

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL JANUARY 18, 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, Mayor Montell

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney James Amato, Attorney Steve Chesney

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 7th and 14th, 2022.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

BIDS – None

RESOLUTIONS – Attached to the agenda for public review

- **23-01** Dissolving the Borough of Baden Police Department, subject to the establishment and start-up of the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department, and amending all references in existing ordinances and resolutions to the Baden Borough Police Department or its officers to be references to the Beaver Valley Regional Police Department.

MOTION by Mr. Singleton, second by Mr. Stuban to adopt resolution 22-01

Mr. Bosh did not object to the resolution, however questioned it because it was not brought up during work session. Mr. Stuban stated that this is only the first step under the direction of the county solicitor. The resolution was placed on the agenda so it is legal to address at this evening's meeting. An Ordinance will be done at a later date. This resolution is to set up the Regionalization Board and appoint members to the board.

Mr. Trzcianka voted no.

ROLL CALL – To adopt Resolution 23-01

Mr. Bosh	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Shelkons	Yes
Mrs. Singleton	Yes
Mr. Stuban	Yes
Mr. Trzcianka	No – Stating that after beat down he got from the last attempt to consolidate, he feels there should be more information out to everybody.

Mr. Bosh stated that we could not be accused of not putting information out to the public. We had public meetings, prompted input on social meetings and the media covered it.

Mr. Trzcianka commented that he is not opposed to doing this but he got the brunt of everything that happened (regarding previous consolidation conversations) that he had nothing to do with.

Mr. Stuban stated that this was addressed at last month’s meeting.

Five (5) Yes, One (1) No, Motion Carried

BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR BEAVER VALLEY REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Stuban noted that both Conway and Freedom appointed their Mayor and a council member to the board. Baden gets three members to appoint this year and asked that the Mayor be appointed and he asked to be on the board too.

Mr. Bosh did have a concern regarding the appointment of board members because it was not addressed at last weeks meeting. He noted Mr. Stuban wanting to serve on the board. Mr. Bosh cannot commit to serving on the board so he can’t at this time. Mr. Bosh felt more time was needed and Mayor Montell and Councilman Miller are not present. Mr. Stuban commented that Mayor Montell is interested in being on the board. The first meeting of the new board is next week and not appointing the members will only hold up moving forward with the regionalization.

After further discussion it was agreed to appoint the members for one month so that we may move this along. Mr. Trzcianka commented to appoint Mayor Montell, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Shelkons.

3 Board Members

MOTION by Mr. Bosh, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to appoint Mayor Montell, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Shelkons to the Beaver Valley Regionalization Board for one month until next month for further discussion.

3 Alternate Board Members

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Shelkons, carried unanimously to appoint Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Bosh and Mr. Miller as alternates for the Beaver Valley Regionalization Board for one month until next month for further discussion.

ORDINANCE – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$296,511 - Expenses \$194,221
- Water Fund Balance \$170,963 - Expenses \$126,555

SPC Regional Traffic Signal Grant

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously make the second and final payment for the SPC Regional Traffic Signal Grant from Liquid Fuels in the amount of \$23,851

USDA Loan Request

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to pay Requisition No.15 to Widmer Engineering for engineering design under the USDA project in the amount of \$3,900.

DEP Inspection/Repairs

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to pay the required fence repairs and water tank up dgrades from the Beaver County Covid Funding.

Tax Exoneration

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to exonerate all taxes for the Harmony Road property that is on the Beaver County Repository List.

Public Works, Sanitation & Municipal Authority (John Jones)

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

Job Description

MOTION by Mr. Bosh, second by Mr. Jones, to prepare a job description for a part time office secretary, advertise and collect resumes.

Mr. Stuban voted No.

ROLL CALL – To write a job description and advertise for a part time secretary.

Mr. Bosh	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Shelkons	Yes
Mrs. Singleton	Yes
Mr. Stuban	No
Mr. Trzcianka	Yes

Five (5) Yes, One (1) No

Administration & Legislation (Doug Miller)

Planning Board

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to reappoint Dave Kolar to the Planning Board for a 5 year term.

Campbell, Durrant, P.C.

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to sign the fee agreement with Campbell, Durrant, P.C. in the event that we need them in the future for any labor law or employment law legal services.

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

Nothing to Report

Public Safety (Michael Stuban)

Retirement of Chief Christner

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to accept the States Right To Know appeal response regarding the retirement of the police chief. The borough is required to provide any responsive records, other than disciplinary records in David Christner's personnel file, with thirty days.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. USDA - Water System Improvements Final plans and specifications for the project will be submitted by the end of the month.
2. State Street Waterline Replacement (North to Virginia) Waiting on PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit application.
3. Storm Inlet Replacements - ARPA Grant WEI is waiting for direction from Borough Council regarding which inlets are to be taken out of the project (to be done in-house).
4. Boat Launch Permit (GP-3) We responded to comments from Beaver County Conservation District on the General Permit (GP-3) application for the boat launch on the Ohio River. We are waiting for a response from BCCD.
5. DEP Water System Notice of Violation (NOV) – Harmony Water Storage Tank Upgrades The DEP Public Water Supply (PWS) permit application was submitted in December and DEP let us know that it was administratively complete and going to the technical review phase on January 12.
6. H2O PA Grant Application The application was completed and submitted on time in December.
7. Johnson Avenue – The only way to find the source is to dig it up. Discussion took place regarding safety issues. Council concluded that public works can dig up the road and waterline.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Borough Manager, Elaine K. Rakovan
February 8, 2023