

**REGULAR MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 20TH 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: Mr. Besong, Mrs. Furr, Mr. Kotula, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell (Not present – Mr. Shelkons)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Police Sgt. Alvarez, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Weber, Solicitor Zane Madden, Engineer Tony Sadaka

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Mrs. Spence from 1031 Third Street asked council for an update as to when her curb would be painted yellow in front of her house. Mr. Kotula responded that after review by the engineer, fire department, police department and public works no curb would be painted and that vehicles parking on the street are doing so legally.
- Mr. Kostial from Franklin Avenue questioned the property taxes for 435 Bryan Avenue stating that the county shows no taxes for the duplex. Mrs. Rakovan noted that she would look into this matter.
- Sister Keri Pohl presented Council with more information regarding Earth Day.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to participate in Earth Day on April 13th from noon to 3:00PM at the Sisters of St. Joseph.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 13th and 20th, 2019.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS

19-01 Applying for the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$50,000 to purchase playground equipment and renovate the Baden parks.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 19-01

ORDINANCES - None

BIDS - None**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from the Baden American Legion inviting council and the mayor to participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27th, 2019. Lineup is at 9:15AM and the parade will start at 10:15 AM.
2. Letter from Anthony Wayne Terrace regarding kids playing basketball and making noise on their playground after their curfew of 10:00 pm. They would appreciate if the police would patrol the area after 10:00 PM and return later to make sure no one has returned.
3. Letter from the Ambridge Fireworks Committee asking for their annual donation in support of their fireworks celebration that will take place on Saturday, June 29th.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to make a donation from the Flower Fund in the same amount as last year.

4. Request from Ms. Musgrave on Oak Street stating that her road is very narrow with 2 side parking but it is very difficult to pass. Would Baden consider making Oak Street a one way street?

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Finance (John Shelkons)**

- General Fund Balance \$12,129
- Water Fund Balance \$250,181
- Expenses \$182,474
- Expenses \$91,948
- **Borough Treasurer**

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to appoint the borough secretary, Elaine Rakovan as the Borough Treasurer and bond her in the amount of \$500,000 at a cost of \$830 per year.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

- **Part Time Police**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to ratify advertisement for part time police and hire 3 part time officers.

Mr. Kotula also commented that council needs to seriously consider hiring another full time officer.

- **Crosswalk**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to have the engineer look into what would needed to put a crosswalk at the bend of Virginia Avenue and Riverview.

- **Police Training**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to approve Officer Shipley to attend First Responder Training and to cover the cost of \$200 for three days of housing.

- **Insurance for Fire Department vehicle purchase**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to pay the \$600 for the Fire Department vehicle insurance with the understanding that the cost for maintenance and upkeep will not be paid by the borough if it exceeds their budgeted allotment for the year; also this vehicle will not be for personal use.

- **Old Computer for the Fire Department**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to authorize giving one of the old computers from the police department to the fire department. The computer will be swiped clear of any police information prior giving it to the fire department.

- **Chairs for the Police Department**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to purchase three refurbished desk chairs for the police department at a cost of \$1,800 with a 10 year warranty.

It was noted that news chairs would have cost \$1,100 each (\$3,300 for three).

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

- **Fire Department Roof** – The roof was repaired by Burns and Scalo. The leaks were caused by seam lifting. Roof is still in good condition. In 3 to 5 years should have all the seams resealed which will give an additional 3 to 5 years of life to the roof. Should start budgeting and saving for the roof repairs and replacement.
- **Crown Castle** – Mrs. Rakovan explained that she and the building inspector met with Crown Castle to discuss AT&T wanting to put an antenna up on the current tower located by the Harmony Road Water Tanks. They will be taking over the vacated space from Cricket. Old equipment will be removed from the tower and the tower will be extended an additional 15 feet making the overall height 130 feet which is 5 feet short to requiring tethering of the tower. She noted that council may want to look into writing an ordinance that addressed cell towers, height limits and application fees. The current agreement gives the borough a 30% fee which will be \$750 per month for the new antenna from AT&T. The agreement needs to be amended to include AT&T and she is not sure if the amending the agreement opens up the opportunity to negotiate the percentage so she asked that the solicitor review the agreement. She also stated that responding with 45 day would result in a \$2,000 bonus for signing the agreement.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have the solicitor and necessary individuals review the current cell tower agreement for possible increase in fees which is currently 30%. If we sign the agreement within 45 days there will be a \$2,000 signing bonus.

- **No Smoking on Borough Property Ordinance**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to advertise the No Smoking Ordinance with the intention to adopt at the next meeting.

- **Harvey's**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have the solicitor draft a letter to Harvey regarding cleaning up the borough right of way from all vehicles, tires and trailers, then have public works place put up a barrier to prevent access to the right of way and if necessary to have our right of way surveyed.

- **Electric in the Park**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have the solicitor write and send a certified letter to Terry Barnick regarding his unfinished electrical work, returning of all paid electrical items and bulbs to the borough so that we may find another electrician to complete the project in the park.

- **Sale of Borough Property**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Kotula to have the secretary with the assistance of the solicitor start the process of selling four parcels of Baden Borough property. This includes the property located on Hickory Alley (Tot-Lot), 668 Jefferson Street, end of Grant Avenue and corner of Ehman Avenue. **Mrs. Singleton voted NO – Roll Call**

ROLL CALL

Mr. Besong	Yes
Mrs. Furr	Yes
Mr. Kotula	Yes
Mrs. Singleton	No
Mr. Trzcianka	Yes
Mrs. Montell	Yes

Five (5) Yes, One (1) No – **MOTION CARRIED**

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Water Tank Maintenance Schedule**

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to have the engineer oversee the water tank maintenance schedule to assess what the borough can do in house and what needs to be done by an outside contractor.

- **GPS Policy** – Mr. Trzcianka asked if council was fine with the changes that he recommended during pre-meeting to the GPS Policy. He will be emailing the recommended changes to the secretary and solicitor.
- **Lighting in the Lower Lot** – Mr. Trzcianka asked for an update on getting the lights fixed in the lower lot. Mrs. Rakovan noted that she spoke to Weber Electric again and they will be out now that the weather is better to look at the light poles.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Sewer Repair Route 65** – Meeting with Senator Vogel and Representative Matzie for assistance in the sewer line damage that was caused by the PennDOT paving project. Estimated cost for the repair is \$50,000.

Library (Suzie Furr)

- No report

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- **Reorganization meeting** – President is Kelly Kolchick and the rest of the board positions remain unchanged.
- **Resignation of Bob Weber**

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Kotula carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Bob Weber from the Recreation Board.

- **Vacancy on the Recreation Board** – Looking for a volunteer to fill the open position on the recreation board.
- **Veteran Banners** – Reaching out to residents to see if there is an interest in purchasing veteran banners in honor of their loved ones. Price is not fully determined at this time but will be approximately \$110. This will cover the veteran being on one side of a pole banner, brackets to hang the banner and 2 garden flags for the purchaser.
- **Playground Grant**

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Trzcianka carried unanimously to approve the borough secretary to assist with the grant.

- **Earth Day Celebration** – Participation in the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Earth Day Celebration on April 13th from noon to 3pm. Asking that we promote our recycling program.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

- **Change in Poling Location for District #1** – Moved from Baden Academy (old Mt. Gallitzin) to the Methodist Church on State Street.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **USDA Grant/Loan Application** – Being completed
- **Borough Building Walkway** – final coat on the concrete will be done in the spring. It is recommended that a canopy be placed over the walkway for long term preservation of the concrete.
- **Berry Street Waterline Loop** – CDBG Grant (FY 2018) – Plans and specifications have been prepared for the waterline to loop the dead end of Berry Street down to State Street. The PennDOT highway occupancy permit (HOP) has been issued and the plans, specification and estimates have been submitted to Community Development. The project will go to bid when Community Development is ready.
- **CDBG FY 2019 Grant Application** – The CDBG grant application was submitted last week. The application is the Library ADA access improvement at the front of the building.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagliardi reported that there was \$232.32 collected in fines last month. There were 288 calls last month.

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

- **BYA Ballfield** – Mrs. Rakovan commented that the BYA came to her last year regarding the BYA having an anonymous donor who wants to build an indoor dome on the back ballfield. At that time she told the BYA that the property is owned by the school district and the borough leases the property. The BYA went to the school district to address their request. The school district has now reached out to the borough to discuss this matter. Mrs. Rakovan has no details regarding the project as the BYA does not want to release any information prior

to approval. She requested that the solicitor now be involved in this matter as it involves three entities, insurance liability, structural and legal issues.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton carried unanimously to authorize the solicitor to be involved with the BYA request.

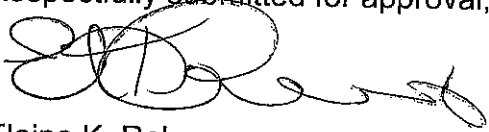
PRESIDENTS REPORT

Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
April 10th, 2019