

**REGULAR SESSION  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 19, 2016**

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. Shelkons, Mr. Stuban, Mr. Trzcianak and Mr. Besong

**ALSO PRESENT:** Police Chief Christner, Engineer Tony Sadaka and Attorney James Amato

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

**AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)**

**VISITORS**

Beverly Kotis from Berry Street asked if Council meeting dates and times could be placed on the sign at the end of the driveway. Chief Trzcianka stated that he would ask the fire department to post the information on the sign.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2016

**APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

**RESOLUTIONS - None**

**ORDINANCES**

- **948** – Amending the Baden Borough Code of Ordinances Chapter 168-28 adding exemptions for the payments of Per Capita Tax for individuals who qualify.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adopt ordinance 948.

**BIDS – None**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. October letter from Civil & Environmental Consultants with attached required Adjacent Municipal Notification for permit renewal for PennEnergy to drill on properties located in Economy Borough.
2. October letter from Penn Dot regarding major construction plans on Route 65 to start in the spring of 2017 and end in late 2017.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance      \$168,957.32      - Expenses      \$76,560.02
- Water Fund Balance      \$221,019.93      - Expenses      \$37,827.80
- Credit Card Payments In House/Online and Check Scanner

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to sign the agreements for the in house credit card payment, online payments and check scanner.

### Community Relations (Michael Stuban)

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried to authorize the engineer to prepare and put out for bid the specs for the emergency generator for the Prospect Street Water Tank.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried to advertise the Dye Test Ordinance with the intent to adopt.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried to authorize the solicitor to review the garbage ordinances regarding updates.

### Buildings, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

Mr. Kotula stated that the library repairs will start next week and the carpet will be taken up in the spring so that we can get a better idea on the condition of the cement.

Mr. Kotula stated that a \$6,200 grant was received from Duquesne Light for the lighting in the borough park. He thanked Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Trzcianka and the entire recreation board for pulling the information together for the grant.

### Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Nothing to report.

### Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Mr. Trzcianka stated that they are finishing up grass cutting and getting ready for the winter months.

Mr. Trzcianka asked the solicitor for an opinion on the sale of the fire trucks. They originally advertised for \$25,000 on Brinlee Fire Apparatus as well as social media and PA Firemen. There were no takers within the last six months. They are now down to \$15,000. The question is can the number be negotiated with one potential buyer. Mr. Amato stated that he needs to research this question. The borough owns the engine and the fire department owns the ladder truck. The engine is currently at \$12,500 or best offer and the ladder is at \$17,500 or best offer. Mr. Trzcianka thinks that the offer may be \$25,000 for both.

### Library (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the library is looking into fundraisers and celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The roof is going to be repaired and the carpeting will be looked at in the spring.

### Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the Halloween parade will be Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM.

**Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Judi Montell)**

Mrs. Montell stated that recycling bins have been ordered.

Mrs. Montell asked about people being cited for taking recyclables from the bins. Chief Christner stated that he would ask the District Attorney. It was noted that the bins have Baden Borough Recycling written on them.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Montell, second by Mr. Kotula carried unanimously to have the solicitor review the ordinances regarding dog barking (noise).

Chief Christner commented that the current ordinance does give them some leeway with citing someone regarding dog barking. Mrs. Montell felt that times should be included in the ordinance regarding when a dog may bark.

**Solicitor's Report**

Nothing to report

**Engineer's Report**

Nothing to report.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gagliardi supported looking at the dog barking ordinance.

Chief Christner addressed the PennDot construction that will be taking place on Route 65. They are requesting police assistance for the project and asking what the cost would be. He stated that the secretary gave him the form that was approved by council. It states \$90 per hour for an officer and vehicle. Council asked the chief to check with other departments to see what they are charging.

Chief Christner gave an update on the part time officers. Two officers have started. One is currently being trained. One officer broke his wrist and can't work at this time.

**President's Report**

Mr. Besong had nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Kotula thanked Mr. Weber for his hard work.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
November 14, 2016