

**REGULAR MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16TH, 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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Besong, Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

NOT PRESENT: Mrs. Furr

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Gagliardi, Solicitor James Amato and Engineer Tony Sadaka

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Jerry Creese from Wayne Street thanked Council, Police and Road Department for making Wayne Street one-way. Traffic has been cut in half.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 12th and 19th, 2020.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS – None

ORDINANCES – None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

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| • General Fund Balance \$235,470 | Expenses \$21,932 |
| • Water Fund Balance \$179,169 | Expenses \$152,494 |

- **Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans**

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to approve and budget the amount of \$55,061 for the 2021 Police Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation per the state guidelines.

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve and budget the amount of \$87,398 for the 2021 Non-Uniform Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation per the state guidelines.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

- **Traffic Study for Virginia Avenue**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to do a traffic study to see if we need to add stop signs on Virginia Avenue going up on Third Street and down on Second Street.

- **Full Time Police Officer**

Mr. Kotula noted that there has been continued discussion about a full time officer. The Public Safety Committee continues to look at some of the numbers. They are still looking at the differences for full time versus part time officers. He noted that so far it appears that no matter how many full time officers we have we still spend the same amount for part time officers.

Mr. Shelkons asked if we are changing the process and are we still advertising to hire a full time officer. Mrs. Montell stated that the motion was made to advertise for a full time officer a while ago. Mrs. Rakovan noted that she is waiting for dates and what all should be included to advertise for hire a full time officer. Mr. Kotula stated that he needs to write and forward the information to the secretary.

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

- **CEO**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to have Building Inspector Underwriter do the code enforcement officers job until the end of the year.

Mr. Shelkons asked what the cost would be. Mr. Trzcianka commented that it would be on a per case basis. So every time the code official goes out there will be a charge. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she did not know the cost off the top of her head.

- **Stipend and Incentive Program for Fire Department**

Mr. Kotula stated that the Public Safety Committee talked about sending out a questionnaire first to all of the firefighters to see how they felt and make sure that the types of incentives meets everyone's conditions as well as their feelings regarding the leadership of the fire department, council involvement and how things are going over there. This way if there are things, they may be addressed by the fire department and council and work together to get more volunteers for the fire department. Mr. Kotula stated that he will give the questionnaire to the secretary so she can mail them out once Chief Baker gives her the addresses.

Public Works & Sanitation (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Recycle Bins**

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to purchase approximately 1,250 recycling bins from Busch Systems (COSTAR) not to exceed \$10,000. Cost is \$7.65 per bin with setup fee of \$325.

- **Bauman Avenue Sinkhole**

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have the sinkhole along Bauman Avenue repaired as soon as possible at a cost of \$22,000 for 100 feet of repair. The pipe is too deep for the borough equipment to reach and requires larger equipment with proper safety precautions.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

Mr. Trzcianka reported that the Municipal Authority already received the check and they signed the settlement documents for the law suit where a PennDOT contractor damaged the sanitary sewer on Route 65.

Mr. Kotula asked the secretary if a work order was written up regarding the storm sewer on Wilson and Berry. Mrs. Rakovan stated that the Foreman, Mike Josapak stated that the road was paved too low. She asked the Foreman if the sewer could be lowered but did not get a response. She commented that it would also depend on whether the sewer is an old brick inlet or a prefabbed inlet. Mr. Kotula asked the secretary to follow-up with this request.

Library (Suzie Furr)

Not present

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- **Yard Sale**

The community yard sale will be on September 19th.

- **Halloween**

The Halloween party will be in the park on October 24th at 5:30. The fire department will have the trucks out and some organizations will be handing out candy. Mrs. Singleton hoped that council would also participate.

Trick-or-Treat will be October 29th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

- **Waterfront Survey**

Mr. Shelkons stated that the cost for the survey will be between \$3,000 and \$4,000 depending upon what we'd like to have done. For \$4,000 the property will be staked. He felt that the borough owns the entire shore line and the survey would confirm the property lines. The survey will assist in the grant process if we move forward with looking for funding for a boat dock. Mr. Trzcianka stated to make a motion and get the survey done. Mr. Montell asked about the money allotted to the recreation board for the community day event that they did not have this year. Mrs. Singleton stated that the money will be used for Halloween and whatever else that may come along. Mrs. Montell stated that there should still be money left over and asked if the recreation board can contribute to the survey. Mr. Trzcianka stated that the borough owns the property, not the recreation board and to just pay for it and get it done.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have Widmer do the property line survey with stakes at a cost of \$4,000.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Nothing to report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Not present, but written report as follows**1. USDA Grant/Loan Application**

Draft closing documents were submitted by Mr. Salopek for review by the Office of General Counsel (OGC). USDA anticipates OGC to complete their review by approximately September.

2. Library ADA Access Updates – CDBG Grant

A preconstruction meeting will be held with the Community Development Program of Beaver County representative and the contractor for the project (CTM Construction, Inc. of Monaca) on Friday September 18. Contract documents are still being signed.

3. Bauman Avenue Storm Sewer

Pipe must be repaired as soon as possible to eliminate the hazard of open pit.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagliardi had nothing to report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mrs. Montell spoke about yard sale signs that are being posted on poles not being taken down. Discussion took place regarding notifying the residents to remove the signs after their yard sale.

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

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
October 14, 2020