

**REGULAR SESSION
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

Council President Mr. Besong called the Regular Session of Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Baden Municipal Building, 149 State Street, to conduct business of general purposes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mrs. Furr, Mr. Kotula, Mrs. Montell, Mr. Shelkons, Mr. Stuban, Mr. Trzcianka and Mr. Besong

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Engineer Tony Sadaka and Attorney James Amato

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS - None

Mr. Besong welcomed Boy Scout Troop 405.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 20th, 2016

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to accept the minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to pay all bills with two signatures.

RESOLUTIONS - None

ORDINANCES - None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. February 9th email from West View Water with attached drawing showing the fence location for the new pump house.
2. February letter with attached documentation from Leonard P. Skultety Jr., Consultant Forestry for Timber Harvesting on the Lions Club and Villella properties. (Turned over to the engineer)
3. February 4th letter from Personal Law regarding 668 Jefferson Street and Mr. Speakman's giving consent to demolition of the property and requesting that the borough put in for CDBG funding to pay for the demolition.
4. February 4th copy of a letter from the PUC to Norfolk Southern asking that a copy of the Pinney Street Bridge inspection be supplied to the borough as well as the complainant.

5. February 1st curtesy letter from T-Mobile notifying the borough that they will be doing maintenance on their communication equipment that is located on the Harmony Water Tank property over the next 6 months.
6. February 9th letter from the Baden Lions Park Association asking that as a nonprofit organization in Baden, would it be possible that their water and sewage be donated or reduced to a small service charge and noting that their usage is sometimes zero.
7. Request from Michael Pollin and Mark Smith to utilize the Community Room at no cost on March 26th for their senior project to raise money for the Testicular Cancer Society.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to give authorization to Michael Pollin and Mark Smith to utilize the Community Room at no cost on March 26, 2016.

Mrs. Montell asked about the Lion's Club request regarding their utility bill. Mr. Stuban stated that we can't make exceptions for one organization. Discussion took place regarding the Lion's Club possibly selling their property. The Troop 405 Scout Leader spoke up regarding the Lion's Club. He is a member of the Club and he noted that Timber Harvesting is in the works which will bring in some much needed funding to keep them active. They hope to put a boy scout camp on the sight once the timbering is done. Discussion took place for the need for water service. If the service is shut off then no bill will be sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

Financial Balance

General Fund Balance	\$90,258
Water Fund Balance	\$5,166

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to have the tax paying entities contact the borough so that the secretary may handle the direct deposit banking paperwork for Property Tax Collections.

Buildings, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to advertise for sale with the starting bid appraisal price of \$47,000 and bid opening will be March 1st. If the bid price is met or exceeded proceed with the sale. Appraisal was done by Dan McCown & Company.

Mr. Kotula asked if there were any questions about the agreement for the tax collector. Mr. Trzcianka asked to remove item #9 in the agreement regarding utilities.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Furr carried unanimously to accept the agreement for the tax collector with the correction of removal of item #9.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to authorize MP Security Solutions to take over the keyless entry system and update the software at a cost of \$300.

Community Relations (Michael Stuban)

Nothing to report

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Nothing to report

Library (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr recapped her Monday report regarding the reorganization meeting, fundraisers and their 75th Anniversary. Mrs. Furr also spoke about the leak of the overhang on the roof and bad condition of the carpeting on the steps.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula carried unanimously to use option B and have the engineer oversee the execution of the Overweight Vehicle Agreement for West View Water.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Stuban carried unanimously to send the Quigley Waterline Agreement to Quigley for review and signature after review by the local DEP representative.

Discussion took place regarding water valve exercisers and researching the options that the borough may have since the cost is over \$50,000.

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the 2% State Loan for the Fire Truck will take at least 6 months. He asked about getting a local loan from the bank to purchase the truck and then pay it off when we get the money from the state. Mr. Stuban noted that you can't guarantee the loan from the state so the terms and percentages from the local banks would have to meet or come very close to the terms of the state.

Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the Recreation Board had reorganization meeting and discussed the electricity for the park.

Mr. Shelkons read a letter to council from Mr. Weber stating that he is resigning from the Baden Parks and Recreation Board so that he may focus on spending time with his grandson.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Montell carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Mr. Weber and send him a thank you for his many years of service.

Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Judi Montell)

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Sadaka stated that he will supply a letter to the secretary to send to the Timber Harvesting Applicants. He reported that the Berry Street alley still needs about 3 days of work but they are being held up by the weather. There is also an additional 1 day of work for restoration at Anderson Candy.

Mr. Sadaka addressed West View Waters application for a street opening permit for Tevebaugh Road. The permit fee is \$70,000. Conversation took place regarding possibly having the contractor take the \$70,000 and upgrade the entire road versus taking the \$70,000 for something else. Discussion took place regarding paving versus tar and chip. Either way an improvement would be made to the road. Mr. Sadaka will contact West View Water to see what they are willing to do for Baden.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka carried unanimously to authorize the engineer to contact West View Water regarding the option of road improvements for Tevebaugh Road.

Mr. Sadaka noted that there is a CDBG deadline coming up and asked council for their wishes. Mr. Stuban commented that we were looking at the tearing down of condemned properties. Discussion followed.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Furr carried unanimously to have the Engineer apply for CDBG funding to tear down the property at 668 Jefferson Street and the house on the 400 Block of Harmony Road.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Stuban carried unanimously To have the Code Enforcement Officer (Building Inspector) work with the solicitor and engineer in regards to proceeding with condemnation of 668 Jefferson Street and the house on Harmony Road.

STORM WATER PROGRAM

Mr. Sadaka gave a presentation regarding the education of storm water management. This included an overview of A Citizen's Guide to Understanding Stormwater and Baden Borough's Stormwater Program. Handouts were distributed and residents were asked to volunteer and get involved in the program.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gagliardi asked if there were any Stormwater PowerPoint presentations that could be given to the schools and organizations within our town. Mr. Sadaka stated that this can certainly be done.

Total Fines Collected \$708.36

Mayor Gagliardi asked Mr. Kotula about the process for reporting streetlight outages. Mr. Kotula explained that a new contact and fax number has been given to the police department that will expedite the repair times for street lights. Mayor Gagliardi thanked Mr. Kotula for working so hard on this matter.

President's Report

Nothing to Report

OLD BUSINESS

Andrew Sabol Jr from the 300 Block of State Street presented to Council information that he received in the mail regarding a device called the EnergyMizer that can save residents up to 20% of their electric bill. He just wanted to inform the residents of what is available out there and he wanted to share the information. The device is from EdenPure who is located in Ohio. Mr. Sabol noted that the secretary told him that it was scam and after he did further research he commented that the secretary should not believe everything she googles on the internet. Mr. Sabol stated that if anyone wants the information for the EnergyMizer that he would be very happy to share it with them. The cost is \$197.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
March 14, 2016