

**REGULAR MEETING  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

Council President Judi Montell called the Regular 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:** Mr. Besong, Mrs. Furr, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Solicitor James Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka, Sgt. David Alvarez

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

**VISITORS**

Mrs. Spence from Third Street addressed council in regards to a neighbor's boyfriend parking a commercial truck at the end of the road in front of her house and preventing passage for emergency vehicles and causing the cars to back up into Mrs. Spence's driveway because the end of the road has no cul-de-sac. Mr. Trzcianka asked that the police contact the business owner to inform them that they can't park there. Mr. Kotula asked if there is anything posted regarding no parking in this area. Sgt. Alvarez is going to look into this matter.

John Theodore from Schiller Street addressed an abandoned car located on the street at 716 Schiller Street for over three years. The vehicle is not inspected. The owner of the vehicle stated that he is working on the vehicle. They have asked the police on numerous times to do something about it. Sgt. Alvarez stated that there is a process involved and he will look into this matter. Mr. Theodore also asked about a large tree on the opposite side of his home that is leaning towards the street. The tree is located on private property (believed to be owned by the county). Mr. Josapak was asked to check into this matter.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to pay all bills with two signatures.

**RESOLUTIONS - None**

**ORDINANCES - None**

**BIDS - None**

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. September 24<sup>th</sup> letter from Randolph D. Dobich stating that as that day he is resigning his position at Baden Public Works.
2. September 21<sup>st</sup> letter from Economy Ambulance Services requesting a contribution from Baden Borough dedicated to the purchase of a new ambulance.
3. October 1<sup>st</sup> email from Ubility Software Company informing the borough that effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 they will no longer be in business and the borough needs to find a new software company.
4. October 2<sup>nd</sup> email from HA Thomson regarding an extension date to November 1<sup>st</sup> to respond to the liability issues that need to be corrected in the Baden Borough parks.
5. October 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from Randolph D. Dobich asking to remain in his position at Baden Public Works due to a change in circumstances.
6. October 16<sup>th</sup> email from Waste Management thanking council for the input during Monday's meeting and the action plan they have put in place to resolve our issues.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Ledger Balance \$180,239 Expenses \$170,573
- Water Fund Ledger Balance \$206,473 Expenses \$68,709

### Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

**MOTION** by Ted Kotula, second by Dave Trzcianka carried unanimously to ratify the executive session held on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM regarding Police Negotiations.

Mr. Kotula stated that he will ask for an executive session at the end of the meeting regarding Police Negotiations.

Mr. Kotula asked to review the GPS Resolution for next month discussion and adoption.

**MOTION** by Ted Kotula, second by Dave Trzcianka carried unanimously to request PennDot to do a traffic study on Route 65 from Logan's Lane to McDonalds to begin the reduce speed to 45 mph starting at Logan's instead of after McDonalds. No cost to the borough.

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

#### Walkway

**MOTION** by Ted Kotula, second by Dave Trzcianka carried unanimously to authorize the additional cost to properly prep and repair the base surface of the walkway at a cost of \$1,900.

November 6<sup>th</sup> elections will be moved to the downstairs community room due to the walkway repair.

**Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)**

Mr. Trzcianka reported on the engineering cost estimates for waterline repairs.

- Berry Street (Ehman to Dead End) \$143,000
- Ehman (State to Grandview) \$143,000
- North (Entire Length) \$524,000

Mr. Trzcianka asked that we look into a short term loan to help pay for some of these repairs.

Mr. Trzcianka went over the Water Tank inspection to-do list.

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the committee will be reviewing the applications for public works.

**Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)**

Nothing to report.

**Library (Suzie Furr)**

Nothing to report.

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

Mrs. Singleton stated that the Applefest went well and she will have a report at next month's meeting.

Halloween parade – October 20th

Mrs. Singleton stated that the insurance request for playground action will be discussed at their October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)**

Mr. Besong addressed Duquesne Light not permitting flags and Christmas lights on their poles. Mr. Kotula stated that this is all rumor and nothing was told directly to the borough. He stated that the Christmas lights may be an issue because we will have to connect to the electric, but the flag brackets should not be an issue.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to report

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Sadaka stated that he supplied a written report.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Furr carried unanimously to reject all bids for the Forrest/Athalia Street retaining wall.

Mr. Kotula asked if there was an update on the restoration of Tevebaugh Road. Mr. Josapak stated that they (West View Water contractor) have been down there and did some work/grading but it is not to what it should be. Mr. Kotula asked for an update for next month's meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gagliardi reported that there was \$618.09 collected in fines last month. There were 284 calls last month.

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

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mrs. Montell stated that she called Monaca Borough in regards to their new fine ordinance for code violations. Monaca will be sending a copy of the ordinance to Baden once they adopt the ordinance.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to go into executive session at 7:03 PM regarding police negotiations.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton carried unanimously to return to session at 7: 43 PM.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Mr. Besong, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully-submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
November 12, 2018