

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL AUGUST 16TH, 2023

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. Jones, Mr. Miller, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Bosh

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Judi Montell, Attorney James Amato, Fire Chief and CEO Dennis Baker Jr.

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

Shirley Spence from Third Street asked when her street was going to be paved. The dead end of the street has debris that she has been sweeping up. She asked that the end of the street be swept/cleaned up. The property is owned by Mt. Gallitzin. The Code Enforcement Officer stated that he met with Mt. Gallitzin regarding their fence falling over and he will discuss this with him too. Mrs. Spence then addressed Bob's Imports parking cars on the sidewalk and streets. Mr. Baker stated that once the inspection program starts he will be able to address the building issues with Bob's Imports.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 12th and 19th, 2023.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS

23-04 Applying for the PA Local Shared Account Grant in the amount of \$1M.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Miller, carried unanimously to approve resolution 23-04.

ORDINANCES – NONE

BIDS

State Street Storm Sewer Repair

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| 1. Iron City Construction | \$113,741.24 (Lowest Bidder) |
| 2. Jet Jack Inc | \$181,866.00 |
| 3. A. Folino Construction | \$224,494.02 |
| 4. Stefaniks Next Generation | \$284,053.00 |

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Miller, carried unanimously to award the project to the lowest bidder Iron City Construction at a cost of \$113,741.24.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

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| • General Fund Balance | \$181,678 | - Expenses | \$268,943 |
| • Water Fund Balance | \$407,611 | - Expenses | \$99,604 |

2024 MMO

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton to budget the 2024 Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$43,585 for the police pension and \$80,411 for the non-uniform pension plan.

Public Works, Sanitation & Municipal Authority (John Jones)

USDA – Water System Improvement

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mr. Stuban to award JR Contracting the base bid and alternate bid 2 for a total of \$1,389,209 pending USDA approval.

Backhoe

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mrs. Singleton to trade in the old backhoe for the new backhoe.

Technology, Social Media, Library & Community Relations (Joe Bosh)

Not Present. Nothing to Report.

Administration & Legislation (Doug Miller)

Nothing to Report.

General Government, Building Property/Grounds, Parks & Rec (Dawn Singleton)

Harvest Festival

Mrs. Singleton stated that she is still receiving applications in for the Harvest Festival.

Public Safety (Michael Stuban)

Beaver Valley Regional Police Department

Mr. Stuban reported that the Rochester Township joined the regional police department.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Nothing To Report

ENGINEER’S REPORT

1. **USDA - Water System Improvements** WEI has submitted bid information/documents and prepared a report as requested by USDA for making award to JR Contracting LLC for base bid and alternate bid 2 for a total of \$1,389,209.00. Borough Council should take action to make award pending USDA concurrence.
2. **State Street Waterline Replacement (North to Virginia)** WEI has been reviewing submittals from the contractor. A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled once the public works department confirm that valves can be shut and opened prior to start of construction. Contract documents have been executed for this project.
3. **Storm Inlet Replacements - ARPA Grant** Bids for the project were opened on Monday. Project could be awarded pending pre-construction meeting with the low bid contractor.
4. **Johnson Avenue** A change order to be included with the State street water line project.
5. **DEP Water System Notice of Violation (NOV) – Harmony Water Storage Tank Upgrades** This effort is being coordinated by the Public Works department. 6. DEP Water Service Line Inventory Waterline inventory is due to be submitted to DEP by October 2024.

MAYOR’S REPORT

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

Mr. Stuban stated that we are looking to fix the water issue on Johnson Avenue, temporary paving of Bauman Avenue from the water line break repair. Also looking on replacing the rest of lower Bauman Avenue waterline.

Chief Baker confirmed that Mueller hydrants are being used for the USDA project. Discussion took place regarding the threading of the hydrants.

Mrs. Rakovan mentioned the appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board.

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Jones to appoint Andrew Gulish to the Parks and Recreation Board.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mr. Miller, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Borough Manager, Elaine K. Rakovan