$1,000 donation check.
2. David Owens was present from Liberty Fire Company to discuss Bangor Borough Ordinance # 1000 with Council and the recent Bangor Fire Department election. Council is requesting a copy of the vote totals and by-laws from each company from Chief Engle. Council President Kresge formed a committee (Council Members Sperling, Augustine and Schweitzer) to review the credentials of the candidates for the positions Fire Chief and Assistance Fire Chief positions as well any requirements to hold those positions. The committee will also be reviewing Ordinance #1000.
3. John Rigione was present from 114 South Sixth Street to submit his written comments regarding the Bangor Fire Department election.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated November 10, 2025 and November 24, 2025, was made by Sperling, seconded by Donnelly. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
2. A **MOTION** to approve payment of the bills totaling \$682,295.84 was made by Donnelly, seconded by Augustine. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
3. Council President Kresge stated that Chief Jones is requesting to use the Police Wish Fund to purchase a TV for training purchases. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Sperling to approve the purchase, not to exceed \$1,100. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
4. Manager Reider reported that an application was received for a minor subdivision for 6 Ridge Road. The application was reviewed by the Bangor Borough Planning Commission at their recent meeting. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the waivers requested, subject to compliance with the Ott Engineering review letter. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Sperling to approve the waiver request letter as revised at the Bangor Borough Planning Commission meeting. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Augustine to approve the application, subject to compliance with the Ott Engineering review letter. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

5. Manager Reider reported that the zoning update of the regional comprehensive plan process is moving forward. A **MOTION** was made by Donnelly, seconded by Capone to approve the Municipal Contributions Agreement. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.
6. Manager Reider provided Council with a copy of the agreement for Hailstone Economic. Hailstone Economic will complete the zoning update portion of the regional comprehensive plan. A **MOTION** was made by Augustine, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the Hailstone Economic agreement, conditioned upon execution of the Municipal Contributions Agreement by all participating municipalities. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1. Chief Jones thanked the Jacksonian Club for their generous donation and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.
2. Mayor DeFranco wished everyone a Happy Holiday.
3. Assistant Fire Chief Albert gave Council a Fire Department update.
4. Council Member Sperling expressed his appreciation of the Bangor Fire and Police Departments.
5. Council Member Augustine thanked everyone involved for organizing the Santa Clause Train event.
6. Council Member Capone wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
7. Council Member Schweitzer expressed his appreciation of being a member of Borough Council.
8. Council Member Donnelly thanked Council for the last four years and she is looking forward to the next four years. Donnelly wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
9. Solicitor Ceraul complimented the local Fire Departments on working together and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
10. Manager Reider wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Manager Reider also expressed his appreciation of all the local fire departments. Reider gave Council a Public Works update.
11. Council President Kresge stated that the actions of the Bangor Fire Department and Police Department have been commendable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 7:14 P.M. to discuss personnel/legal matters with action to follow was made by Donnelly, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried.

Open session was re-entered at 7:51 P.M. Personnel/legal matters were discussed. A **MOTION** was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Donnelly to agree to amend the Letter of Intent between Bangor Borough Authority and Roseto Borough Sewer Authority to include language that adds two additional seats to the Bangor Borough Board, one seat for a Roseto Borough appointee, to be approved by the Bangor Authority Board and one seat for a Washington Township appointee, to be approved by the Bangor Borough Authority Board, conditioned upon concurrence by Bangor Borough Authority, Roseto Borough Sewer Authority and Roseto Borough Council. Vote: 5-1, Augustine-Nay. **MOTION** carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Augustine, seconded by Schweitzer. All were in favor. **MOTION** carried. The Bangor Borough Council Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracy Palmer, Administrative Secretary