

**PRE-MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUGUST 17, 2015**

Council President Mrs. Montell called the meeting 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. Kotula, Mrs. Michaels, Mr. Stuban, Mr. Trzcianka, and Mrs. Montell
(Not Present: Mr. Besong and Mrs. Villella)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Secretary

2014 Audit - Completed. Copy given to Council and Mayor

Tax Collections - The Per Capita Taxes continue to be collected and corrections are being made. Additional corrections for 2014 delinquents have been sent to the county. A new addition to corrections is 2013 taxes that are now in Sherriff sale status. Information is being gathered and then will be given to the school to correct.

PSAB Fall Conference - October 16th to 18th at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Inform the secretary if you are planning to attend.

2016 MMO Obligation - The Police Pension MMO amount is \$81,000. The non-uniform MMO is \$46,268. A motion will be needed on Wednesday to accept the MMO amounts.

Regional Police Study - If council interested in reviewing the police study please request a copy from the secretary.

Bus Stops – Beaver County Transit Authority - The BCTA is replacing all bus stops with a decorative bench. There will no longer be shelters. They are asking for signature of an easement.

Mr. Kotula addressed the Beaver County Transit Authority wanting to replace the bus stop shelters with decorative benches. He asked if he could speak with BCTA representative and discuss councils concerns regarding not having shelters for the people using the bus stops.

COMCAST Day of Caring April 25th - Waiting for the grant funding.

Garbage Contract - Three bid packets were picked up and opened at 2:00 today. Need to give to the engineer for tabulation and review. Three bids included: Waste Management, Brunner's and Valley.

330 State Street - Still doing restoration of the property.

Water Certification Test - Rick Sedlacek passed his water certification test. The paperwork has been mailed to the state for processing.

General Code - The preliminary update/revisions still need to be reviewed.

Utility - Training is taking place. Hope to be up and running for next bill run.

Zoning Hearing - The hearing is August 17th for 410 State Street.

FEMA Flood Plain Ordinance - The Ordinance had been approved by FEMA.

Water Bills - Late bills have been mailed. Due date is September 8th and shut-off will be September 9th.

Insurance Claims -

- Property – Harmony Road and State Street June car accident caused damage to storm sewer and traffic lights. Received a check from the insurance company in the amount of \$6,186.78
- Property – Light up sign at the end of the drive way. Struck by falling tree limb. Turned over to the insurance company. Deductible is \$500 not sure of value of sign. Still waiting for a replacement quote from the fire department.
- Property – Waterline break on North Avenue caused a sink hole that a resident drove into causing damage to his vehicle. Waiting on police report to file with the insurance claim. Claim is for \$957.16

Public Works

Not Present

CEO

Not Present

Police Chief

Not Present

Fire Department

Chief Trzcianka will give update under his other reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration & Finance (Michael Stuban)

- Audit – Mr. Stuban commented that copies of the audit have been handed out for council's review.
- Police Consolidation – The study has been completed for the study regarding the consolidation of Conway, Harmony, Ambridge and Baden. The cost for Baden will be anywhere between \$93,000 and \$135,000 more per year. This cost does not include the pension costs. Mr. Stuban commented that his recommendation is not to continue with the current study. He noted that in the future if there is an interest to consolidate with another town like Harmony we can do a study at that time.
- Duties between Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer and the Building Inspector - Mr. Stuban addressed where there are discrepancies in what the CEO and Building Inspector say are required. Mr. Stuban then gave the example of MS4 drainage requirements for a current driveway permit. Individual Council members cannot

make this decision. Mrs. Montell asked if there was paperwork to backup their opinions. Mrs. Rakovan explained that the code/ordinances are for the Officers to interpret. There is always gray area where the interpretation is up to the Officer. This is where the discrepancies occur. The other issue is who handles the zoning permits. There are some situations where a zoning permit is required prior to the building permit. Mr. Shelkons stated that he is the individual who needs a zoning permit for a driveway and will later need a building permit for a garage. Mr. Shelkon's stated that he got approval for the driveway and he wants to makes sure that all is good for him to proceed. Mr. Stuban agreed with Mrs. Montell to have the engineer look at this for now and then ask the PSAB for further assistance.

Buildings, Property & Grounds (Bob Besong)

- Tree roots behind the building impeding upon neighbors fence - Mrs. Montell stated that the neighbor is asking that the borough cut the root that is pushing on her fence. Mrs. Rakovan stated that the workorder was written up for Public Works to address this matter.

Community Relations (Ted Kotula)

- Route 65 Corridor Meeting – The state wants to make better traffic flow on Route 65. The State was looking at traffic flow to get from one end to the other as quickly as possible. Mr. Kotula as well as other representatives addressed their concern for give access to the towns via off ramps or some other means of access.

Library (Kim Villella)

Not present.

- Rocking Wine and Cheese Party - September 26th at the Baden American Legion.

Public Safety (Kim Villella)

Not Present.

- Traffic by Baden Academy - Mr. Trzcianka addressed the Mayor in regards to heavy traffic by the Baden Academy. Mrs. Rakovan commented that she did address this matter with Chief Christner that morning and he did speak with the school officials. Discussion followed regarding possible solutions. The Mayor stated the he and the Chief will speak with the school and Villa.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- Anderson Candy Drainage - Mr. Trzcianka stated that the project needs to be advertised for bid.
- Berry Street Alley – The cost came in at \$35,000 for repairing the Alley. Needs to go out for bid too.
- Fire Department Report – Chief Trzcianka stated that on August 20th, Emergency One was stopping by with a demo Arial Truck at 6:00 PM.

Air Force Training – The fire department did joint training with the Air Force. The remaining cars have been cut up so Harvey's will be removing them shortly.

There were 16 calls last month and 10 were in town.

Recreation & Communications (Donna Michaels)

- Pirate Game - Mrs. Michaels stated that the Recreation Board is looking going to a Pirate Game some time in September.

- Applefest – October 10th.

Sanitation, Recycling & Municipal Authority (Donna Michaels)

- Garbage Bids – The bids were opened on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Michaels will make a motion to have the bids tabulated by the Engineer on Wednesday.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Gagliardi stated that he will have his report on Wednesday night.

President's Report

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

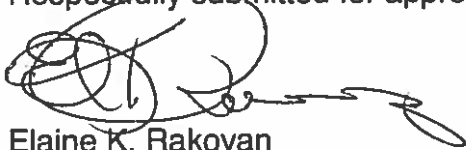
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to go into executive session at 7:28 PM.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Donna Michaels, carried unanimously to return to session at 8:04 PM.

Motion by Mrs. Michaels, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
September 14, 2015