

**PRE-MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 17th, 2017**

Council president Mr. Besong called the Pre-Meeting 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, Mr. Shelkons, Mr. Stuban, and Mr. Trzcianka (Not Present: Mrs. Montell)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS - None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Secretary Resolution

The PSAB is asking for an updated resolution naming the secretary as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Pension Plans.

2016 Water Consumption Report

Mrs. Rakovan went over the calculation of the 2016 water consumption report for the DEP annual reports. I have attached the form I created for your review. Please note that the percentage of unaccounted water loss is back down to 6.8%.

Baden Memorial Honor Roll Plaque

The name has been added to the plaque.

Statement of Financial Interests

Reminder they are due back to the secretary by May 1st.

Ordinances Tabled November 2015

941 Amending the Code striking Chapter 170
942 Establishing the licensing and inspection of all rental units

Painting the building

The fire department is being worked on.

Newsletter

The draft of the newsletter is attached for council review.

2016 CCR Water Report

We advertised the CCR in both the Newsletter and on the water bills so it will not be necessary to mail out a separate CCR to all residents this year. This will result in a cost savings of approximately \$2,000 between printing and postage.

2016 Delinquent Property Tax

The 2016 unpaid taxes that were turned over to the county for collections totaled \$41,225.84 at face, \$4,168.16 in penalty for a total of \$45,394.00

Public Works

Mr. Josapak addressed council in regards to the Scada system not working properly. During a recent power outage the battery backups of the system were not working and the Scada system was down for five hours. He called Staley Communications on March 23rd and told them he needed a service call as soon as possible. He got a call back the following day stating that someone would be in on the morning of Tuesday, March 28th. When they did show up they said the batteries were shot and new ones were needed. Mr. Josapak asked Staley to get the batteries for him. As of this meeting date they have not gotten back to Mr. Josapak. Mr. Josapak stated that he felt Staley Communications did not care about our system. Mr. Trzcianka commented that if the borough had a contract with them then we would probably have better service. Mr. Josapak stated that since the installation four years ago there have been over 1,000 communication failures. Mr. Josapak noted that if Staley is the only one who can supply the battery backups then they should be more responsive to our needs. As we sit today there are no battery backups for the Scada system. Mr. Trzcianka asked Mr. Josapak if he notified Staley about the 1,000 communication errors. He responded that he has contacted Staley. Mr. Trzcianka asked Mr. Josapak if he looked elsewhere for batteries. Mr. Josapak stated that Staley has all the information and software for the Scada system. He asked if he should contact them to have that information in borough hands. Mr. Kotula stated that we should find the batteries, have a schedule to make sure the batteries are working and contact Staley's to get at least a copy of the software and equipment information.

CEO

Mr. Weber reported that Harvey did remove all of his vehicles from the alley. Harvey asked him if his employees could park there during the day. Conversation also took place regarding putting a no parking sign up and who is maintaining the alley. Mr. Josapak noted that the borough maintains the alley. Mr. Stuban asked Mr. Josapak to post signs if we have any until council further discusses other options regarding the alley.

Fire Department

Not Present

Police Department

Not Present.

Mr. Stuban asked the Mayor about the hourly rate being paid to officers that are working the PennDOT project. Mr. Stuban noted that rumor has it that the officers are making a lot more than their hourly rate. Part time officers should make no more than their hourly rate. Mayor Gagliardi agreed and stated that he would make sure that there is no special rate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

General Fund Balance \$56,423.34

Water Fund Balance \$56,707.39

Expenses \$87,648.98

Expenses \$44,696.62

Mr. Shelkons addressed that a motion will be made on Wednesday for a check in the amount of \$500 be made to purchase flowers for borough beautification.

Buildings, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

Mr. Kotula stated that he is waiting to hear back from the contractor who should be doing the repairs for the electricity upgrades in the park.

Mr. Kotula also addressed the need to replace the Welcome to Baden signs. Mr. Stuban stated that a motion was not made last month, but it will be made on Wednesday.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Mr. Kotula stated that the police department is running fine with the part time offers.

Community Relations (Michael Stuban)

Mr. Stuban asked to get the status on the mirror question.

Mr. Stuban asked if any member of council has old photos of Baden to please bring them to the office where they will scan the photos and return the original to you.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Mr. Trzcianka reported that he had a couple of quotes for the library repairs. Blairs Services from Beaver Falls gave a quote of \$1,300 for the railing repair. Another contractor gave a \$2,600 quote for the brick repair.

Mr. Stuban addressed Council in regards to County Job Training that will pay for three months' worth of wages for helping to train young adults. He asked the secretary to look into this service.

Mr. Trzcianka spoke of prisoners from the jail doing work in Ambridge (grass cutting). The Mayor was asked to look into what is involved in getting the prisoners to work on various labor projects within the borough.

Recreation & Communications / Library (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the Easter Egg Hunt went well and the Christmas lights have arrived.

Mrs. Furr asked Mr. Josapak about where the lights will be put up. He stated that there is only electricity on one side. Discussion followed regarding having lights on both sides which included running extension cords and getting electricity on both sides of the street (contacting Duquesne Light). Contacting Verizon would also be needed because the poles on the other side of the street belong to Verizon. Mr. Stuban stated that there is time and Mr. Josapak can check into what options we have.

Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Judi Montell)

Not present

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gagliardi stated that the manager of Citizens Bank has moved to WesBanco. Mayor Gagliardi stated that there are leaves all along the front of the library and they need to be cleaned up because it looks bad.

President's Report

Nothing to Report

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
May 15, 2017