

## **REGULAR SESSION BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

Council Vice President David Trzcianka 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, and Mr. Trzcianka (Not Present: Mr. Besong)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Engineer Tony Sadaka and Attorney James Amato

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

### **VISITORS**

- Jenny Nelson from Lincoln Avenue addressed and presented to Council a petition and pictures regarding the timber harvesting off of Lincoln Avenue. She had concerns regarding the gas line and weight limits of the road. Mr. Trzcianka explained that all of the proper paperwork was completed. The road is bonded, permit payment was made and the conservation district paperwork and approval is also on file. The bonding of the road is to cover any damage that the harvesting company may cause. Mr. Trzcianka stated that the harvesting has been completed.
- Shirley Spence from 1041 Third Street asked to go on record that 625 North Avenue has had nothing done to it. The bushes went from 15 feet high to 20 feet high. She wants something done with it immediately. She also addressed the street which has not been paved in over 65 years. Weeds are growing up from the pavement and she is pulling the weeds. The catch basin is clogged and also needs to be cleaned. She said that the weeds need to be cleaned up from the road and catch basins. Finally Mrs. Spence addressed Bob's Imports being overgrown with weeds, parking on the sidewalk and the building is in deplorable condition. There are trailers on Third Street too that should not be there. They block the road and driveways.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Special and Regular Session 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 - None**

### **BIDS – None**

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. September letter from the MEIT with renewal information for the Police Health Benefits.
2. Petition from residents of Lincoln Avenue asking that the timber hauling from the property at the end of Lincoln Avenue be stopped. They feel the road will be destroyed.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to accept the petition.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$203,839 - Expenses \$124,810
- Water Fund Balance \$229,364 - Expenses \$45,423

### Community Relations (Michael Stuban)

- Per Capita Tax

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to advertise the Per Capita Tax Collection Ordinance

- Tax Collector Software Support

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to enter into agreement with the other municipalities and School District to purchase unlimited tax software support in the amount of \$200 per year. This is the borough's portion of a \$1,200 cost that is being shared by the school district, Harmony Township, and Ambridge Borough.

- 330 State Street

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to accept the one bid for 330 State Street in the amount of \$47,000. Closing is set for October 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Tax Collector (Kristek)

Mr. Stuban commented that the sentencing for Keith Kristek is scheduled for early November. Mr. Kristek is asking people to write letters in support of him to be sent to the judge. Mr. Stuban stated that the borough is writing a letter not in support of Kristek and if any resident is interested in writing a letter to the judge to please contact the borough officer.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to send a letter to the federal judge not in support of Kristek.

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

- Library Roof

Mr. Kotula stated that he got a couple of quotes for the library repairs. Cassidy came in at the lowest price of \$3,500 to repair the flashing and roof leaks. This is a temporary repair and replacement of the entire roof needs to be looked into in the future.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously have Cassidy repair the library roof for \$3,500.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

- Part Time Officers

Mr. Kotula stated that the review of the applicants is complete and we should be moving forward with the hiring process. Three of the applicants should be on the payroll within two weeks. The two new hires with the academy will take a little longer.

- Full Time Officer

Mr. Kotula expressed the need to look at hiring another full time officer for next year. He feels with the 12 hour shift it is needed.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Nothing to report

Library (Suzie Furr)

- Railing, Steps and Carpeting

Mrs. Furr noted that with the water leaking from the roof the railing has rusted and is loose. The steps and carpeting also need to be looked at and repaired. Mrs. Montell addressed her concern for the steps and carpeting to be repaired. She hopes that there would be extra funds left over from the bond refinance to assist in the repair.

- Bylaws

Mrs. Furr stated that the library bylaws are being reviewed.

- Fundraisers

Mrs. Furr stated that the library is working on fundraisers and they will have a booth at the Applefest as well as a mass mailing for donations.

Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)

- Applefest

Mrs. Furr stated that the Applefest is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there will be a table set up with MS4 information.

Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Judi Montell)

Nothing to report

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report

Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

- Traffic at Baden Academy

Mayor Gagliardi stated that he and Mr. Besong met with the CEO and Principle at Baden Academy to address the traffic that is backing up along Route 65 and State Street. They are going to loop the traffic up the back of the Academy property and it should take care of the problem.

**President's Report**

Not Present

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **County ESU Team Agreement**

Mr. Kotula explained that Officer Shipley is currently a part of the special SWAT team. The agreement is for reimbursement of cost associated with our officer being a part of the team.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to sign the ESU Team Agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
October 17, 2016