

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 20TH, 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. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Judi Montell, Engineer Tony Sadaka, Attorney James Amato, Fire Chief and CEO Dennis Baker Jr, Foreman Rodney Keenan and Manager Elaine Rakovan

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

Jack Spencer from 322 Camilla Street asked council how tracking of real estate taxes has changed since the embezzlement of funds from one of our previous tax collectors. Mrs. Rakovan explained that the insurance bond is paid for directly by the borough and school district now and detailed deposit reports and deposit slips are given to the borough for review and reconciliation of the bank account.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Jones, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 9th and 16th, 2023.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS – None

ORDINANCES – None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

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| • General Fund Balance | \$400,708 | Expenses | \$316,486 |
| • Water Fund Balance | \$393,287 | Expenses | \$252,779 |

Public Works, Sanitation & Municipal Authority (John Jones)

Nothing to report.

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

Emergency Notification System

Mr. Bosh stated that he looking over the information that the manager sent him last week. Additionally, the emergency management coordinator, Matt Loftus has set up a trial service with MyLS local safety software app. The app would provide text or email messages to individuals who sign up for the service.

Administration & Legislation (Doug Miller)

Not present. Nothing to report.

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

Harvest Festival

Mrs. Singleton stated that the recreation board is working on the Harvest Festival.

Public Safety (Michael Stuban)

Beaver Valley Regional Police Department

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton to accept BVRPD Resolution 23-06 accepting Rochester Township into the BVRPD.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton to approve the BVRPD budget in the amount of \$2,436,897.58

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing To Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. USDA - Water System Improvements

WEI has submitted the signed contract documents to USDA for review. We will schedule a preconstruction meeting with the contractor and USDA as soon as USDA gives us authorization to move forward. WEI has reviewed contractor submittals for this project and approved most submittals but also requested s re-submissions on a few.

2. State Street Waterline Replacement (North to Virginia)

A preconstruction meeting was held with the contractor and Borough staff and again with the PennDOT representative. Waterline replacement on Bauman and work on Johnson Avenue has been added to the contract by Change Order. **'Notice to Proceed'** has been issued to the contractor and the work on Johnson Avenue is scheduled to start this week.

3. Storm Inlet Replacements - ARPA Grant

A preconstruction meeting was held with the contractor and Borough staff and again with the PennDOT representative. Contract documents were provided to the Borough for signature. We can issue the 'Notice to Proceed' to the contractor as soon as the contract documents are signed. WEI has reviewed/approved contractor submittals for this 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

'Opinion of Probable Cost' was provided to the Borough Manager for replacement of waterline on each street in the list provided to WEI.

Mr. Stuban stated that the estimate came in a little over \$3M. Now is a good time to apply for PennVEST and there is a good chance that we may get some grant funding but nothing is guaranteed. Mr. Stuban asked if council wants to move forward with PennVEST. If we get funding and the cost is too high we can always turn it down.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Bosh to authorize the engineer and solicitor to start on the PennVEST loan process.

6. DEP Water Service Line Inventory

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Montell state that she will be presenting a proclamation to the fire department next month in recognition of their service to our community and then in November she will presenting a proclamation to the Legion.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

- **Schiller Street Extension**

Estimate to pave Schiller Street Extension is approximately \$85,000. This does not include guard rails. We do have approximately \$65,000 from West View Water that was put into a street opening account years ago. Mr. Stuban stated that his concern is the safety of the road and that guide rails be priced out for placement of the road. The engineer stated that there may need to be more drainage placed on the road and that he will check to see if it is needed. Foreman, Rodney Keenan will get prices for the guard rails.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Jones to approve the paving of Schiller Street Extension at the cost of \$85,000.

Discussion took place regarding the future placement of speed humps on Tevebaugh Road once it is paved and a study is done.

- **Trees**

Mr. Stuban noted that we got a cost to cut down 8 trees and trim the balance of the trees along the driveway. He wasn't sure if 8 were necessary. Discussion took place regarding crowding of the trees and the trees blocking the light from the lamp posts.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton to remove 6 to 8 trees along the driveway at a cost of \$6,000.

- **Water Pumps**

Mr. Keenan informed council that the bearing went on the pump so it is out for repair. While the pump contractor was here he informed Mr. Keenan that the other pump is also making a noise that may be bearing. He asked the contractor to get a quote for repair.

Mr. Keenan noted that council was given the price for the final rebuild/replacement of the last pump. The cost came in around \$30,000. (Council will need to address this at a future meeting).

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Borough Manager, Elaine K. Rakovan