

**REGULAR SESSION
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MARCH 16, 2016**

Council President Mr. Besong called the Regular Session 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, Mrs. Montell, Mr. Shelkons, Mr. Stuban, Mr. Trzcianka and Mr. Besong

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Engineer Tony Sadaka and Attorney James Amato

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Tom Turney, 336 State Street addressed Council in regards to acknowledging Bob Weber for all of his years of service to the borough. At the age of 15 he started his community service by cutting the grass at the Hill Cemetery. He felt that Bob should have had better recognition. Mr. Turney also noted that he has not heard anything regarding the auditing of his tax records, but hope to have something soon. He also noted that he will be soliciting for the community yard sale on June 4th. For the record he stated that for obtaining all of the ads for the yard sale flyer and map, he will have one advertisement on the flyer at no charge. He also asked for a history book and coin to send to the governor in hope to have him visit Baden. Mr. Turney asked for an explanation of the status of the fire truck purchase. Mr. Trzcianka explained the complexity of the paperwork involved for the 2% loan as well looking at other sources for funding (loans). It was also confirmed that the fire truck purchase will not cause an increase in taxes.
- Marianne Ketterer from Punks Ice Cream addressed council in regards to an issue with her neighboring property having water runoff going onto her property. She spoke to the property owner last year, they put lime stone down and now when it rains white lines are running across her driveway. It was explained that the CEO was off sick and they would have the building inspector look at it.
- Bob Weber addressed Council in regards to his objection to the purchase of a new fire truck when there are plenty of fire departments around us to assist Baden. He noted that the Borough needs a new street sweeper and we can't afford that but we can afford a new fire truck. Mr. Weber commented that Baden has more and better fire trucks than all of Beaver County. Mr. Trzcianka did give comments regarding the need for the fire truck. Mr. Weber then addressed Punks Ice Cream covering up the drains at the entrance to their driveway. Now when she cleans her parking lot the water goes out onto Route 65.
- Shirley Spence from 1081 First Street asked for an update on the weeds and debris growing behind her home. The CEO is still of from surgery. Mr. Shelkons asked if there have been any changes in the process that the CEO/Building Inspector follow because he has seen the same residents with the same complaints at the meetings. Discussion took place regarding the CEO's health, time available to work and ability to do his job.

- Marcie Rudolph from 933 Schiller Street addressed Council in regards to TV's being dumped on Tevebaugh Road. They are all along the road and an environmental hazard. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he will have the road crew pick up the TV's.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 15th and 17th, 2016

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to accept the minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS - None

ORDINANCES - None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. February letter from Geosyntec regarding their submission of and application to the DEP for Environmental remediation of Crows Run culvert at the Conway Rail Yard.
2. February letter from Nauman Smith to the PUC with attached Petition for Protective Order on behalf of Norfolk Southern in regards to the release of the Pinney Street Bridge Inspection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance (Michael Stuban)

Financial Balance	
General Fund Balance	\$141,848
Water Fund Balance	\$148,956

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to give \$400 to the Flower Club to plant flowers at the library and borough complex.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to sign a letter of intent and begin reviewing the paperwork to refinance the 2011 bond issue and look into adding extra funds for the fire truck or other things. This is a fact finding action to bring information back to council for review. Currently there is a projected savings of 9%.

Buildings, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to sign the agreement with the tax collector.

Mr. Kotula informed those in attendance regarding available handouts and information on the MS4 and stormwater run-off

Community Relations (Michael Stuban)

Nothing to report

Library (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the library is looking into fundraisers and celebrating their 75th anniversary. She asked if the awning roof was looked at by the public works department. Mrs. Rakovan stated that they did look at it, but it was something that they could not fix. The corner is bent and there is a hole in the roofing. Council did not take any further action.

Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the Easter Egg Hunt was on Saturday March 19th at 10:00 AM. The yard sale will be on June 4th.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to authorize the law firm of Eckert and Seaman to handle all legal aspects of the personnel issue and to direct council accordingly.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to precede with the VLAP 2% loan and whatever paperwork is necessary to obtain the loan.

Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Judi Montell)

Mrs. Montell addressed information for curbside pickup of electronics, paints and chemicals. It is as simple as making a phone call. Mr. Kotula asked about Waste Management throwing trash cans leaving trash on the street. Discussion took place regarding meeting with the Waste Management manager to address our concerns.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Sadaka stated that the contractor finished the drainage repair to the alley off of Berry Street and Anderson Candy. Mr. Trzcianka commented that there is still water running onto the Anderson property. Mr. Sadaka commented that the water runoff is a totally different issue. The purpose of the Anderson repair was to reconnect the pipe.

Mr. Sadaka addressed the street opening for the West View Water project. He stated that there has been no response concerning restoration options. Mrs. Rakovan noted that there is also going to be dumping of dirt onto private property. Permits are needed for this too. Further discussion followed regarding the permits and who is responsible for making sure the permits are done and everything is done correctly and properly. Who is responsible? No decision was made. Conversation changed over to the cost of street opening and the options that the borough has with the permit money and possible upgrade options for Tevebaugh Road.

Mayor's Report

Chief Christner addressed the citizens' concerns regarding not being able to get in touch with the CEO. He felt that the CEO should be a Baden resident. Chief Christner offered to meet with the residents who are having code issues. He is willing to look into the issues and write a citation if needed. Discussion followed regarding what the Chief can do and what the process options may be.

Chief Christner addressed Council regarding 610 State Street running a half-way house. He has brought this up numerous times and nothing has been done. Mrs. Rakovan stated that the CEO did send a certified letter and the second step is to post the property and follow up with going to the magistrate, but she had no details regarding the

status of the situation. Discussion regarding options and the process that needs to be followed. Questions included zoning of the property and if the property owner is registered as a half-way house. Is the property owner stating it is a half-way house? Mr. Amato stated that the CEO is on the right track but it needs to be pushed through and done.

Mayor Gagliardi stated that total fines collected was \$1,115.50 and there were 148 calls.

President's Report

Mr. Besong thanked Mr. Weber for all the years of service that he gave to the borough.

OLD BUSINESS

Marcia Lehman from 998 Mayfield Avenue in Harmony Township invited Council to a public forum regarding "Save our Reservoir" that will be taking place on April 20th in the high school cafeteria.

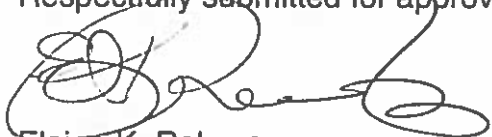
Mr. Kostial asked council if they looked at the storm sewer repair off of Berry Street because there is one drain that is sitting higher than the others. Mr. Sadaka commented that the design was done properly. The one sewer inlet that is sitting higher is still attached however the property owner did not permit the borough to have access to the inlet.

Mr. Weber asked about the trailer court and a limit that was set regarding how many trailers are permitted on the property. There is new ownership and Mr. Weber felt that the owner should be aware of the limitation on the number of trailers.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
April 18, 2016