

**REGULAR SESSION  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
November 16, 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. 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**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of October 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

**RESOLUTIONS (Attached for Public Review)**

- **16-10** Reducing Police Officers' Contribution to the Police Pension Plan for the year 2017.

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

**ORDINANCES - None**

**BIDS – None**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from the Municipal Retirement Trust with attached Joinder Amendment for the Borough of Baden Police Pension Plan

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to accept the retirement plan and authorize signature.

2. Agreement for the Beaver County Human Society to continue utilizing their service for 2017.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Montell, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to accept the Humane Society Agreement.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance      \$238,434.65      - Expenses      \$193,563.64
- Water Fund Balance      \$126,697.61      - Expenses      \$41,494.05

### Community Relations (Michael Stuban)

Mr. Stuban went over the proposed water budget for 2017. It reflects no water increase.

	<u>2017 BUDGET</u>
Income	
341.000 · INTEREST AND RENTS	
341.100 · Interest Earnings	100.00
Total 341.000 · INTEREST AND RENTS	100.00
378.000 · CHARGES FOR SERVICES	
378.110 · Water Charges	770,000.00
378.120 · Water Billing Penalties	10,000.00
378.130 · Other Water Revenues	2,000.00
378.210 · Meters / Tap In Fees	1,700.00
378.900 · Misc. Revenue (Reimb, Refunds)	100.00
Total 378.000 · CHARGES FOR SERVICES	783,800.00
Total Income	783,900.00
Expense	
448.000 · WATER SYSTEM	
448.100 · WAGES & EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	
448.110 · Salaries – Clerical	43,000.00
Total 448.100 · WAGES & EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	43,000.00
448.200 · WATER SYSTEM EXPENSES	
448.210 · Office Supplies	1,500.00
448.212 · Copy Machine	1,000.00
448.316 · Water Testing	4,000.00
448.325 · Postage	3,400.00
448.342 · Printing	1,000.00
448.366 · Water for Resale	320,000.00
Total 448.200 · WATER SYSTEM EXPENSES	330,900.00
Total 448.000 · WATER SYSTEM	373,900.00
449.000 · TRANSPORT SYSTEM	
449.100 · WAGES & EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	
449.110 · Salary – Foreman	62,000.00
449.120 · OT – Foreman	14,000.00
Total 449.100 · WAGES & EMPLOYEE EXPENSE	76,000.00
449.200 · TRANSPORT EXPENSES	
449.210 · Operating Supplies	8,600.00
449.220 · Engineering Fees	3,000.00
449.230 · Solicitor	3,000.00
449.231 · Telephone / Telecomm	500.00
449.260 · Small Tools	4,000.00
449.360 · Utilities	25,000.00
449.370 · Repairs and Maintenance	8,500.00

449.420 · Certifications & Memberships	500.00
449.500 · Capital Purchases	1,000.00
449.820 · Contingency Expense (Misc)	<u>46,900.00</u>
Total 449.200 · TRANSPORT EXPENSES	<u>101,000.00</u>
Total 449.000 · TRANSPORT SYSTEM	<u>177,000.00</u>
471.000 · DEBT SERVICE	
471.110 · 1996 PV #35120 EXP2016	0.00
471.120 · 2006 PV #80143 EXP2027	0.00
471.130 · 2010 PV #12685 EXP2031	0.00
471.510 · Bond Issue EXP2030	<u>170,000.00</u>
Total 471.000 · DEBT SERVICE	<u>170,000.00</u>
481.000 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
481.100 · Social Security / Medicare	8,000.00
481.200 · Employee Health/Life Insurance	30,000.00
481.300 · Non-Uniform Pension	<u>12,000.00</u>
Total 481.000 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u>50,000.00</u>
491.000 · OTHER FINANCIAL USES	
491.120 · Interfund Xfer - Equipment Fund	7,000.00
491.800 · Transfer to Water Tank Fund	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total 491.000 · OTHER FINANCIAL USES	<u>13,000.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>783,900.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to advertise for 10 day review, with the intent to adopt the water budget in the amount of \$783,900.

Mr. Stuban went over the General Fund Budget as noted below. Adjustments were made under the pension cost (two employee fall under water budget), engineering fees went up to \$30,000; \$15,000 for demolition of buildings; \$10,000 walkway (possible canopy) and lighting repair; \$7,000 increase to Fire Department air packs; Police ammunition increase to \$1,800; \$5,968 contingency to be earmarked next month.

	<u>2017 BUDGET</u>
<b>PROPOSED GENERAL BUDGET</b>	
Income	
301 · PROPERTY TAXES	
301.100 · Property Tax – Current	905,800.00
301.200 · Property Tax – Prior	10,000.00
301.400 · Property Tax - Claim Bureau	40,500.00
301.900 · Property Tax - PILOT Payments	<u>1,490.00</u>
Total 301 · PROPERTY TAXES	957,790.00
310 · OTHER TAXES	
310.010 · Per Capita - Current	8,000.00
310.020 · Per Capita - Prior Year	450.00
310.100 · Real Estate - Transfer Tax	20,000.00
310.210 · EIT - Current Year	390,000.00
310.220 · EIT - Prior Year	500.00
310.310 · Mercantile Tax	22,000.00
310.510 · Local Service Tax (LST)	28,000.00
310.515 · LST Tax Refund	100.00
310.700 · Mechanical Device Tax	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total 310 · OTHER TAXES	475,050.00
320 · LICENSES & PERMITS	
321.300 · Special Licenses & Permits	40.00
321.400 · Mercantile Licenses	200.00
321.800 · Comcast - Franchise Fee	48,000.00
322.500 · Street Opening Permits	<u>0.00</u>
Total 320 · LICENSES & PERMITS	48,240.00

<b>330 · FINES &amp; FORFEITS</b>	
331.110 · Fines - Motor Vehicles	5,000.00
331.130 · Fines - State Police	3,000.00
331.140 · Fines - Non-Traffic	3,000.00
<b>Total 330 · FINES &amp; FORFEITS</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>
<b>340 · INTEREST &amp; RENTS</b>	
341.500 · Interest	500.00
342.100 · Community Room Rental	4,000.00
342.200 · Tower Rental / Crown Castle	40,000.00
342.300 · Office Space Rental	1,200.00
<b>Total 340 · INTEREST &amp; RENTS</b>	<b>45,700.00</b>
<b>350 · INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE</b>	
354.100 · State Police Grants	2,000.00
354.200 · State Aid - Pension	52,000.00
354.300 · State Aid - BVFD - Foreign	20,000.00
354.400 · State Aid - Grants - Misc.	70,000.00
<b>Total 350 · INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>144,000.00</b>
<b>355 · STATE SHARED REV &amp; ENTITLEMENT</b>	
355.010 · PURTA Tax	1,700.00
355.080 · LCB - Alcoholic Beverage Tax	800.00
<b>Total 355 · STATE SHARED REV &amp; ENTITLEMENT</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>360 · CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>	
361.340 · Zoning Appeals/Permits	200.00
361.510 · Liens/Dye Test/Copies/Maps/Etc	5,000.00
361.630 · Ambridge Area School District	3,000.00
362.100 · Police - Accident Reports	1,000.00
362.120 · Prevention Network Police Reimb	25,490.00
362.400 · Building Permits	16,000.00
362.430 · Plumbing Licenses	60.00
362.450 · Occupancy Permits	200.00
364.120 · Sewage OT Reimbursements	0.00
364.300 · Garbage Collections	291,000.00
364.310 · Garbage Billing Penalties	1,000.00
364.400 · MA Allocation	80,900.00
364.410 · MA Reimbursements	1,000.00
<b>Total 360 · CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>	<b>424,850.00</b>
<b>380 · MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>	
380.100 · Misc. Revenue	1,000.00
380.120 · NSF Checks	750.00
387.100 · Donations	0.00
<b>Total 380 · MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</b>	<b>1,750.00</b>
<b>390 · OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	
391.100 · Sale of Assets	0.00
395.100 · Refund of Prior Year Expenses	0.00
<b>Total 390 · OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,110,880.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>400 · GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES</b>	
<b>400.100 · LEGISLATIVE (COUNCIL) EXPENSES</b>	
400.110 · Salary - Council	8,700.00
400.420 · Council Dues / Subscrip / Mtgs	5,000.00
<b>Total 400.100 · LEGISLATIVE (COUNCIL) EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,700.00</b>
<b>401 · EXECUTIVE (MAYOR) EXPENSES</b>	
401.110 · Salary - Mayor	1,512.00
401.420 · Mayor Dues / Subscrip / Mtgs	300.00
401.430 · Mayor Legal Fees	4,000.00
<b>Total 401 · EXECUTIVE (MAYOR) EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,812.00</b>
<b>402 · FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	

402.300 · Auditor	6,500.00
402.400 · Accountant / Consultant	3,000.00
402.600 · Banking / Admin Fees	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total 402 · FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	12,500.00
403 · TAX COLLECTION	
403.110 · Prop Tax Collector Commission	23,000.00
403.123 · Prop Tax Collector Postage	1,200.00
403.143 · Prop Tax Collector Printing	2,000.00
403.210 · EIT Commission	3,000.00
403.223 · EIT Postage	<u>500.00</u>
Total 403 · TAX COLLECTION	29,700.00
404 · LEGAL EXPENSES	
404.130 · Solicitor - Retainer	3,600.00
404.190 · Solicitor - Other	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total 404 · LEGAL EXPENSES	28,600.00
405.100 · ADMINISTRATIVE WAGES	
405.120 · Salary - Secretary	51,000.00
405.140 · Salary - Billing Clerk	<u>42,000.00</u>
Total 405.100 · ADMINISTRATIVE WAGES	93,000.00
405.200 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
405.210 · Admin Office Supplies	2,000.00
405.215 · Admin Copy Machine	4,000.00
405.321 · Admin Telephone	3,000.00
405.325 · Admin Postage	3,500.00
405.341 · Admin Advertising	3,000.00
405.342 · Admin Printing	1,500.00
405.343 · Admin Newsletter	5,000.00
405.370 · Admin Repairs & Maintenance	500.00
405.375 · Admin Computer Maint/Support	8,000.00
405.420 · Admin Dues / Subscrip / Confr	2,000.00
405.450 · Payroll Fees	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total 405.200 · ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	34,500.00
408 · ENGINEER EXPENSES	
408.130 · Engineer - Retainer	1,800.00
408.135 · Engineer - Other	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total 408 · ENGINEER EXPENSES	31,800.00
409 · BUILDING EXPENSES	
409.100 · Bldg Janitor Expense	12,000.00
409.220 · Bldg Janitorial Supplies	1,000.00
409.260 · Bldg Small Tools & Repairs	200.00
409.360 · Building Utilities	21,100.00
409.370 · Bldg Repairs & Maintenance	11,500.00
409.372 · Bldg Improvements	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total 409 · BUILDING EXPENSES	55,800.00
Total 400 · GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	305,412.00
410 · POLICE DEPARTMENT	
410.100 · POLICE EMPLOYEE WAGES	
410.121 · Salary - Police Chief	77,000.00
410.130 · Salary - Full Time Officers	124,000.00
410.131 · OT - Full Time	15,000.00
410.132 · Police Bonuses	0.00
410.135 · Salary - Part Time Police	30,000.00
410.136 · OT - Part Time	18,000.00
410.138 · Salary - Traffic Attendant	4,000.00
410.142 · Salary - Longevity	4,000.00
410.144 · Salary - Court	8,000.00
410.145 · Salary - Reimbursable	2,000.00
410.147 · Police Contracted Sick Days	6,000.00

410.190 · Police Prevention Network	<u>14,000.00</u>
Total 410.100 · POLICE EMPLOYEE WAGES	302,000.00
410.150 · POLICE EMPLOYEE EXPENSES	
410.191 · Police Uniform Allow - Full	2,500.00
410.192 · Police Uniform Allow - Part	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 410.150 · POLICE EMPLOYEE EXPENSES	4,000.00
410.200 · POLICE DEPT EXPENSES	
410.205 · Police Copy Machine	1,400.00
410.210 · Police Supplies	800.00
410.231 · Police Vehicle Fuel	12,000.00
410.237 · Police Training & Education	1,500.00
410.242 · Police Guns & Ammo	1,800.00
410.250 · Police Vehicle Repairs	4,000.00
410.260 · Police Small Tool & Minor Equip	500.00
410.300 · Police Other Services & Charges	2,900.00
410.321 · Police Telephone	4,000.00
410.325 · Police Postage	250.00
410.327 · Police Radio Equip & Mainten	800.00
410.331 · Police Travel Expenses	125.00
410.341 · Police Advertising	100.00
410.342 · Police Printing	200.00
410.420 · Police Dues and Subscriptions	150.00
410.450 · Police Photographer	250.00
410.710 · Police Accutrak	800.00
410.910 · Police Animal Control	<u>1,400.00</u>
Total 410.200 · POLICE DEPT EXPENSES	<u>32,975.00</u>
Total 410 · POLICE DEPARTMENT	338,975.00
411 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	
411.100 · FIRE WAGES	
411.121 · Salary - Fire Chief	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 411.100 · FIRE WAGES	1,500.00
411.200 · FIRE DEPT EXPENSES	
411.210 · Fire Operating Supplies	2,000.00
411.231 · Fire Vehicle Fuel	4,000.00
411.235 · Fire Uniform Allowance	11,000.00
411.237 · Fire Education & Training	150.00
411.250 · Fire Repair & Maintenance	15,000.00
411.260 · Fire Small Tools & Minor Equip	2,500.00
411.321 · Fire Telephone	2,600.00
411.327 · Fire Radio Equipment & Mainten	500.00
411.360 · Fire Utilities	10,000.00
411.730 · Fire Airpacks	9,860.00
411.750 · Fire Hose Replacement	2,000.00
411.900 · Fireman's Relief Reimbursement	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total 411.200 · FIRE DEPT EXPENSES	<u>79,610.00</u>
Total 411 · FIRE DEPARTMENT	81,110.00
414 · PLANNING & ZONING	
414.100 · CEO WAGES	
414.120 · Salary - CEO	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total 414.100 · CEO WAGES	3,000.00
414.210 · Building Inspector	15,000.00
414.220 · CEO - Operating Supplies	1,150.00
414.321 · CEO - Cell Phone	300.00
414.510 · Planning/Zoning Hearing Fees	<u>300.00</u>
Total 414 · PLANNING & ZONING	19,750.00
415 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	
415.100 · Personal Services	<u>100.00</u>
Total 415 · EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	100.00

426 · GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICES	
426.300 · Recycling Program	23,000.00
426.450 · Garbage Contract	258,000.00
<b>Total 426 · GARBAGE &amp; RECYCLING SERVICES</b>	<b>281,000.00</b>
430 · PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES	
430.100 · STREET EMPLOYEE WAGES	
430.110 · Salary - Laborer	161,500.00
430.131 · Salary - Summer Help	12,000.00
430.143 · Street Overtime	24,000.00
<b>Total 430.100 · STREET EMPLOYEE WAGES</b>	<b>197,500.00</b>
430.200 · STREET DEPT EXPENSES	
430.220 · Street Operation Supplies	8,000.00
430.238 · Street Uniform Allowance	1,000.00
430.321 · Street Telephone	3,200.00
430.360 · Street Utilities	0.00
<b>Total 430.200 · STREET DEPT EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,200.00</b>
432.000 · WINTER MAINTENANCE	
432.100 · Snow & Ice (Salt / Cinder)	18,000.00
432.200 · Coldpatch	3,000.00
<b>Total 432.000 · WINTER MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>21,000.00</b>
433.000 · ELECTRIC - SIGNALS & LIGHTS	
433.370 · Traffic Signal - Repair & Maint	4,500.00
433.631 · Traffic Signals - Electricity	1,000.00
434.631 · Street Lights - Electricity	70,000.00
<b>Total 433.000 · ELECTRIC - SIGNALS &amp; LIGHTS</b>	<b>75,500.00</b>
435.000 · PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE	
435.100 · Street Sidewalks & Crosswalks	1,000.00
435.200 · Street Signs	1,500.00
436.100 · Street Storm Sewers & Drains	3,000.00
436.200 · Street Storm Sewer Vac Rental	2,000.00
437.100 · Street Vehicle Fuel	13,000.00
437.150 · Street Vehicle Repair & Mainten	14,000.00
437.200 · Street Small Tools & Equip	2,000.00
437.300 · Street Machine Rental	1,000.00
438.330 · Street Slag & Road Materials	3,000.00
439.100 · Street Highway & Road Repairs	5,000.00
<b>Total 435.000 · PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>45,500.00</b>
<b>Total 430 · PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES</b>	<b>351,700.00</b>
450 · CULTURE & RECREATION EXPENSES	
451.500 · Recreation Board Allocation	4,000.00
451.550 · Recreation Board Equipment	100.00
451.560 · Annual Community Celebration	3,000.00
454.570 · Christmas Lights - Electricity	500.00
454.600 · Parks - Capital Construction	100.00
456.500 · Baden Library Allocation	18,000.00
456.505 · Library Repairs & Misc Services	2,100.00
457.500 · Veterans Center Contribution	525.00
<b>Total 450 · CULTURE &amp; RECREATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>28,325.00</b>
460 · COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
460.372 · Property Demolition	15,000.00
<b>Total 460 · COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
470 · DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE	
471.301 · 2013 Police Car Lease/Purchase	10,800.00
471.302 · 2015 Police Car Lease/Purchase	7,200.00
471.550 · 2014 Street Loan Princ (2019)	0.00
475.100 · Bond Fiscal Agent Fees	0.00

Total 470 · DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE	18,000.00
481 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
481.100 · Social Security / Medicare	48,540.00
481.300 · PSAB U/C Insurance	10,000.00
483.100 · Pension - Police	69,500.00
483.300 · Pension - Non-Uniform	38,500.00
483.350 · Pension Actuarial Fees	5,400.00
484.100 · Workers Comp. Insurance	60,000.00
Total 481 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	231,940.00
486 · INSURANCE & BONDS	
486.100 · General Property & Liability	95,500.00
486.200 · Administrative Bonds	2,850.00
487.100 · Health Insurance Benefit	130,000.00
487.110 · Health Insur Employee Contribs	0.00
487.200 · Life Insurance Benefit	1,000.00
487.210 · Life Insurance Contributions	0.00
Total 486 · INSURANCE & BONDS	229,350.00
490 · OTHER FINANCING USES	
491.100 · Refunds of Prior Year Revenues	0.00
491.810 · Misc. Reimbursable	10,000.00
491.811 · MA Wages - Reimbursable	1,000.00
491.812 · Muni Authority Expenses	0.00
491.815 · Capital Outlay	42,000.00
491.820 · Contingency Fund	28,968.00
492.000 · INTERFUND TRANSFERS TO	
492.120 · Transfer to Fire Truck Fund	10,000.00
492.140 · Transfer to Bond Debt Svc Fund	113,000.00
492.200 · TRANSFERS TO SPECIAL REVENUES	
492.240 · Transfer to Equipment Fund	5,000.00
492.245 · Transfer to Flag Fund	250.00
Total 492.200 · TRANSFERS TO SPECIAL REVENUES	5,250.00
Total 492.000 · INTERFUND TRANSFERS TO	128,250.00
Total 490 · OTHER FINANCING USES	210,218.00
Total Expense	2,110,880.00
Net Income	0.00

Mayor Gagliardi addressed the savings from the bond reissue as well as the sale of 330 State Street. He felt that taxes should be cut by one mill or at least a half of mill and give the balance to the fire department. Discussion took place regarding the need for street repairs and possibly purchasing a used, instead of new street sweeper. Mr. Stuban stated there road repairs and new equipment has been needed for a long time but there was no money to do anything about it because council did not want to increase taxes. With the bond refinance there is the money available to move on these much needed repairs and purchases. The Mayor felt that the citizens should see some tax savings. Discussion took place regarding how the state funding for pension was determined and distributed as well as the difference between the defined benefit that the police have and the defined contribution that the non-uniform employees have. The cost to support the police pension of 4 officers is greater than the cost to support the pension of 7 non-uniform employees.

Mayor Gagliardi noted that the police department pays 2% into their health benefits as well as taking a pay freeze during their previous negotiation contract.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to advertise for 10 day review, with the intent to adopt the general fund budget as amended in the amount of \$2,110,880.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to advertise the Ordinance to keep the tax rate at 26.5 mills for 2017.



Discussion took place regarding the repair and replacement of fire hydrants. Council thought that the hydrants have always been repaired/replaced by public works. Mr. Josapak stated that he went back through the log books that go back to the early 1900. He went back through the last 18 years and only 1 new hydrant was installed. There were repairs done on 25 to 30 hydrants but only 1 was actually replaced. It takes two guys 4 days to replace one hydrant without problems. He also noted that 7 or 8 of the hydrants are located on waterlines that need replaced so Mr. Josapak does not recommend replacing those hydrants until the waterlines are replaced. He felt that an outside contractor should replace the hydrants.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to have the engineer do a study and get a cost for a private contractor to fix/replace the fire hydrants as determined by their study.

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

Mr. Kotula stated that the library roof repair and railing has been repaired. The next step will be to repair the cement steps and walkway in the spring. Mr. Shelkons expressed his concern about the condition of the railing and the possible chance of someone getting hurt. Mr. Kotula noted that he will look into the issue.

Mr. Kotula gave an update on the \$6,500 grant from Duquesne Light. The check should be received sometime in early December.

#### **Public Safety (Ted Kotula)**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to hire four part time officers (Dan Frederick, Mike Fabanich, Brian Macintyre, and Jacob Weston).

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to set PennDOT Route 65 project police rate at \$75 per hour.

#### **Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)**

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the company from Texas only has enough funding to purchase one of the trucks. There is a company from Tennessee interested in the other truck.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to purchase a new plow at the cost of \$6,450.

#### **Library (Suzie Furr)**

Mrs. Furr stated that the library approved their budget and the fund raising envelopes will be mailed out soon.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Furr, second by Mr. Shelkons, carried unanimously to appoint Tara Phillips from Wayne Street to the Library Board.

Mr. Stuban asked that a copy of the Library By-laws be supplied to council for review.

#### **Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Furr, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to appoint Robert Weber and Kelly Folmer to the Recreation Board.

Santa will be driven around the town on a fire truck on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mrs. Montell addressed Council in regards to a teacher at State Street School wanting to have a tulip garden in the borough park. Discussion took place regarding location and safety. Council had no problem with the request.

**Solicitor's Report**

Nothing to report

**Engineer's Report**

Not present.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gagliardi had questions regarding the dog barking ordinance. How loud is loud? How long is a long period of time? Mr. Amato stated that this is difficult and he asked that council review the ordinance and come up with some suggestions.

Chief Christner addressed the need to advertise for another crossing guard (backup). Discussion concluded that the Education Board had to address this issue. His main concern was not having police backup when the crossing guard was not available to work. If the police have a call then the students are left without the safety of a crossing guard.

**President's Report**

Mr. Besong had nothing to report.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kotula thanked Mr. Weber for his hard work. Mr. Weber asked Council about who is responsible for monitoring residents who are dumping fill onto their property. Council said that if the fill is changing slope or water runoff then the Building Inspector and Engineer may need to be involved.

Mr. Stuban asked when the old car from the Applefest is going to be removed. Mr. Weber stated that he would address this matter. Discussion also followed regarding Harvey placing a trailer and vehicles in the borough right of way. Mr. Weber was told to address Mr. Weber regarding this matter. Mr. Weber also asked the something be put in the paper regarding the ordinance that prohibits residents from blowing leaves onto the borough roads.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



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Borough Secretary  
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