

**REGULAR MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
APRIL 17TH, 2024**

Council President Dave Trzcianka called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 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. Bosh, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Miller, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT: Mayor Montell

ALSO PRESENT: Solicitor Jimmy Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka,

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

MINUTES

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 13, 2024

BILLS TO BE PAID

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Michael Stuban, carried unanimously to pay all bills with two signatures.

RESOLUTIONS

24-02 Sale and disposal of municipal property with a value less than \$2,000

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by John Shelkons, carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 24-02.

ORDINANCES – None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

Finance (Michael Stuban)

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| • General Fund Balance \$188,877 | Expenses \$150,494 |
| • Water Fund Balance \$170,821 | Expenses \$54,736 |

MOTION by John Shelkons, second by Michael Stuban, carried unanimously to approve the USDA Loan Project Requisition No. 19 in the amount of \$395,496.03 for engineering services of \$20,300 and contract work performed \$375,196.03

MOTION by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the USDA Loan Project Requisition No. 20 in the amount of \$169,691.97 for engineering services of \$13,370 and contract work performed \$156,321.97

PUBLIC WORKS (Doug Miller)

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by John Shelkons, carried unanimously to hire two summer help at \$18 per hour.

TECHNOLOGY / PUBLIC RELATIONS / LIAISON (Joe Bosh)

OnSolve Emergency Alert System

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to purchase 5,000 OnSolve Post Cards not to exceed \$700.

Mr. Bosh noted that 152 people already signed up for the OnSolve alerts. First Q&A is set for tomorrow, April 18th.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL (Becky Gallagher)

Becky Gallagher noted that she attended the Beaver County Commissioners meeting and Eric Brewer from Emergency Services reported that there are no FEMA funds available at this time for "landslides" that occurred with the recent storm, however he did feel that municipalities should track their costs and submit it to the county who then may submit it to the state.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Dawn Singleton)

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to approve the Baden Volunteer Fire Department to have/use an on-site gym for firefighter health, safety and fitness/training purposes; this approval does not guarantee workers compensation coverage.

Dawn Singleton stated that the business manager from the Ambridge Area School District contacted her regarding the borough park. The school board decided that they wanted to lease the park property to the borough for \$1. She told them that a lease is not feasible because the park is falling apart. The school asked about getting a grant. Dawn Singleton told them that the borough can't write the grant because we do not own the property. Dawn Singleton told the business manager that the school could write the grant and ask Matzie what grants are available. She stated that she is still working with the school to try and get the property.

Joe Bosh stated that the Baden Volunteer Fire Department secured a grant through Representative Matzie for \$60,000 for the upgrades and renovations of the Baden Fire Department.

BUILDING / GROUNDS / EQUIPMENT (Michael Stuban)

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to sell the old fire hydrants for \$75 each.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to authorize the solicitor to proceed with the Payment In Lieu of Taxes from the non-profit businesses.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to approve the paving of the roads where there were waterline breaks by Rochester Paving for a cost of \$6,056.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to accept the bid of \$1,500 for the grader.

Ordinance for the speed limit sign on Tevebaugh Road was tabled until next month. The engineer is researching the guidelines for speed limit signs, stop signs and speed humps.

Council discussed the fire departments request for a storage building behind the building. Mr. Trzcianka commented that the road crew had concerns with mowing the hillside behind the building as well as water drainage issues behind the building. No approval was given.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to put no parking signs on Schiller Street where needed for the safe access of Emergency Vehicles.

Michael Stuban stated that he and Elaine Rakovan walked borough grounds. There are tree limbs and mulch along the fire department side that the neighbor claims are the boroughs. There are pallets from the fire department that need to be removed. The large pile of stones from the fire department roof is being used to fill in waterline break holes as needed. There are a few trees that need removed. Rodney is checking on prices. The properties that are impeding upon the borough property line markers are small gardens and fences. Michael Stuban didn't feel it was necessary to disrupt these properties. Mr. Amato explained how encroachments are handled and most of the issues are resolved when a property is sold.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to survey the alley behind the building to Ohio River Blvd. and bill Harvey if necessary since this is regards to zoning hearing.

Michael Stuban asked about the Pinney Street bridge condition. John Shelkons stated that the last comment made through the fire chief is that the railroad is going to put in a new bridge. Mr. Amato will revisit this matter.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. USDA - Water System Improvements JR Contracting finishing punch list items.
2. State Street Waterline Replacement (North to Virginia)

A 'punchlist" has been prepared and submitted to Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting. Final pavement restoration (milling and overlay with wearing course) at the intersection of State Street and Virginia Avene will be completed in the spring.

3. DEP Water System Notice of Violation (NOV) – Harmony Water Storage Tank Upgrades . This effort is being coordinated by the Public Works department.
4. PennVEST - Waterline Replacements
WEI is working on construction plans based on the list of water lines provided by the borough. A final decision is needed from the borough regarding the fire hydrants to be replaced.
5. Tevebaugh Road Speed and Stop Sign Study
Speed study was completed and submitted to the borough. Once the study is approved and sign posted, we will submit the stop sign study and speed hump study.

6. DEP Water Service Line Inventory
Waterline inventory is due to be submitted to DEP by October 2024.

Elaine Rakovan stated that OIC Tom Cordell has filled out the DEP Lead Line Inventory spreadsheet and is now at the point where he can only update and input new information as it occurs.

7. Schiller Street Extension needs a Geotech study at some point. The contractor at this time should be involved at this time to confirm that it is not a structural issue that caused the slide.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

Recess of Meeting

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to recess the meeting until Tuesday, April 23th at 11:00 AM in the Community Room of the Baden Borough Building to discuss and award street paving bids.

April 23, 2024 Return to Session

Council President Dave Trzcianka called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Baden Borough Community Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Bosh, Mr. Miller, Mayor Montell

MOTION TO RETURN TO SESSION

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to return to session at 11:00 AM.

BIDS - PAVING PROJECT (Bids opened April 22nd, 2024 at 3:00 PM)

CONTRACTOR	BASE	ADD-ON 1	ADD-ON 2
TOTAL			
El Grande Industries	\$613,897.55	\$119,949.60	\$95,299.75
\$829,146.90			
Youngblood Paving	\$601,133.96	\$109,541.10	\$84,614.25
\$795,289.31			

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously award Youngblood Paving the base bid and add-on 1 and add-on 2 upon securing financing for a total of \$795,289.31.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 AM

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Manager

