

**PRE-MEETING RETURN TO SESSION
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 18TH, 2019**

Council President Judi Montell called the 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.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mrs. Furr, Mr. Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell (Not Present: Mr. Besong)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi

2020 BUDGET

Fire Department – Discussion took place regarding increasing the fire departments budget by \$5,000. Council denied their request because we are looking to cut and find ways to curb our expenses.

Recreation Board Grant - Council already promised to pay the \$7,500 for the playground equipment so this needs to be added to the budget.

Cameras - The cost is supposed to come in between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The County will give \$5,000 and the DA will assist with soliciting local business for funding. The Mayor stated that he will join them in soliciting for the funds. The Mayor also stated that the annual fees will come from the Police Drug Account. Mr. Trzcianka felt that if needed we should pledge some funding towards the cameras. It was determined to budget \$7,500.

Expenses - Council went through the budget and made changes to the draft of the 2020 budget...

400.110 Salary – Council	cut in half
400.420 Council Dues/Subscriptions/Meetings	decrease by \$1,000
401.100 Salary – Mayor	cut in half
401.430 Mayor Legal Fees	decrease by \$2,000
405.343 Admin Newsletter/Calendar	decrease by \$5,000
410.375 Police Computer Maintenance	decrease by \$1,000
483.400 PSAB U/C Insurance	decrease by \$2,000
Camera (add to budget)	increase \$7,500
Rec Board Grant (add to budget)	increase \$7,500

Full Time Officer – Council discussed the need for a full time officer and how it would decrease the part time expenses and what the additional expenses would be (healthcare, taxes...). Mrs. Montell asked if we could possibly postpone the hiring until June of 2020. Mrs. Singleton was against hiring the officer. Mr. Trzcianka had concerns regarding the cost and said that if we want the additional officer then we have to raise the taxes. Without the additional officer our budget is short almost \$80,000. With an officer it will be short approximately \$104,000.

Taxes – Discussion took place regarding how much the taxes need to be increased to balance the budget. A mill of taxes will bring in around \$33,500.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) – Mr. Shelkons addressed the need to go after the non-profit organizations that are not paying taxes with a PILOT request. Council agreed.

Mrs. Montell asked each councilmember to state what they felt needed to be done.

Mr. Kotula – raise taxes 3 mill and hire one officer

Mrs. Singleton – raise taxes 3 mill and do not hire an officer

Mrs. Furr – raise taxes 3 mill and hire one officer

Mr. Trzcianka – expressed his concerns about not having enough money but he said yes to hire a full time officer under the stipulation of looking seriously about consolidation with another police department. He also mentioned having other departments cover for us when we don't have enough officers to cover a shift. He also recommended putting the state police on call.

Mr. Shelkons – raise taxes 3 mill and hire one officer

Funding and Grants – Discussion took place to look for additional funding and grants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

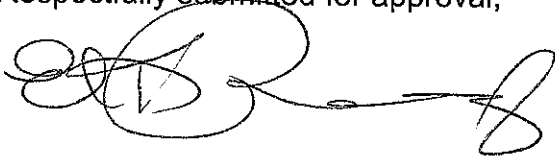
MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to go into executive session regarding possible litigation at 8:36 PM.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to return to session at 8:56 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
November 20, 2019