

**PRE-MEETING  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 15, 2016**

Council President Mr. Besong called the Pre-Meeting of Council to order at 6:30 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:** Mrs. Furr, Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mr. Trzcianka and Mr. Besong (Not Present: Mr. Stuban, Mrs. Montell)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Chief Christner, Tim Firich

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

**AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)**

**VISITORS - None**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Secretary**

**Tax Collector**

Council was given for review the Lease Agreement for the Tax Collector. The Tax Collector is asking for direct deposit authorization from the major tax paying entities.

**330 State Street**

The appraisal (attached) came in at \$47,000. The legal process for sale is to advertise the property for sale with the bid price starting at the appraisal price of \$47,000.

**West View Water**

The Engineer has reviewed the Street Opening application. He will present his information on Wednesday. West View Water is waiting for the Overweight Vehicle Agreement/Permit. West View would like to have the agreement immediately

**Quigley Waterline Agreement**

The Solicitor wrote the agreement for the Quigley Waterline.

**MS4 (Storm Water Management)**

The Engineer will present MS4 information at Wednesday's meeting.

**Timber Harvesting**

Both the Lions Club and the Villella's on Lincoln Avenue have put requests in for timber harvesting. The information has been given to the Engineer for review since this involves the Conservation District as well as Storm Water Runoff (MS4).

**General Code**

The preliminary update/revisions still need to be reviewed.

**668 Jefferson Street**

The attorney for Mr. David Speakman sent a letter expressing Mr. Speakman's interest in consenting to demolition of the property and that it be place on the County demolition list.

**Norfolk Southern Bridge Inspection**

The PUC included Baden on a letter to Norfolk Southern regarding the Pinney Street Bridge inspection and asking that a copy of the inspection be forwarded to the Complainant (John Shelkons) and Baden Borough.

**Keyless Entry**

MP Security Solutions is a local company who know our Keyless Entry. They can take over our system and update the software for the borough building at a cost of \$300. The Fire Chief asked that we include the Fire Department in this change over.

**CDBG Funding**

No project was picked.

**Ethic Statements**

Elected Officials need to submit the form to the secretary no later than May 1, 2016.

**T Mobile**

Per the 1996 Site Agreement with T Mobile they have informed Baden in writing that they will be doing maintenance on their wireless communication radio tower over the next 6 months. This was a curtesy letter.

**Ordinances Tabled at November meeting**

941 Amending the Code striking Chapter 170

942 Establishing the licensing and inspection of all rental units

**Right To Know**

One request that was denied has been appealed to the state. The solicitor has written and filed the response back to the state. No update at this time.

**Insurance Claims**

Fireman claim is closed.

Public Works employee injured his shoulder turning a water valve. He is off on workers compensation. Currently he is getting physical therapy.

**Public Works**

Mr. Josapak addressed Council in regards to waterline breaks and water valves not closing all the way in order to make the repair. This results in more houses being shut off from water service. He presented a sample of a valve and explained how the lack of exercising the valves is the main cause of this problem. Mr. Josapak stated that the borough never had a valve exercise plan and he would like to start one. Turn on/off and exercising a valve requires over 60 rotations. One employee injured his shoulder and is currently off on workers compensation. Discussion took place regarding the cost of over \$50,000 for a valve exercising machine. Council discussed renting, contracting or going in with another municipality to purchase the valve exercising machine.

**Fire Department**

Mr. Firich reported that for the month of January there were 21 calls. Five of the calls were for EMS. The tool bash made a profit of approximately \$8,000. Engine 2 (old pumper) went out for state inspection. The fire department advertised the sale of the tower ladder and old pumper.

**Public Safety**

Chief Christner gave an overview on how the 12 hour shifts have been working. The only issue is that overtime is being created for the full time officers because part time officers have left because they are not getting the work hours anymore. Discussion took place splitting the shifts for the part time officers. Chief Christner explained when a full time officer calls off and a part time officer is not available it is forcing another full time officer to work a 16 hour shift followed by his 12 hour shift. He explained that Harmony Township makes the 12 hour shift work because they have 5 full time officers who can take the overflow and call offs. Mr. Trzcianka addressed police not showing up for ambulance calls. Chief Christner asked for copies of the reports so he can see which officers are not responding.

**CEO**

Not present

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

Financial Balance	
General Fund Balance	\$90,258.70
Water Fund Balance	\$ 5,166.34

### Buildings, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

Mr. Kotula stated that his committee will be getting together over the next few weeks. He asked about the General Code updates. The secretary will give a copy to council. Mr. Shelkons reported that the West View Water fence will not block access to the river for residents. Mr. Shelkons also reported that the Pinney Street Bridge inspection was done and the PUC did request that a copy of the inspection be supplied to the borough, but the PUC said don't be surprised if you don't receive it. Mr. Kotula gave an update on getting grant funding for electrical upgrades and repairs.

### Community Relations (Michael Stuban)

Not Present

### Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Mr. Trzcianka noted that Public Works is keeping up with snow removal. He asked council to review the overweight vehicle agreement and the Quigley Waterline Agreement.

### Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Mr. Kotula had nothing to report.

### Library (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the Library elected officers and discussed sponsorships and fundraisers. The Library's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up and they are making plans for it. Mrs. Furr stated that the roof overhang is leaking by the front door. Mr. Shelkons asked if the Public Works can look at the overhang leak.

### Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the Recreation Board had their reorganization meeting. They discussed electricity for the park, as well as the 2016 events. Mr. Kotula asked that businesses be notified of any events that may affect them. Discussion followed.

### Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Judi Montell)

Not Present

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Gagliardi commented that he had conversation with several businesses in town and he had read about a possible takeover of Norfolk Southern Railroad. He commented that closing the railroad would lose around 900 jobs. The Mayor asked if council was aware of this. Mr. Shelkons commented that there was an article in the paper but he didn't see anything regarding this matter.

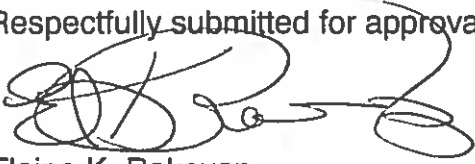
### President's Report

### OLD BUSINESS

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotual, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
March 14, 2016