

**PRE-MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 11TH, 2020**

Council President Judi Montell called the Pre-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. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Besong, Mr. Kotula

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Fire Chief Dennis Baker

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Concordia Nursing Facility representatives went over the plans for their new facility that is going to be built behind the Concordia Villa St. Joseph. They submitted plans and already have approval from DEP, Borough and County Planning Boards. Council was in approval of the Land Development and Conditional Use plans as reviewed by the county however Concordia did not bring the documents for signature. Concordia will bring the plans to the regular meeting for council to sign. They also stated that they have completed flow testing of the water system and are waiting upon their engineer to compile the figures.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Secretary

1. **USDA Grant/Loan**
2019 yearend financials have been submitted. Waiting for response.
2. **Trailer Court**
No update.
3. **Water Tank Maintenance Schedule**
Engineer is working on the maintenance schedule and what needs to be contracted out.
4. **Baden Properties to Sell**
Sent Columbia Gas information (deed, right of way) to the Barones.
5. **Speed Humps/Traffic Calming**
Wayne Street – Traffic Study was done. It is the recommendation of the engineer to leave the street two way as long as no accidents are documented along the street. If speed humps are put in then it should be made one way.
Virginia Avenue – Contacted the engineer stating that a resident questioned the location of the speed humps. The engineer went back out and remarked the road.

6. Traffic Camera System (County)

Beaver County District Attorney, Detective Gall and Mayor Gagliardi will proceed with soliciting for funding of the cameras.

7. Paving Project

Will be done in the spring.

8. Young Lungs at Play FREE Program

Ordinance has been advertised and will need to be adopted next week.

9. State Ethics Forms

Council has been given the forms. They are due by May 1, 2020.

10. Radio Service at Class Academy

The solicitor contacted Class Academy. They are aware of the need for the radio system and believe they are able to get funding through the county since this is a police/school safety issue.

11. Audits

2019 Financial Audit – Completed by Turnley last week.

Workers Compensation State Safety Audit – Completed today.

2016 – 2019 Pension Audit – Completed today.

12. Cell/Tower Regulation

Paperwork has been submitted to Cohen to start writing and reviewing cell/tower regulations.

13. Recycling Grant

Working on completing the grant forms for county submission.

14. 2019 DEP Water Reports

Once the recycling grant is complete I will start working on the DEP Reports that are due next month.

15. Newsletter

Articles have been received. Given to Dawn Singleton for review.

16. Garbage Contract

Gave old contract to Sanitation Committee members (Trzcianka, Singleton, Shelkons) for review.

17. PennDOT Traffic Study

PennDot sent a letter stating that they will be doing a traffic study on three roads within Baden Borough.

18. CEO

While the CEO is unavailable Building Inspectors Underwriter can address any code issues as needed.

19. Building Inspector Underwriters

BIU has supplied a new contract for signature. The only change is an increase in their rates of which the borough shall still receive 10% of their paid charges.

20. Mechanical Device

Since the CEO is not available the secretary asked permission to have the police go to a few of the local businesses to obtain a list of their mechanical machines so the office clerk can send a letter with the amount they owe for the mechanical device tax.

OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR MARCH 2020

No major purchases have been made thus far. A purchase for some binders and dividers may be made.

LEGAL MATTER (Not for discussion during meeting)

No further action has been taken regarding the demolition of the property on State Street. Solicitor stated that by law he has 30 days to appeal so on March 20th we can solicit bids for demolition.

Public Works

Not Present

Code Enforcement Officer

Not Present

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Baker went over his report as follows

- 14 Incidents for the month of February include 4 building fires, 1 in Baden and we assisted on 3 out of town.
- Exhaust system tentatively scheduled to begin install next week.
- 2 grant applications have been submitted for the 2019 AFG Grant program.
 - 1 for upgrades to our rescue equipment. Grant amount approx. \$78,000
 - 2nd grant is a regional grant to obtain funding for new radios. Included in the grant are Baden, Harmony, Ambridge and Conway. Unfortunately, Economy couldn't join in on the grant. Grant amount approx. \$550,000
- Over the past 2 months we have brought in 3 new members.

Police Chief

Not Present

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Finance (John Shelkons)**

Financial Report was not available (Secretary did not receive the monthly bank statements yet)

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Not Present

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

Not Present

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Dump Truck**

Mr. Trzcianka commented that he is having a difficult time uploading the pictures of the truck to the website. He hopes to get this resolved so that the bids may be opened at next month's meeting.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Crushed Sewer**

Mr. Trzcianka stated that they did a Right To Know request with PennDOT which ended up with pictures of the contractor being parked directly above the sanitary sewer. This is being presented to the judge.

Library (Suzie Furr)

- **Murder Mystery**

Mrs. Furr stated that the library Murder Mystery will be this Friday evening.

- **Computers**

The Ambridge Area School District is donating 6 computers to the library.

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- **Newsletter**

Articles have been turned in.

- **Easter Egg Hunt**

April 4th Easter Egg Hunt will be in the park for ages up to 13. Start time is 10:00 AM.

- **Community Yard Sale**

June 6th

- **Harvest Festival**

Working on having more things that older kids can do (i.e. climbing wall)

- **Halloween Parade**

This year's Halloween Parade will be held in the park instead of walking down State Street. She asked that the Fire Department still participate by supplying a fire truck. The plan is to decorate the park for the kids.

- **New Member**

Julie Throckmorton is interested in joining the Recreation Board. A motion will be made next week.

- **Electrician**

Mr. Shelkons reported the electrician has been doing work in the park. He called the electrician daily to get an update of what he has completed and plans to do that day. The conduit has been laid up to the dip by the bridge. He also fixed some of the elbows. When the lights are on at the flag, we will know that major progress has been made. Mr. Shelkons has been checking the electricians work to make sure that it is being done properly.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Not present

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Intersection on Logan's Lane by Dollar General**

Mayor Gagliardi asked if there have been any complaints regarding the stop signs at this intersection. Council and the Secretary stated that they did not receive any complaints.

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

- **Borough Building Roof**

Mrs. Rakovan noted that there was a leak along the wall seam on the borough building roof. The company did come out and caulked the seam again. As for the library roof the wetness is coming from the seam of the corrugated metal roof and there is so much space between the ceiling and roof that some sort of insulation is needed in the space.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
April 8th, 2020