

**PRE-MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 19, 2015**

Council Vice-President Mrs. Michaels called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Mr. Kotula, Mrs. Michaels, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Trzcianka
(Not Present: Mr. Besong, Mrs. Montell and Mrs. Villella)

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Department Representative, Tim Firich

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

Patsy Borriello from 501 Bryan Avenue addressed Council in regards to an Easement that he was given to sign for a catch basin behind his property on 412 Phillips Street. He does not agree with the engineering specifications and feels that what is proposed will not work to resolve the storm water runoff issue on the alley. Conversation went on for fifteen minutes that included looking at the specs, the size of the catch basin and why 48 square feet is required in the easement. Mr. Trzcianka commented that this was the first time he saw the specs and he would meet with Mr. Sadaka to review this matter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Secretary

Mrs. Rakovan supplied Council with the following report. She stated that the current utility bills are being sent out on the new system and should be mailed by Wednesday at the latest.

Tax Collections

The Per Capita Taxes are slowing down. Property taxes for school and borough 2014 are coming to an end too. There are some issues with 2013 taxes which are also being addressed. One property owner is fighting the county/school/borough for the 2013 taxes because he purchased it at Sheriff Sale in 2013 and felt that the taxes should have been included at that time.

330 State Street

Still doing restoration of the property. A motion will be needed from Council exonerating this property to not pay taxes for 2015 as well as a letter be sent to the school asking that they too exonerate the school taxes for 2015.

General Code

The preliminary update/revisions still need to be reviewed.

Ubility

The current bills are being done on the new system. Will be mailed out tomorrow or Wednesday. We will be expecting questions and corrections and they will be addressed as we receive them.

Bids Opening for the Anderson and Alley Sewer lines

Bid opening were last week. The engineer has tabulated them. There were 7 bids.

1. Glenn Johnston	\$136,153.00
2. Fryer Excavating	\$ 99,879.25
3. R&B Contracting	\$ 96,335.00
4. W.G. Tomko	\$ 95,126.00
5. W.A. Petrakis Contracting	\$ 95,020.00
6. Alex Paris Contracting	\$ 93,335.00
7. Martino Inc.	\$ 74,897.00

Busing to Northern Light Walmart

Senator Vogel on behalf of Economy, Baden, Freedom, Rochester and Conway sent a letter to the Beaver County Transit Authority requesting that they consider extending their bus route up to the Walmart.

3rd Quarter Hazard Waste Curbside Collections

A total of 1,541 pounds of waste was picked up last quarter in Baden Borough with the curbside pickup. This included Latex paint, Computers, Televisions and other electronics.

901 Recycling Grant

Grant paperwork was filled out and submitted for 2014 Recycling Collections.

Fire Relief Payment

Direct Deposit made to the General Fund in the amount of \$19,218.50. Check will be sent to Fire Department.

State Aid Payment

Direct Deposit made to the General Fund in the amount of \$58,812.52. Check will be sent to the PSAB MRT.

Public Works

Not Present

CEO

Not Present

Police Chief

Not Present

Fire Department

Tim Firich reported that the September call volume was 25 for fire and 4 for emergency assist. Ladder truck passed inspection. No update on the EFG Grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Administration & Finance (Michael Stuban)**

- Multimodal Transportation Funding – Mr. Stuban commented that they met with the engineer and on Wednesday he would like to make a motion to apply for funding for Tevebaugh Road and Schiller Street Extension. This money comes from PennDot.
- Jefferson Street (Speakman home) – Hearing was held and the Judge found him guilty and fined him \$500. The attorney doesn't feel that the charges are right because the home is owned by Mr. Speakman and his deceased spouse's estate. There will probably be an appeal on this matter. They have asked that council apply for county funding to tear the house down. Mr. Stuban stated that he told the

attorney that he was not sure if council would want to do this because applying for funding to tear this house down only takes away from other funding for more important borough needs. They are also willing to give the property to the borough however there are back taxes and the property is up for Sheriff Sale. Mr. Trzcianka was asked about possibly doing a controlled burn. He stated there is a lot involved in the process and he would have to look further into this matter.

- Franco Drive Way - Mr. Stuban stated that there may be possible litigation regarding the driveway (private road) that Mr. Franco's attorney is stating that it is a borough road and should be maintained by them. The solicitor is working on this matter.
- Police Contract – It has been typed up and sent on to the Sgt. Alvarez for review. One aspect of the contract was a retirement incentive to save money. The individual may want to go on disability this would have a substantial effect of the pension contribution.
- Municipal Authority and Borough Agreement - Needs renewed and is being worked on.
- 2016 Budget – Mr. Stuban went over the proposed budget for council review. This budget is 1 mill short and not balanced. He would like to increase taxes 1 mill. Changes include property tax, charges for services includes the payments received for Prevention Network police coverage, building permits has increased which is a wash to what we payout for the building inspector under expenses. Solicitor expenses have increased. With the change in the police schedule to 12 hour shifts with the chief working the part time allotment has been broken out to include salary part timers of \$13,600 which is equivalent to 840 hours for part time coverage or 108 shifts. Prevention Network part time coverage is broken out for \$14,000. Part timers to cover full time officers when then they are off for vacation, sick, personal... is \$18,000. Everything is covered plus extra shifts for the police. The key is to keep within the limits of budget which Council has control over. Fire truck allotment has been increased to \$25,000. The general fund budget is short approximately \$35,000. The water budget is balanced with changes for salary and the contingency has increased because we are paying off a loan in early 2016 which will free up some money which may be applied for other projects (generator, tank repair, fire hydrants, and remote readers).

Buildings, Property & Grounds (Bob Besong)

- Boy Scout project in the park – Mr. Kotula reported that the scouts are working on removing the tree stumps and cleaning up the park.

Community Relations (Ted Kotula)

- Nothing to report

Library (Kim Villella)

Not present.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

- Street Light Repairs – There is still an issue with street light repairs for the borough. Duquesne Light is slow to respond to the police requests that are faxed in. It was mentioned that when residents call the response is much quicker. Mr. Kotula is trying to get through to a contact to address this matter. It was noted that the borough is billed a flat monthly fee and it is not metered. The rates have gone down because the secretary shopped for electric suppliers and got a lower rate.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- Winter Preparation- Public works is getting the plow and trucks ready for the winter months ahead as well as stocking up on cinders.
- Fire Siren – West View Water will have to take the siren down when they start their construction and they are willing to relocate it at no cost. Discussion took place possibly placing it behind the Hill Cemetery and facing it towards Baden. Nothing is finalized because electric supply will be an issue.

Recreation & Communications (Donna Michaels)

- Applefest – Thank you to the fire and police department for all their help with the Applefest.

Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Donna Michaels)

- Recycling – Will give the tonnage report on Wednesday.

Mayor's Report

Not Present

President's Report

Nothing to report

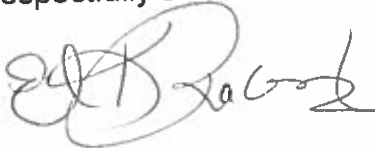
OLD BUSINESS

- Hazardous Mitigation – Mr. Firich noted that the county updates were needed and he has been working on it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
November 16, 2015