

## **PRE-MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL May 14, 2018**

Council President Judi Montell called the Pre-Meeting 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, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell (Not Present: Mr. Besong)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Sam Gagliardi, CEO Bob Weber

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

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

### **VISITORS**

Lesabeth Trzcianka, President of the Baden Memorial Library asked Council if they would submit a matching grant through Representative Matzie's office for new doors, locks and handicap lift. The grant is a 50/50 match. Mrs. Montel asked for a cost of the project because without a monetary figure council may not commit to anything. Discussion took place regarding location and maintenance of the handicap lift and asking Widmer for cost estimates.

Harvey Marenic addressed council in regards to his zoning changing from Light Industrial to Highway Commercial. This is preventing him from getting a salvage license. The state will not give a license in L1 zoning unless he puts up a fence which he is unable to do because it would be too close to his property and prevent access to his property. Harvey addressed purchasing/leasing the borough property (which is actually a paper alley. Discussion also took place who maintains the alley area property. Mr. Stuban was present and asked if he recalled when zoning was changed. He stated that a comprehensive plan was done and everything was advertised for public review. Mr. Stuban noted that any action to change the zoning would have to be prompted by Harvey. Mrs. Montell also stated to Harvey that the cost associated with the zoning change would have to be paid for by Harvey. He had no problem with paying the fees as long as they are not tens of thousands of dollars. Harvey explained how having a salvage license would help him turnover and get rid of the vehicles. Mr. Shelkons addressed his concern of Harvey not having enough property room to house vehicles. Harvey stated that the license would assist with moving the cars out. Further discussion took place regarding additional options for Harvey which included Harvey purchasing another property to store his overflow of vehicles. Discussion then took place regarding curbing by Lane Construction as part of the Penn Dot Route 65 construction. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she spoke to the Route 65 Construction Manager that morning and she was told that no curbing was planned or will be done for this area. Mr. Trzcianka asked that Mr. Josapak take a look at the curbing area and take pictures if necessary. Mr. Kotula noted that he has no problem with helping a business out in town in regards to changing zoning if it is going to help them out. Mr. Kotula's problem with Harvey is that year after year they have to come down to his business to address the overflow of vehicles. Then Harvey cleans it up, but a few weeks later it is back the way it was. It is one vicious cycle that should not be necessary to take place. Mrs. Montell agreed with Mr. Kotula. Mr. Shelkons asked Harvey to explain where he is putting fencing. Harvey explained that it will go along the back and down the south side of the building. Harvey further explained how he has to get rid of cars, oil, tires.... Harvey was told that he needs to request a zoning hearing

and fill out the appropriate paperwork to start the process. Harvey asked if council was ok with him putting up the fence. Mrs. Rakovan noted that a permit is needed for the fence.

Mark Kolakowski commended Officer Shipley for taking care of people parking illegally on State Street by Center Street. Officer Shipley handed out a parking ticket and the problem has been resolved.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Secretary**

#### **Wooden Map File**

Measurements and pictures are finally done. Emailed the information to Mr. Trzcianka who has kindly offered to assist in placing the information on Municibid.

#### **Tablet for Public Works**

Purchased and given to Up & Running to set up.

#### **Leak Detection Equipment**

The Leak Detection Equipment is built upon a basic detection set. It is recommended that the basic detection set be purchased and if the additional kit is needed to purchase it at a later date.

#### **Junk Dealer Ordinance**

The amended junk dealer ordinance was presented to Council again during last month's meeting. Council needs to review and determine if changes are needed or advertise for adoption

#### **Newsletter**

The proof is done and given to council to review.

#### **Glat Auto**

Annual Service Agreement \$375 per vehicle

#### **Liquor License for Sheetz**

During Wednesday's meeting Council will need to approve the transfer of a liquor license from Ambridge to the Baden Sheetz. This will be done via a Resolution.

#### **Norfolk Southern request to tie into West View Water Baden water service line**

Norfolk Southern has requested to tie into West View Water's service line. Mr. Josapak is aware of this request and is fine with it. This is something that will not take place in the near future.

#### **Insurance Issues**

- Tree landed on car – Schiller Street – Tree ended up not being from Borough property. The property is owned by the Beaver County Commissioners.
- Fire Truck pulled down power line on Harmony Road – Turned over to our insurance but denied because the electric lines were lower than the state minimum height requirements. Resident needs to pursue this matter with Duquesne Light.

#### **John Shelkons vs Norfolk Southern Railway Company**

The final inspection of the site of the crossing where Pinney Street crosses above the tracks of Norfolk Southern will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 12:00 PM.

#### **Police Negotiations**

Letter was sent to the Police Department stating that we are in receipt of their request to start negotiations and that someone from the Public Safety Committee will be contacting them.

**Landslides**

Estimated cost for the engineering study only....

Forest and Athalia – Due to the steepness of the slopes, a wall will most likely be required to fix the slide area. We'd like to drill a test boring at the top of the hill and at the base. Access at the base will be an issue; it looks like its private property. Cost would be \$6,000 - \$7,000. That cost does not include the design of the actual retaining wall.

Ehman and Circle – The slope can most likely be rebuilt with stone or suitable soils. We'd like to drill one test boring at the top of the hill. Cost would be \$5,000 - \$6,000.

**Culvert under Milton Street**

Asked the engineer to inspect the culvert after a resident notified Rodney Keenan from Public Works that it was collapsing. The engineer did state that a visual inspection did show major changes from the last inspection years ago. Tony Sadaka will further discuss this matter with council during the Wednesday meeting.

**North Avenue Repair**

The engineer gave cost options to council for repairing the lower part of North Avenue. Highest option is \$70,000 and the lowest is \$35,000. The engineer recommends the option that will cost approximately \$54,000. They would like to do them as add-ons with the street paving project.

Mr. Trzcianka asked about fixing the area at the bottom of North Avenue when you turn right onto old State Street you end up driving up onto the sidewalk. Mrs. Rakovan commented that she already asked the engineer to address this matter also.

Mr. Weber commented that Young Blood milled Milton Street from Schiller to Rotteck and they never paved it. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she would ask the engineer about it.

**Public Works**

Discussion took place regarding the Milton Street culvert. Need to wait and see what the engineer says needs to be done.

**CEO**

Mr. Weber stated that with all the rain the grass is getting high. He has four properties with very high grass and he is giving the property owners until next week to cut it. The attorney asked the CEO to inspect Harvey's so he did. He sent out 36 letters telling people to cut their grass. There are 5 houses with reverse mortgages. When he called the mortgages companies they told him that if they can't sale the property to get the money out of it, the mortgage companies just lets them go.

**Police Department**

Mayor Gagliardi addressed how last year he mentioned having prisoners cut grass but they need to know 6 to 8 weeks in advance so they may schedule the workers. Mayor Gagliardi mentioned having them cut the vacant properties. Mr. Trzcianka noted that they can't go on private property.

**Fire Department**

Not present

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Finance (John Shelkons)**

General Fund Balance	\$258,966	Expenses \$115,362
Water Fund Balance	\$128,354	Expenses \$14,510

Mr. Shelkons addressed the Jefferson Street property. The cost for the borough to purchase the property will be less than \$500 which is at 90% discount and fees. Price estimates are needed for tearing down the structure.

Mr. Shelkons noted that the repair of North Avenue needs to be looked at on the financial end.

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

Mr. Kotula stated that he spoke to Alvarez regarding setting up a meeting date to start negotiations. He is going to get some dates together and send them over to Alvarez to pick a good time for everyone.

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

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the library railing that was stolen is being replaced by a newly built one. Weather permitting it will be put up over the weekend.

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

Mr. Trzcianka stated that there are no additional applications for summer help. A question took place regarding age requirement. It was determined that as long as they have a driver's license. Mrs. Rakovan was asked to put it on Facebook and in the newsletter. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he will make a motion of Wednesday to hire the summer help and that if there is no work for them (raining) he can send them home. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she reached out to the ORV to see if we can get Kade again to work through their program this summer.

#### **Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

#### **Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)**

Mrs. Singleton stated that the community yard sale is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)**

Not present.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gagliardi asked if the library will be ready for Memorial Day. Mayor Gagliardi asked about the amended Junk Dealer Ordinance. Mrs. Montell stated to ignore this ordinance and another amendment is coming soon.

#### **Old Business Not on the Agenda, New Business or Unfinished Business**

Mrs. Singleton asked about the burn ordinance. She was told that the police should be called when the burning is taking place.

#### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Mrs. Montell stated that the dedication of the statue in front of the American Legion will take place during the Memorial Day parade.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Singleton wanted to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session regarding the police negotiations. It was explained to her that the committee first needs to meet

with the police to discuss what they want. Then this information would be presented by the committee to council.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
June 18, 2018