

# REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 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

Kenny and Briah with Harvey's Auto Body and Towing addressed council in regards to their property located along Ohio River Boulevard that the CEO told them needed to be cleaned up. He asked for direction from council regarding prioritizing what needs done. Kenny commented that the state is behind 6 to 12 months on issuing paperwork for release of abandoned vehicles. He noted that 60% of the cars are from Baden. They can not file paperwork with the state until 22 days after initial abandonment. Last week they got 8 titles to remove cars. New meshing has been received and will be put up on the fence. They have the salvage license, but the state is backed up with processing the paperwork for titles. Mr. Shelkons emphasized the need to put up the meshing on the fence. Kenny said that he is getting a dump trailer to clean up all the scrap metal.

Ryan Eichhorn addressed high grass and loose trash being placed at the curb prior to Thursday night. He is trying sell his new townhouses the property around the area is a mess. He was told that the CEO sent out over 50 letters for high grass and he will be informed of the trash issue.

Ryan Eichhorn stated that he wants to purchase a Harmony Road property that is on the repository so that he could build a small home.

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to amend and post the agenda to include the exoneration of taxes.

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to exonerate the taxes on the Harmony Road property parcel 13-009-106-1.

## MINUTES

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of April 19<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2024

## BILLS TO BE PAID

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

## RESOLUTIONS - None

## ORDINANCES – None

## BIDS – None

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Thank you card received from Pam and Jack Spencer for the volunteer appreciation dinner.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$147,345 Expenses \$189,601
- Water Fund Balance \$259,977 Expenses \$105,062

**MOTION** by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously

- to approve the USDA Loan Project Requisition No. 21 in the amount of \$73,582 for engineering services of \$3,260 and contract work performed \$70,322
- **MOTION** by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to use WesBanco Government Banking for the 2024 paving and PennVest loans.

## PUBLIC WORKS (Doug Miller)

- **MOTION** by Doug Miller, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to hire Brandon Keenan and Ethan Carey as summer help.

## TECHNOLOGY / PUBLIC RELATIONS / LIAISON (Joe Bosh)

Joe Bosh addressed the County Library not cooperating with our libraries request for copies of the budget, as well as clarification on how the county aid was going to be divided up. The county also made reference to our librarian Jennifer being responsible for other libraries because of the education requirements that Jennifer has and are now needed within the county library system. Board members are going to attend the county commissioners meeting to try and get more information and address their concerns regarding cut in funding and our librarian being utilized for other libraries within the county. Discussion followed. Michael Stuban stated that he will look into getting the budget.

October 16<sup>th</sup> the library will be having a Wine & Cheese fundraiser event.

November 16<sup>th</sup> is a craft show fundraiser at the church.

OnSolve was used to alert residents in regards to a gas line leak and it went well with no problems. There has been an increase in OnSolve signups. The phone number is for the alerts is a Seattle Washington phone number.

Newsletter is being handled by the Borough Manager.

## ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL (Becky Gallagher)

- **MOTION** by Becky Gallagher, second by John Shelkons, carried unanimously to purchase a new server for the office at a cost not to exceed \$7,100

## **PUBLIC SAFETY (Dawn Singleton)**

The BVRPD will be doing a police surge in town looking for parking violations, vehicle without tags or inspection. They are also going to start fundraising to get a K-9 officer.

## **BUILDING / GROUNDS / EQUIPMENT (Michael Stuban)**

- **MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to authorize the solicitor to review and write an ordinance involving speed limit sign on Tevebaugh Road.
- **MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to have the dead trees removed from the borough complex by the fire department, behind the pole building and stump removal for a cost of \$3,500.
- **MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to advertise the updated 2024 paving project for bid.
- **MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to authorize the manager to apply for the Multimodal Grant.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Nothing to Report

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

1. Paving Project - Bids for the project are due May 29, 2024.
2. USDA - Water System Improvements - JR Contracting is finishing punch list items.
3. State Street Waterline Replacement (North to Virginia) - Stefanik's Next Generation Contracting is finishing punch list items. Paving work on State Street has been moved from this project to the main paving project.
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 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.
6. Tevebaugh Road Speed and Stop Sign Study - Speed study was updated and resubmitted to the Borough Manager.
7. DEP Water Service Line Inventory - Waterline inventory is due to be submitted to DEP by October 2024.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Not Present

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

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

Mrs. Rakovan addressed council in regards to utilizing the Government Banking available through WesBanco to secure a short term loan for our waterline and street improvements. We already made a motion to get funding for the PennVest and Liquid Fuel Project. Mrs. Rakovan asked for a motion to authorize utilizing WesBanco for the projects.

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to go with WesBanco for the loans.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Manager