

**PRE-MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUGUST 12TH, 2020**

Council Vice President David Trzcianka 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, and Mr. Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Kotula, Mr. Besong and Mrs. Montell

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Dennis Baker Jr.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Harvey from Harvey's Auto Body and Towing addressed council in regards to leasing the property (borough right of way) next to his business so that he may get his salvage license finalized which requires 5,000 feet of fenced in area. This is a temporary request for approximately 1 year until he finalizes the purchase of the property next door. Council stated that they needed to ask the solicitor to look into this matter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Secretary

1. **USDA Loan**
Work in progress.
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**
PA One Calls have been made and the properties marked. Barone Appraisal is coming to take pictures to assist with moving forward with the appraisal.
5. **Speed Humps/Traffic Calming**
Wayne Street – Letters sent to all residents and the church informing them of the September installation of the one-way signs.
Virginia Avenue – Received 3.5 phone calls against the speed humps.
6. **Traffic Camera System (County)**
No Update.
7. **Radio Service at Class Academy**
Mr. Angus asked Mr. Amato for another copy of the quote for installation of the radios.

8. Sale of Borough Truck

\$16,700 was the top bid. Chuck Heater from York PA will be the new owner.

Mr. Trzcianka asked that public works take the truck down to Glatz and have the borough markings removed from the truck.

9. Cell/Tower Regulation

Spoke with Cohen at Law and they are working on the cell tower guidelines for the borough.

10. Hiring of Full Time Police Officer

Waiting for Council to supply the information to advertise for the position.

11. Police Consolidation

Interested response from New Sewickley, Rochester Borough and Conway. Economy Borough is not interested.

12. Planning Board Meeting

There will be a planning board meeting on August 24th to review and approve the consolidation of parcels for McDonalds and the subdivision of a property on Daly Avenue.

13. Water Leak at the Borough Building

The back flow preventer failed causing water to flood the furnace room in the basement. There was a substantial amount of water on the floors. We had to throw out ceiling tiles. The insurance company was contacted and DeRose Restoration cleaned up the floors, walls and water tank with dehumidifier and fans.

OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR JULY 2020

Made mid-year supply purchase which included paper, binder clips, pens, storage boxes...

Public Works

Not Present

Code Enforcement Officer

Position not filled

FIRE CHIEF

Chief Baker stated that about one year ago the Fire Department got a letter from Attorney Salopek stating that a Baden resident who passed away left some money for the Fire Department. The last name is Moore and the amount received was around \$13,000. Chief Baker is getting more information on the family.

Chief Baker announced that Baden received as part of a regional grant from PEMA for digital radios. The fire departments are currently in the process of getting price quotes for the radios.

Mr. Shelkons asked Chief Baker about purchasing defibrillators for the police department. Chief Baker stated that Matt Loftus was getting pricing hoping that there would be a better price for purchasing in a larger quantity (two for the Fire Department and four for the Police Vehicles). He stated that the cost would be around \$1,500 each. Mr. Trzcianka felt that a defibrillator should be purchased for downstairs, upstairs, police department, fire department, library and each police vehicle. The ones for the building would be wall mounts which cost less. Discussion took place taking the cost from the Equipment Fund. Total purchase would be 11 defibrillators.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

General Fund Account Balance	\$270,500	Expenses	\$398,482
Water Fund Account Balance	\$152,025	Expenses	\$144,698

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Not Present

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

Not Present

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Fire Hydrant - Mr. Trzcianka stated that the broken hydrant on Wayne Street has been repaired.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the municipal authority has a hearing in front of the judge scheduled for Thursday to address the broken sanitary sewer caused by the PennDOT construction company when resurfacing Route 65.

Library (Suzie Furr)

Lesabeth Trzcianka reported that the library meeting is next week. The library also has to move furniture that was stored in the kitchen area to the shed in the lower lot as they were told it is a fire hazard.

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

Veteran Banners – Still accepting applications and the banners are being placed up as they come in.

Playgrounds – Playgrounds are done with the exception that the benches need to be painted.

River Front Survey – Mr. Shelkons stated that one of the board members is a grant writer and she recommended having the survey done first and picking up the reimbursement within the grant.

Resignation – Mrs. Singleton reported that Suzie Furr has resigned from the Recreation Board.

Old Playground Equipment – Public works needs to get rid of the old playground equipment that was being stored at the sewage plant. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she would put another work order in to have the equipment scrapped.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Not present

MAYOR'S REPORT

Not present

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

Mrs. Rakovan stated that we need to order new recycling bins. She will get pricing for next month's meeting.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Not Present.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
September 16th, 2020