

**REGULAR SESSION
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2015**

Council President Mrs. Montell called the Regular Session of Council to order at 7:00 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. Besong, Mr. Kotula, Mrs. Michaels, Mr. Shelkons, Mr. Stuban, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Christner, Engineer Tony Sadaka and Attorney James Amato

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Tom Turney, 336 State Street asked that the new tax collectors information be advertised accordingly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 16th and 18th, 2015

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Michaels, carried unanimously to accept the minutes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS - None

ORDINANCES - None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. November letter from Damian, Amato & Start regarding the Franco Driveway

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance (Michael Stuban)

Financial Balance

General Fund Balance	\$142,311.75
Water Fund Balance	\$102,226.05

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka carried unanimously to pay for one street department wages and street lights from liquid fuels fund.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Michaels to enact all 511 taxes. Mr. Besong voted no.

ROLL CALL To enact all 511 taxes.

Mr. Besong	No
Mr. Kotula	Yes
Mrs. Michaels	Yes
Mr. Shelkons	Yes
Mr. Stuban	Yes
Mr. Trzcianka	Yes
Mrs. Montell	Yes

Six (6) yes One (1) no motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Michaels, carried unanimously to close the books on December 31, 2015

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Michaels, carried unanimously to advertise the reorganization meeting for 7:00PM on January 4, 2016.

Buildings, Property & Grounds (Bob Besong)

Mr. Besong stated that the chairs will be purchase by the end of January and the old chairs will go over to the fire department.

Public Safety & Community Relations (Ted Kotula)

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Michaels, carried unanimously to authorize seven police officers to attend the PA Training updates for certification not to exceed \$210.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Michaels, carried unanimously to purchase a battery for the server in the police department not to exceed \$300.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Michaels, carried unanimously to authorize the police department to have a backup server to the cloud at a cost of \$100 per month.

Library, Recreation & Communications (John Shelkons)

Mr. Shelkons reported that due to the state budget impasse the library will be cutting their hours by five hours per week. The two individuals that the board would like to have appointed to the library board are Rebecca Beares and Justin Hostetler. Mr. Shelkons also noted that this years libraries budget did not change from last years.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Quigley Water Line - Mr. Trzcianka stated that Quigley and Economy Borough should be responsible for the valve that needs to be placed at the Quigley connection.

MOTION by Mr. Besong, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to ask Quigley and Economy Borough to pay for the valve that needs to be placed at the Quigley connection.

Mrs. Rakovan commented that she is going to meet with the DEP, Quigley and Economy Borough regarding the waterline and connections.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Michaels, carried unanimously to approve the sale of the police car at the ending bid to be no lower than \$5,700.

Fire Truck - Mr. Trzcianka stated that there is a used fire truck for sale in Alabama. Original asking price was \$625,000. It has been marked down to \$425,000. He asked that Council authorize and pay for two firemen and a mechanic to travel to Alabama to look at and inspect the truck. If a purchase would be made a 2% loan would be taken

out and there is approximately \$100,000 saved in the fire truck fund. Discussion followed regarding the cost for the travel expenses and any additional cost for the truck. The payment for the fire truck would come from the budgeted \$25,000 for the fire truck fund. The loan would be between 10 and 20 years but should be paid off in 15 years.

MOTION by Mr. Besong, second by Mrs. Michaels to approve paying travel expenses for two firemen and one mechanic to travel to Alabama to inspect the fire truck. Mr. Trzcianka abstained.

ROLL CALL (To pay for two firemen and one mechanic to travel to Alabama)

Mr. Besong	Yes
Mr. Kotula	Yes
Mrs. Michaels	Yes
Mr. Shelkons	Yes
Mr. Stuban	Yes
Mr. Trzcianka	Abstained (Fireman)
Mrs. Montell	Yes

Six (6) yes One (1) no motion carried.

Street Lights – Discussion took place regarding Mr. Kotula hard work on contacting Duquesne Light, writing letters to the PUC, contacting the CEO of Duquesne Light and not paying the electric bill in full.

Maple Street Drainage – Mr. Stuban noted that the engineer gave a cost estimate of \$11,000 for the Maple Street Drainage problem.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to correct the drainage on Maple Street at a cost estimate of \$11,000.

Milton Street Culvert – Mr. Josapak explained that someone went down into the culvert and moved the pipe out of the way. The water is now flowing in the creek. He felt no further action is needed at this time.

Recreation & Communications (Donna Michaels)

Santa on Fire Truck – Friday December 18th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Tax Collector – Mrs. Michaels reported that she turned in her resignation as Councilmember effective December 31st so she may fulfill her obligation as the newly elected tax collector. She thanked everyone for all their hard work and support that she has been given over the years.

Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Donna Michaels)

No computer/electronic recycling will be available this summer through Representative Matzie's office. This program in the past was sponsored through a grant.

Solicitor's Report

Nothing to Report

Engineer's Report

Anderson Candy and Berry Street to Bryan Avenue Drainage – The contractor is continuing to work on the project and it should be finished over the next couple of weeks.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gagliardi thanked Donna Michaels for the service to our community.

Total fines collected for the month was \$589.55

Mayor Gagliardi gave an overview of the year. 83 criminal citations. 70 non-traffic citations. 324 traffic citations. Total citations for the year were 477.

President's Report

Mrs. Montell thanked everyone for working with her. She did not run for re-election and this was her last meeting. She wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

OLD BUSINESS

Delinquent Tax Collector – Mrs. Michaels asked that Paula Winnie be appointed as the Deputy Tax Collector.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Besong, to appoint Paula Winnie as the Deputy Tax Collector. Donna Michaels abstained.

ROLL CALL (To appoint Paula Winnie as the Deputy Tax Collector)

Mr. Besong	Yes
Mr. Kotula	Yes
Mrs. Michaels	Abstained (She is the tax collector)
Mr. Shelkons	Yes
Mr. Stuban	Yes
Mr. Trzcianka	Yes
Mrs. Montell	Yes

Six (6) yes One (1) no motion carried.

Office space for the tax collector - Mr. Stuban noted that it was agreed to offer the tax collector office space within council chambers at a cost of \$100 per month. An agreement will need to be written up.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Besong, to write up an agreement and offer office space to the tax collector at \$100 per month.

ROLL CALL (To have an agreement with the tax collector to rent office space at \$100 per month)

Mr. Besong	Yes
Mr. Kotula	Yes
Mrs. Michaels	Abstained (She is the tax collector)
Mr. Shelkons	Yes
Mr. Stuban	Yes
Mr. Trzcianka	Yes
Mrs. Montell	Yes

Six (6) yes One (1) no motion carried.

Sonny Mayer from 540 Phillips Street addressed council in regards to the municipal authority leaving his yard a mess after a sanitary sewer repair. Mr. Trzcianka noted that it was not a council issue and would be addressed by the Municipal Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Besong, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
January 18, 2016