

## REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2019

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:** Mrs. Furr, Mr. Sheikons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell (Not present – Mr. Besong)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Police Chief Christner, Public Works Foreman Michael Josapak, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Weber, Solicitor James Arrato, Engineer Tony Sadaka

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

### AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

### VISITORS

Mrs. Spence from 1031 Third Street addressed council in regards to getting a no parking zone at the end of Third Street to enable emergency vehicle to turn around as well as plow, garbage and delivery trucks to go through and turn around. Currently some vehicles are driving down her drive way to turn around. Chief Christner noted that a sign has been posted at the end of the road. He stated that painting the curb would solve this issue but it would also cause very limited parking in this area and then we may also have to address all of the other dead-end roads that are struggling with the same issue. However, by taking this action it would give emergency vehicles the ability to turn around. Mr. Kotula had no issue with painting the yellow curb. Discussion took place regarding how many homes have driveways. Mr. Trzcianka recommended that the Chief and engineer take a look at the road and parking situation on Third Street.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to authorize the engineer and police chief to evaluate the problem with parking and Third Street and have the road crew do whatever recommendation comes from their assessment.

Mrs. Giordani from Collins Avenue asked council for an update on the property across the street from their residents and the shed that they feel was built too close to the property line. Mrs. Montell stated that as of now this is a civil matter and if there is complaint to be filed with the borough it must be done by the next door neighbor as well as a certified property line survey needs to be posted and submitted with the complaint.

Mrs. Ketterer, owner of Punks Ice Cream had a question on her water bill and the meter numbers reading not corresponding with the bills. Mrs. Ketterer was asked to set up a time where the foreman, Mike Josapak would be able to check the meter.

John Marrow from 327 Wayne Street addressed council in regards to a few things. The first item was the ordinance for dog barking. There is a very intimidating dog at the end of the alley way by the car was that is not leashed and barks continuously on the porch. He asked that this be addressed by the appropriate official. The second item is the broken glass all over the streets from the recycling trucks. The last item is speeding on Wayne Street by the parishioners of the church. The police chief stated that he will address the dog barking. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she will address the glass on the streets from the recycling trucks. Chief Christner was asked by council to check into the speeding on Wayne Street. The final item is mail being stolen from mailboxes by the

students at the Prevention Network. Chief Christner stated that he will talk with Jeremy Angus at the Prevention Network regarding this matter.

Mr. Shultz from the trailer court addressed council in regards to moving his trailer and getting him a dumpster to clean up the spot where he would like to move his trailer. Mr. Trzcianka stated that the property owner should be responsible for the cleanup. It is not Baden Borough property or trailer. Mr. Trzcianka asked Mr. Shultz if he got prices to move the trailer. He stated that he has a few. Mr. Trzcianka asked that he give that information to the borough secretary. Discussion took place regarding the federal guidelines and permits that are required to move a trailer. The trailer would have to be inspected and the new location for the trailer has to meet all of the current HUD regulations for anchoring the trailer. Council asked that the property owner be notified to clean-up the trailers.

Jason Martin addressed council in regards to the crosswalk for Kids Connection on Virginia Avenue. He stated that for the second time his wife and kids almost got hit crossing Virginia Avenue from the parking lot to Kids Connection. The crosswalk was painted for the past 17 years and he understands why the crosswalk is no longer being painted by the borough because it is not a legal crosswalk, but something needs to be done to address the safety of the pedestrians crossing the road. He recommended putting in speed bumps. Discussion followed regarding moving the location of the crosswalk and other options.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have the engineer evaluate the crosswalk situation on Virginia.

## **MINUTES**

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

## **BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

## **RESOLUTIONS - None**

## **ORDINANCES - None**

## **BIDS - None**

## **CORRESPONDENCE - None**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### *Finance (John Shelkons)*

- General Fund Ledger Balance \$50,668 Expenses \$141,715
- Water Fund Ledger Balance \$118,027 Expenses \$47,916
- Municipal Authority has increased their quarterly rate by \$5 starting with the first quarter of 2019. The new minimum utility bill will be \$158.75.
- CDBG 2019 Grant Applications are due by March 29, 2019.

**MOTION** by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton carried unanimously to submit the Library steps and ramp for this year's CDBG Funding.

- Concordia has filed a tax appeal for exempt status of their property.

**Public Safety (Ted Kotula)**

- Police Negotiations – The Borough negotiation attorney has made additional changes the verbiage per the request of the police. We are waiting for the police to respond.
- Full Time Police – Mayor Gagliardi addressed council in regards to the problem with keeping part time officers and the need to hire additional part time officers.
- Cross Walk on Virginia Avenue – Discussed during visitors section.
- New Police Vehicle – The cost for a new police vehicle through COSTAR will be \$25,430 (leased across three years) and the vehicle markings through IBISTEK will be \$11,303.

**MOTION** by Ted Kotula, second by Dave Trzcianka carried unanimously to purchase a new police vehicle.

**MOTION** by Ted Kotula, second by Dawn Singleton carried unanimously to put the explorer out on Muncibid with a minimum bid of \$7,500.

- Base Radio – The base radio for the police department is not working. Dave Trzcianka to look into this matter.

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

- Display case for borough entryway – for Mayor's Award and important borough information.

**MOTION** by Ted Kotula, second by Dawn Singleton carried unanimously to purchase a display case for the borough entry way not to exceed \$300.

- Sound System for Council Chambers – Obtaining price quotes
- Baden Trailer Court – moving of trailer, condition of the trailer and who is responsible.

**MOTION** by Ted Kotula, second by Suzie Furr carried unanimously to authorize the solicitor to be involved in the trailer court matter.

**Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)**

- 887 Riverview – cited and posted as uninhabitable. Need to wait 30 days before boarding up the property.
- Tevebaugh Road – Engineering weight study limit is 10 tons (Need to post signs).

**MOTION** by Dave Trzcianka, second by Suzie Furr carried unanimously to post the 10 ton weight limit signs on Tevebaugh Road and to not permit overweight vehicles that are not local deliveries with Baden Borough.

- Milton Street Culvert – Table at this time for further review and possible legal matter. No further discussion.
- Guard Rail (Harmony Road) \$17/LF plus installation. Upper Harmony \$14,807 without installation cost. Lower Harmony \$10,577 and \$14,042 without installation cost. Cost for guard rails throughout the borough will be \$84,716 without installation. Will revisit guard rails at a later time due to the high cost.

**Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)**

Nothing to report.

Library (Suzie Furr)

- Library Reorganization meeting – no changes to the board.

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- Recreation Board Reorganization meeting will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Not Present

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to report

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Circle Street – Contractor has completed the work. There is a change order in the amount of \$515 that needs council approval.  
**MOTION** by Dave Trzcianka, second by Ted Kotula carried unanimously to approve the change order in the amount of \$515 for the Circle Street Storm Sewer repair.
- USDA Grant/Loan Application – Government shut down has made the website unable at this time.
- Borough Building Walkway – final coat on the concrete will be done in the spring.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gagliardi reported that there was \$199.51 collected in fines last month. There were 161 calls last month.

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

**MOTION** by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton carried unanimously to add the library sidewalk (crosswalk curb cuts) to the CDBG Grant application.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Nothing to Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Ted Kotula, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
February 13, 2019