

**REGULAR SESSION
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 15, 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, Mrs. Montell, Mr. Shelkons, Mr. Stuban, and Mr. Trzcianka and Mr. Besong (Not Present: Mr. Kotula)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gagliardi, Solicitor Zane Madden, Police Chief Dave Christner, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Weber

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

The President of the Baden Youth Association from 362 Prospect Street presented to council for approval a sign sample that the BYA would like to post at the ball field to prevent the field from being damaged from misuse and dog droppings.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to authorize the placement of the signs at the ball field.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of October 16th and 18th, 2017.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS – None

ORDINANCES – None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Beaver County Chamber of Commerce regarding an Economic Development Taskforce to promote the businesses and municipalities that will be affected by the Crow's Run Improvement Project.
2. Ambridge Water Authority regarding their requirement to install and test backflow prevention devices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Ledger Balance \$229,176 Expenses \$185,485
- Water Fund Balance \$166,618 Expenses \$54,730

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

Not Present.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to approve keyless entry to the first door evidence room in the police department for approximately \$500.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to purchase camera lens for the police department at a cost not to exceed \$200.

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of 4 Tasers at a cost of \$965. Chief Christner stated that there was a better deal; a three year purchase plan which appeared to cost more when Mr. Stuban questioned the costs. The purchase of the 4 Tasers was tabled until next month when all of the questions may be answered.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to increase Community Room Rental to \$100 with \$25 deposit.

Community Relations (Michael Stuban)

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to advertise the reorganization meeting for January 2nd 2018 at 6:30 PM.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously advertise tax rate for 2018 unchanged.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously fix the fire hydrant on Bauman Avenue with labor cost of \$1,100 and materials of \$3,000.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to advertise the General Fund Budget for 10 day review with the intent to adopt.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to advertise the Water Fund Budget for 10 day review with the intent to adopt.

Mr. Stuban addressed the Water Fund Budget stating that a rate increase is necessary. We had budgeted \$770,000 in water revenue and we are only at \$727,000 in collection. There has been a steady decrease in the revenues over the past 4 to 5 years. Also, a few years ago Ambridge Water Authority raised the rates for bulk water that Baden Borough purchases. The borough did not fully adjust the water rates to reflect the rate increase in Ambridge Water Authority because council did not want to burden the residents at that time. Now the time has come where we (the borough) can't pick up the difference. Something has to be done. Revenues are down because of more vacant properties and residents who are watching their water consumption. The Mayor asked if the Bond Issue has anything to do with the need to raise rates. Mr. Stuban stated no and that actually the refinancing of the Bond was for water repairs and did not change our annual payments. He asked that council review the rate information for next month's meeting.

Mr. Stuban addressed council about recognizing residents (Baden born) who have went on and done well for themselves. He felt that recognition and a write up the newsletter would be a great idea. Mr. Stuban mentioned Catherine Moore (now deceased) who was one of the first women aviators in the nation. She was born in Baden. Another gentleman the Mr. Stuban mentioned was Rob Massi who is a well-known attorney and analyst for Fox News. He was born in Baden. He asked council to consider recognizing Mr. Massi next month.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Nothing to Report

Library / Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the library Wassailing Walk will be on December 1st from 5:30PM to 8:30PM. Mrs. Trzcianka stated that tickets are \$25 to participate in the walk. There are 10 stations (Beauty Academy, Baden Borough, Library is having 5 stations, Lutheran Church and Methodist Church). Each station should have an alcoholic beverage and hors d'oeuvres. She also asked for police patrol since there will be walkers throughout the town.

Mr. Furr stated that new flags were placed at the cemetery and park thanks to Bob Weber. She thanked everyone who helped with the Halloween parade.

Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Judi Montell)

Mrs. Montell had nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report.

Engineer's Report

Not Present. Written report presented as follows:

1. Paving Project

Contractor will have to finish Paving in the spring of 2018.

2. Roof Library

Bids for the project were opened on October 2nd, 2017. The low bidder is S & N Industries, LLC of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania with a total bid of \$49,900.00.

Contract documents for this project are being assembled.

3. Generator – Prospect Street Booster Station

The electrical inspection was completed (passed) and the results have been sent to Duquesne Light. Now we wait for Duquesne Light to disconnect the unneeded power service on the building.

Once this is done, the contractor will come back and complete demolition for the project and we can close the project out.

4. MS4 Stormwater Management

The Borough's outfalls are being inspected using the process outlined in the Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Program (IDD&E) documentation. We will complete this effort in the next few months and document the results for the Borough's MS4 files.

The police department provided escort to our crew to obtain data along SR 65.

Mayor's Report

Chief Christner stated that the police department has done some traffic details because of complaints of speeding in town. They concentrated on speeding on Harmony Road and Phillips Street as well as not stopping at stop signs.

Mr. Stuban asked how the new part time officers are working out. Chief Christner stated that three of them are excellent and one has a lot to learn since he is fresh out of the academy. Mr. Stuban asked if the chief is personally training them. Chief Christner stated that he, Alvarez and Shipley all take turns training the part time officers. The

Chief teaches them about the operations and Alvarez/Shipleigh teach them how to be policemen. He stated that three of the four were already police officers so there was not too much training needed. Mr. Stuban stated that a form needs to be made up that the Chief should sign off on stating that the part time officers have successfully passed the probation/training period.

President's Report

Mr. Besong wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
December 18, 2017