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

Council President Judith 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, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Solicitor James Amato, CEO Bob Weber, Police Chief Christner, Foreman Michael Josapak

President Judi Montell welcomed Boy Scout Troop 405 to the meeting.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

#### VISITOR.

- Michael Stuban from Anthony Wayne Terrace and member of the Municipal Authority board informed council that during the last six months they have been reviewing and researching switching the sewage plant to solar power and renewable green energy.
- Charles Ceranic from Virginia Avenue asked for an update on the speed bump request. Mr. Trzcianka commented that the solicitor gave them guidelines that need to be followed and there are also two types of speed bumps. Council if reviewing the information and will be addressing this matter with the engineer. Mr. Ceranic commented that there are also speed bumps that are already made and only need to be bolted down to the road.

#### **MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 11th and September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### **BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

# **RESOLUTIONS** – Attached for public review

 19-06 A resolution eliminating police officer contribution to the police pension plan for the year 2020.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adopt resolution 19-06.

### **ORDINANCES - None**

#### **BIDS - NONE**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. September 12<sup>th</sup> letter from Amato, Start & Associates regarding requirements and guidelines for speed humps.
- September letter from Mark Kolakowski was read by the secretary thanking and acknowledging the Baden Volunteer Fire Department and Baden Police Department for their professional and compassionate care in assisting his mother during a health emergency.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Finance (John Shelkons)

• General Fund Balance \$313,910

Water Fund Balance \$405,525

Expenses \$196,792 Expenses \$55,336

Road Barricades – Mr. Shelkons addressed having the public works department
make road barricade during the winter months so that we will not need to borrow
them from neighboring communities who this year was unable to lend them to us for
the Harvest Festival.

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to have public works make 8 to 10 barricades not to exceed material cost of \$300.

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

• Fire Department Grant – \$57,500 grant for a Fire Department Exhaust System. They are asking council to pay the 5% match in the amount of \$2,738. Mr. Kotula asked if this was necessary. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he supports the grant, but they should have asked for the match when they were applying for the grant and he asked that council get a copy of the grant for review. Mr. Kotula addressed his concerns in regards to having in writing that they will utilize the exhaust system in making sure that it is hooked up to the trucks at all time.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to authorize paying the 5% match for the grant in the amount of \$2,738.

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

- Walkway and Library Steps Mr. Kotula commented that the walkway and library steps have been repaired.
- Electrician for the Park Mr. Shelkons stated that the hearing for the electrician has been moved to next week.

### Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Old Plow/Dump Truck – Mr. Trzcianka asked Mr. Josapak to get him some pictures
of the truck so he can post it to Municibid.

### Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

Nothing to report.

#### Library (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr reported that the library is having a fundraiser in the community on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. They will have a medium and the cost for tickets is \$20.

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# Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- Harvest Festival Mrs. Singleton reported that festival went well. The weather started out bad, but cleared up and it was a nice day.
- Halloween Parade Mrs. Singleton stated that the Halloween Parade will be on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Nothing to report.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to Report

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Not present but his report was presented as follows:

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

- Police Coverage Chief Christner stated they have lost another part time police
  officer and he does not have enough men to cover the vacations of the full time
  officers in the month of November and December so full timers will be scheduled
  overtime to cover those shifts. He stated that other municipalities are having the
  same problem. Mr. Trzcianka asked about interviewing the police officer from South
  Heights who has applied multiple times to work in Baden. Chief Christner
  commented that he canceled his interview. Mr. Trzcianka commented that we
  should bring him in for an interview.
- Civil Service Mrs. Montell asked for an updated. Mr. Trzcianka commented that
  the public safety committee met and they asked that the rules and regulation stay
  the way they had it within the past which was hiring is based upon 40% test score
  and 60% interview however, promotions form within will remain 50% each.
- Speeding Control The Mayor and Police Chief stated that they have set up speed
  monitoring in various parts of town and they gave out 18 citations. This does not
  include warnings. Chief Christner felt that this number is low due to the way officers
  are coding the citations. He felt that within one month they brought in over \$1,000 in
  fines.
- Intersection Cameras Mayor Gagliardi gave an overview of the county wide camera systems. He stated that council and chief now need to find the funding. The county is willing to assist in finding funding for the project.
- Radio service at Prevention Network Chief Christner stated that Bearcom is
  working with Jeremy Angus from Prevention Network. The Chief initially went down
  with the Bearcom engineer to go over what is needed. They are now putting a
  program together for Jeremy.
- Fines Collected \$918.53

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** 

# **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan Borough Secretary November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019