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REGULAR SESSION BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL May 17th, 2017

Council President Robert 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. Sheikons, Mr. Stuban, Mr. Trzcianka and Mr. Besong

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Christner, Attorney James Amato, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Weber, Street Foreman Michael Josapak

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

Brandon Suchi from 1030 Phillips Street addressed council in regards to water from the commercial property next door flooding his property and garage. He noted that the owner of the property is ready to put a larger size pipe into the storm sewer but is waiting upon Mr. Luff to approve what they want to do. Mrs. Rakovan explained that the holdup regarding this matter was determining if this was an MS4 issue. The engineer did look at the property and did state that it was not an MS4 matter. Mrs. Rakovan explained this was more of a civil matter between the two property owners. Mr. Suchi asked if a permit or inspection was needed. Mrs. Rakovan stated that no permit is needed and the borough does not need to look at the drainage pipe because it does not connect to a borough storm sewer, but if they would like the foreman to look at it that would not be a problem. Mrs. Rakovan commented that she will be contacting the property owner to let him know about what was discussed this evening.

Harvey addressed council in regards to him cleaning up the alley along his property and then a no parking sign being posted. He stated that this means that he and his employees can't park there during the day. Mr. Stuban explained that council made the motion during last month's meeting. Mrs. Montell stated that she has no problem with the employees parking there. Harvey also noted that they have been cutting the grass there too. Mr. Kotula stated that the sign was put up because it took so much time for the alley to be cleaned up. Harvey stated that he would only park the employee cars there during the day and no junk cars will be placed in the alley.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to remove the no parking sign from the alley by Harvey's.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Montell, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of April 17th and 19th, 2017

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS (Attached for Public Review)

- **17-02** Appointing the borough secretary, Elaine Rakovan as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to adopt resolution 16-10.

ORDINANCES - None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Bill Barno thanking the Baden Police Department and Chief Christner for addressing a potential problems and solving it quickly for him. He also thanks Council, Borough Secretary and her office staff, the fire department, and street department for making Baden the best little town around. Baden is the town he loves to live in.
2. Letter from Ashley Cravotta regarding a parking issue in front of her residence at 372 State Street. There is a fire hydrant, bus stop and 15 minute only parking sign in front of her house. They have 4 vehicles with little to no parking available. She asks that council assist her with this matter. (copy given to the police)

Mr. Stuban stated that he did stop and look at area. On Moore part of the problem is the parking of the big dump truck, but he felt that council may want to look at the 15 minute parking sign on State Street that is next to the bus stop. Chief Christner stated that they are trying to get handicap parking in front of her house which if they get the paperwork done would solve their problem.

Mr. Besong welcomed Boy Scout Troop 405.

3. Letter from the Baden United Methodist Church outreach event on July 16, 2017. The community is invited and because of the amount of people involved they are asking that Dippold Avenue be closed from their current parking lot at Berry Street to State Street from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously authorizing the closing of Dippold Avenue for the churches event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$185,216 - Expenses \$100,022
- Water Fund Balance \$262,986 - Expenses \$55,028

Buildings, Property & Grounds / Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Montell carried unanimously to accept the bid from Jason's Custom Working for \$3,539.80 for two Welcome to Baden signs.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Montell carried unanimously to sign the mutual aid agreements with the county.

Mr. Kotula thanked Officer Shipley for getting a \$1,500 grant from Walmart to purchase iPad, hot spots and mounting equipment for the vehicles.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Montell carried unanimously to purchase the iPad, hot spot and mounting equipment with the grant.

Mr. Kotula stated that he went over the committees with Michael Stuban and wrote an outline for each committee that shows what they are responsible for. He stated that all

of council has a copy and if they want to add or make changes to just let him know. Mayor Gagliardi noted that under public safety items needed to be reworded.

Community Relations (Michael Stuban)

Mr. Stuban had nothing to report.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to sign the renewal contract with Cleveland Brothers for the annual maintenance of the generators at a cost of \$1,725 for the three generators.

Mr. Trzcianka commented that a lot of people are parking in front of Fire Hydrants. Chief Christner stated that he will look into this matter.

Library / Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the library repairs are being taken care of. She stated that the library will be participating in the yard sale and community days.

Community yard sale is June 3rd and Community Days is June 17th.

Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Judi Montell)

Mrs. Montell commented that the Municipal Authority will be increasing the sewage rate by \$5 starting next billing cycle.

Mrs. Montell noted that she and Justine Woytovich have started planting flowers down at the library. She also noted that the secretary is getting more information on getting help from the inmates at the jail.

Mr. Besong disagreed with the sewage rate increase because he felt that filling up swimming pools should not be charged for sewage.

Mr. Besong noted that Mr. Kostial told him that up on Franklin there is a big hump and drain up there that is half full. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he would have public works look into it.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report

Engineer's Report

Not present.

Mayor's Report

Chief Christner stated that along with the county and Center Township we got a county wide grant for \$15,000 to link the computers from 9 police departments so that databases may be shared. This grant includes software and maintenance of the software for up to five years.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to authorize the installation of the software at no cost for the next five years.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to continue the agreement with Glatz for detailing and cleaning of the police vehicles at a cost of \$375 per vehicle.

Sgt. Alvarez presented the information and pricing for a new police vehicle (Dodge Charger). The old charger will be placed on Muncibid. The CoStar price will be around \$25,000.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka carried unanimously to purchase the police vehicle through the CoStar lease program at a cost of \$25,017.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka carried unanimously to get the new vehicle equipped once it comes in.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka carried unanimously to sell the vehicle 322 on Muncibid once the new vehicle is in.

Mayor Gagliardi reported that fines collected last month was \$936.01.

President's Report

Mr. Besong had nothing to report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Weber addressed council about needing a new cell phone. He needs a bigger lense to take better pictures and stuff. He had no prices. Mr. Kotula recommended purchasing a camera. Council needed to review his request and get more information on costs.

Mark Wilson from 879 Sixth Street first commented that it was his vehicle parked in front of the fire hydrant. He apologized for do so and noted that he will not do it again. Mr. Wilson also asked about the borough having a community compost location. He was told that we do not a compost location because the DEP does not permit it. He also asked about the dead-end of his street needing the weeds knocked down. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he would put a work order in for it.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
June 19, 2017