

# REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 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. Bosh, Mr. Jones, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Trzcianka

**NOT PRESENT:** Mr. Shelkons

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Judi Montell, Engineer Tony Sadaka

*This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.*

## AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

## VISITORS

## MINUTES

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## BILLS TO BE PAID

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

## RESOLUTIONS

**23-07** Adopting Guidelines for the Beaver Valley Regional Police Officers when making warrantless summary arrest. (Prepared by the solicitor)

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Jones, carried approve resolution 23-07.

**ORDINANCES** – *Advertised in the Beaver County Times for review. To be adopted at next meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:30 AM in the council chambers.*

- **979** Adopting the Non-Uniform Pension Joinder Agreement
- **980** Baden Police Regionalization – creating the Beaver Valley Regional Police
- **981** Adopting the 2024 tax rate of 5.0 mills

**BIDS – None**

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance (Michael Stuban)**

- General Fund Balance \$116,183                      Expenses \$211,519
- Water Fund Balance \$126,621                      Expenses \$216,487

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to authorize (sign) payment of requisition #16 for the USDA Loan project in the amount of \$8,475.92 for engineering and legal expenses.

**MOTION** by Michael Suban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to pay \$87,098.71 to Iron City Construction for the storm sewer repairs. This money will be reimbursed from county Covid funding.

Two interest rates were obtained to front the cost for the PennVest Loan Project. First National Bank gave a fixed rate of 5.49% and WesBanco gave a fixed rate of 5.8%

**MOTION** by Michael Suban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to apply for a loan from First National Bank for \$380,000 at a rate of 5.49% to front the PennVest Loan Project.

The 2024 Budgets were given to council for review. They will be adopted at the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Public Works, Sanitation & Municipal Authority (John Jones)**

Nothing to report

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

Joe Bosh gave an overview of the Onsolve Emergency Alert System.

**MOTION** by Mr. Bosh, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to purchase Onsolve for emergency notifications for a term of three years, paying \$3559.20 for year one and \$3,134.20 for year two and three.

**Administration & Legislation (Doug Miller)**

**MOTION** by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to adopt Public Meeting Rules and Regulations per the updated sunshine law.

**MOTION** by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously advertise the 2024 reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Swearing in of newly elected officials by Judge Korol will be at 5:30 PM and meeting to follow.

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

Mrs. Singleton stated that Santa will be on the fire truck this Friday.

**Public Safety (Michael Stuban)**

Mr. Stuban asked that a letter be sent to the post office asking why they removed he mailbox on State Street and asking that it be put back in front of the Lutheran church. Mr. Stuban asked that the borough put back the garbage can by the bus stop by the legion. Mrs. Rakovan stated that the can needs to be replaced. It was removed because there was no bottom on the can.

Mr. Stuban stated that for future building permits tap in fees for water and sewage need to be paid when the building permit is picked up.

**Motion** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton to advertise the ordinance regarding Baden Police regionalization with the Beaver Valley Regional Police.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to hire Vincent Restairi Jr. as the solicitor for zoning issues under the recommendation of the borough solicitor.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously for the solicitor and engineer prepare the easement for the existing storm sewer located on the Kingerski property.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

### **1. USDA - Water System Improvements**

JR Contracting is on-site and has begun construction.

### **2. State Street Waterline Replacement (North to Virginia)**

Construction is complete and WEI is in the process of reviewing the contractor's application for payment. A 'punch list' is being developed for the project.

Final pavement restoration (milling and overlay with wearing course) at the intersection of State Street and Virginia Avenue will be completed in the spring.

### **3. Storm Inlet Replacements - ARPA Grant**

Construction is complete and the project is being closed out.

### **4. DEP Water System Notice of Violation (NOV) – Harmony Water Storage Tank Upgrades**

This effort is being coordinated by the Public Works department.

### **5. PennVEST - Waterline Replacements**

WEI is waiting for direction from Borough Council before proceeding with project design.

### **6. Tevebaugh Road Speed and Stop Sign Study**

The study will be performed.

### **7. DEP Water Service Line Inventory**

Waterline inventory is due to be submitted to DEP by October 2024.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to report

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Mr. Trzcianka commented that one of the amateur radio clubs is asking if they could put an antenna up either on the Kellinger Tanks or put equipment in the little building we have up on Kellinger Drive. He will ask them to give more information on what they want to do and make sure they have insurance coverage.

Digging for the new waterline will start next week between old State Street and Second Street. Mr. Stuban's main concern was something going wrong and residents being without water during the holidays. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he will address that with Rodney and the contractor.

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the contractor will also be using the lower parking lot to store the gravel. The contractor did say they will fix up the lot when they are done.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Borough Manager, Elaine K. Rakovan