

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020

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

President Montell expressed condolences on behalf of Council and Mayor to the family of Fire Fighter Matt Douglass who passed away earlier this week.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Solicitor James Amato, Police Chief Christner

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Beaver County District Attorney, Dave Lozier and Detective Andy Gall addressed council in regards to the law enforcement tool, license plate cameras. This was presented to council a few months back. This program is only used for law enforcement and all Right to Know requests would go through the District Attorney. A municipality must be a part of the program in order to utilize the system. Base cost for the setting up cameras at an intersection is approximately \$15,000 and the annual fee is \$1,500. The county is willing to give \$5,000 towards the cameras and they will assist in soliciting businesses to help offset the cost. The mayor along with DA Lozier and detective Gall will solicit the businesses.
- John Marrow from Wayne Street asked for an update on the speed humps on Wayne Street. Mr. Trzcianka asked if he saw the lines painted on Wayne Street. Mr. Marrow asked if there was going to be a notification put out in the paper. Mr. Kotula stated that a traffic study needs to be done to see if we can make the street one way and then wait a few months after making the road one way to see if the speed humps are needed.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to authorize the engineer to do a traffic study on making Wayne Street one way.

- Rocco Rivetti from Virginia Avenue addressed council regarding the speed humps for Virginia Avenue. He stated that the second marking is in the wrong place and it needs to go up further near Chuck's place. Discussion followed and it was noted that the two locations are the only two places that the engineer stated fall within PennDot guidelines. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he would call the engineer tomorrow to question the location of the humps.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 6th and 15th, 2020

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS – None**ORDINANCES – (Advertised in the Beaver County Times)**

- 961 Amending Chapter 180 Section 180.41 of the Borough Code prohibiting parking on both sides of street for the entire length of North Avenue.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adopt ordinance 961.

BIDS - None**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from the Beaver County Transit Authority asking Baden to empty trash cans if they place them at the bus stops within Baden.
Discussion took place to add the emptying of the trash cans to the garbage contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Finance (John Shelkons)**

- General Fund Balance \$156,371
 - Water Fund Balance \$175,618
 - Smart Phone for CEO
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| Expenses \$90,404 |
| Expenses \$68,130 |

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of a smart phone at a cost of \$30 per month.

- Electrician

Mr. Shelkons stated that he met with the electrician who stated that he could have the work done by the end of March and within 4 or 5 business days. If at any time we feel that the electrician is not cooperating we can contacted the constable and move forward with the sale of the electrician's personal property.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

- Fire Department Grant

Mr. Kotula stated that the Fire Chief spoke to FEMA and everything for the grant was submitted and awarded correctly.

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

- Electric in the library restroom has been disconnected by Weber Electric at no cost. Public Works needs to patch/plate the hole and they may put up the changing table.
- Harvey's Fence – He has already purchased vinyl slats that will be woven through the fence. He is waiting for warmer weather to install them.
- Do Not Enter/No Through Way at Right of Way by Harvey's – Placement of sign

Mr. Kotula commented that instead of a sign to block the right of way he recommended putting two posts and a chain up and give Harvey a key in the event he needs to get through with his vehicles.

- **Earth Day**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to participate in Earth Day at the Sisters of St. Joseph on Saturday April 25th

- **Tax Exoneration**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to exonerate all past due taxes (totaling less than \$150) on parcel 13-004-0300 which has been in the repository for over 35 years.

- **Ordinance – Young Lungs at Play**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to advertise the no smoking ordinance on borough grounds in support of the Young Lungs at Play Program.

- **GPS for Borough Vehicles**

Mrs. Singleton asked to move forward with the installation of GPS on borough vehicles. Discussion took place regarding the need for a discipline policy. Mr. Trzcianka commented that he spoke with Zane regarding this matter and he was to be working on it. The solicitor was going to look into this matter.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Fire Hydrant replacement**

Mr. Trzcianka stated that last year council made a motion to repair/replace 5 fire hydrants and it was not done.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Besong, carried unanimously to replace fire hydrants this year.

- **Cell Tower/Wireless regulation**

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Besong, carried unanimously to authorize Cohen and Associated to write and review Cell Tower/Wireless regulations for the Borough at a cost of \$300/hour not to exceed 15 hours or \$4,500.

- **Garbage Contract**

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to start the process of preparing and advertising the new garbage contract.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

Nothing to report

Library (Suzie Furr)

Not present

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- **Banners**

Mrs. Singleton stated that they are still accepting orders for the banners until April 15th.

- **Parks & Recreation Grant**

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to pay the deposit of \$21,402 from the Equipment Fund to be reimbursed by the grant.

- **Newsletter**

Articles are due by March 10th.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

- **Employee Vacation**

The secretary supplied a sample letter to be given to employees asking the employees to be considerate of two employees being off at the same time and getting approval from council if this should occur.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Engineer was not present but supplied the following report.

1. USDA Grant/Loan Application

USDA's engineering review of the application is now complete and we are waiting for a funding decision.

2. Library ADA Access Updates – CDBG Grant

Design is complete. Working with Community Development to put out for bid.

3. Virginia Avenue and Wayne Street Speed Humps – Location of speed humps were located and marked in the streets.

4. Water System - Uninterrupted System Service Plan (USSP)

Preparing the USSP and certification (due in August).

5. 2019 Paving Project

'Notice to Proceed' will be held until suitable weather is available to start this work.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Fines Collected** - \$554.53
- **Calls** – 331

- **Quarterly Budget Review**

Mayor Gagliardi asked that we have a review of our budget every quarter.

- **Prevention Network**

Chief Christner addressed council regarding the radio system for the Prevention Network. Solicitor Amato stated that he is in receipt of the cost information and will speaking directly with Mr. Angus from the Prevention Network and follow up with a letter.

- **Virginia Heights & Virginia Terrace Apartment**

Chief Christner addressed his concern with the number of calls that the police department gets from the apartments. Over the past weekend there were 21 calls just at these locations. They are enforcing the three strike rule and the current manager is working with the police to get the bad people out (sex offenders, burglars, drug addicts....). Chief Christner stated that the apartments are in deplorable condition and he doesn't know how anyone can live there. The majority of renters are Section 8. Chief Christner stated 85% of the crime in Baden is connected with terrace and heights. There is no ordinance for rental properties. Mrs. Rakovan noted that the ordinance regarding this matter was tabled years ago. Chief Christner stated that these apartments need fire and safety inspections. Mr. Trzcianka commented that the county should be doing the inspections.

- **GPS**

Chief Christner commented that in regards to putting GPS in the police vehicles he has no problems with it as long as it is up to the standards of our contract. What he doesn't understand is that the one council person who didn't vote for hiring a full time officer is worried about putting GPS in the cars and spending money on this but won't spend the money on hiring a full time officer. He stated that he didn't understand this and it makes no sense. Why are we worrying about this when in November we made the motion to hire a full time officer and still nothing has been done. Mr. Trzcianka commented that no one showed up for the civil service meeting. The next meeting of Civil Service is scheduled for next week. Chief Christner stated that at this rate we are looking at July or August for hiring an officer.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- **PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)**

Mrs. Montell asked the solicitor for an update. Mr. Amato stated they are going through the list of non-profits and will keep us updated.

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

Mr. Trzcianka asked that a letter be sent to the residents on Wayne and Virginia get a letter stating that council is contemplating putting speed humps on their road and to look at the markings on the street for the location of the speed humps.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Besong second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
March 11, 2020