

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL JANUARY 17, 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, Jones, Mr. Miller, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT: Mayor Montell

ALSO PRESENT: Solicitor Jimmy Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka, Foreman Rodney Keenan, Fire Chief/CEO Dennis Baker

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

MINUTES

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 6th, 13th, 2023 and January 2nd 2024.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS - None

ORDINANCES – None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

Mr. Trzcianka stated that he will create the committees for next month's meeting.

Finance (Manager/Treasurer Elaine Rakovan)

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| • General Fund Balance | \$242,509 | Expenses | \$177,289 |
| • Water Fund Balance | \$367,264 | Expenses | \$73,321 |

MOTIONS TO BE MADE

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to pay Stefanik's Next Generation \$525,679.86 for the waterline / storm sewer replacement on 4th Street, State Street and Johnston Avenue.

MOTION by John Shelkons, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to approve requisition No. 17 in the amount of \$363,981.62 for the USDA Loan Project and approve Change Order No. 1 for transition couplings in the amount of \$1,686. Change Order No. 2 for a gate valve and stub on 5th Street in the amount of \$8870. Change Order No. 3 for two valves on our existing waterline at 6th Avenue and Collins Avenue. Change Order No. 4 for hydrant couplings as needed at cost of \$753 to \$1,794 per coupling.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to set and proceed with the PennVest request.

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Michael Stuban, carried unanimously to sell the grader on Municibid.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to authorize the engineer to review Schiller Street regarding no parking in certain areas of the road.

Appointment of Building Inspector - TABLED

Appointment of Zoning Officer - TABLED

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to appoint Steven Stuban to the Vacancy Board.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. USDA - Water System Improvements

JR Contracting has two crews working and continues to work on North Avenue and is replacing fire hydrants at locations throughout the Borough. We have submitted Application for Payment No. 1 to the Borough for payment for work completed and material stored on site in December. Change Order No. 1 has been prepared to account for transition fittings that may be required for Alternate Bid 2 Work (hydrant replacements).

2. State Street Waterline Replacement (North to Virginia)

We have submitted Application for Payment No. 1 to the Borough for payment for work completed to date. 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 Avenue will be completed in the spring.

3. Storm Inlet Replacements - ARPA Grant

Construction is complete and the project is being closed out. We are having a contractor extend a pipe down the hill.

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.

Michael Stuban asked about there being two waterlines on Lincoln Avenue. Rodney Keenan stated that according to a previous foreman around 1997 Golden Triangle contractor put the line in under the engineer's direction. Tony Sadaka will look into this.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Not Present

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

Michael Stuban stated that he handed out the police incident report to council.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dave Trzcianka addressed council purchasing an attachment for equipment that the Municipal Authority uses that would turn/exercise the water valves for \$2,104. There is no need to buy another costly piece of equipment when the borough can just use the Municipal Authorities.

MOTION by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to purchase the valve turner at a cost of \$2,104.

Dave Trzcianka stated that they spoke with the Fire Chief and the hydrants are going to be set and then we will go around and check to see if they need to be raised. The engineer on sight will also track the height measurements on the fire hydrants.

Dave Tzcianka stated that he would like to regroup and rename the committees.

- Budget / Finance
- Building / Grounds / Equipment
- Administration / Personnel
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Technology / Public Relations / Liaison

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the committees as set up by the council president.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by John Shelkons, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Borough Manager, Elaine K. Rakovan