

**SPECIAL MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2015**

Council President Mrs. Montell called the Special Meeting of Council 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. Besong, Mr. Kotula, Mrs. Michaels, Mr. Stuban, Mr. Trzcianka, and Mrs. Montell (Not Present: Mrs. Vilella)

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Richard Starts

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

No Visitors

RESIGNATION OF CYNTHIA KRISTEK

MOTION by Mrs. Michaels, second by Mr. Besong, carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Cynthia Kristek.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Stuban commented that there is now a vacancy for tax collector. By code, council has 30 days to fill the vacancy. If after 30 days council does not fill the position, the vacancy board will have 15 days to fill the vacancy. If not filled by that time, anyone has the right to petition the county courts who would then appoint someone.

Mr. Stuban also commented that the borough has gotten a court order stating that the secretary is currently collecting the taxes. So anyone who needs to pay their taxes may do so at the borough office.

The main concern now is filling the vacancy. Whoever is chosen to fill the vacancy will only serve until December. In November there will be a special election for the balance of the two year term. This is not a council matter but for information purpose the Democratic and Republican Committees with both select one person to for the ballot

For the current opening there are many people interested in the position. For this reason Mr. Stuban felt that anyone interested in the position should submit a resume and letter of qualification to the borough office by the March 16th meeting. Some of the qualifications do include taking and passing a test and the individual must be able to be bonded.

Discussion took place regarding getting an outside company to collect the taxes. This can only be done through the direction of the elected tax collector.

The request for resumes will be put in the newspaper.

Further discussion took place regarding bonding and the borough and school district sharing in the cost of bonding. As for software and office space this is something to

discuss in the future. Comment was made that the Mayor's office was one intended to be the tax collector's office.

Mr. Kostial asked if the borough is missing money. Mrs. Montell noted that no comment may be made at this time. Solicitor Rick Start elaborated on the need for the justice system to take its course and no comments to be made at this time.

Further discussion took place as to who is responsible or current situation regarding the tax collections and past record keeping.

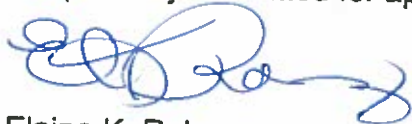
Further questions could not be answered. No charges have been filed yet against the individual. The County detectives are gathering their information.

A resident asked why this was not caught during audits. Mr. Stuban noted that the way this was done took years to come to fruition. Solicitor Start commented that the term lapping of funds will explain how this was done.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
March 16, 2015