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**REGULAR SESSION  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017**

~There was no Monday meeting due to lack of quorum~

Council President Robert 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. Shekons, Mr. Stuban, and Mr. Trzcianka and Mr. Besong

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Gagliardi, Engineer Tony Sadaka, Solicitor James Amato, Code Enforcement Officer Bob Weber

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

**VISITORS**

Tim Firich presented to council a copy of the New York Times front page newspaper with the article about the derailment of the train in Baden that was thought to be sabotage. He wanted to leave this with Baden since he is moving from Baden. Council thanked Mr. Firich for his service as a Fireman and Emergency Management Coordinator.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Montell, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

**RESOLUTIONS – None**

**ORDINANCES – (Advertised in the Beaver County Times for review)**

- **954** Amending the Borough Code Chapter 15, Fire Department requiring a Knox Box for new commercial construction and multi-residential buildings as well as renovations and multi-residential buildings with 4 or more units.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 954.

**BIDS – None**

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. September letter from Economy Ambulance regarding becoming a 501 (c) (3) corporation so that they may accept tax deductible contributions so that they may continue to service the area. They are asking that Baden as well as the other communities to possibly budget a contribution to them.
2. Letter to Council from Donald Cokus regarding honoring past police chief, Dan Colaizzi.
- Mr. Stuban asked that the secretary read the letter and then stated that council, mayor and police department should look into seeing what they can do to honor Chief Colaizzi.
3. Letter from Veterans Service Center asking that council continue to donate \$525 in their 2018 budget.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Secretary

#### 2016 Audit

Motion for approval of the 2016 General and Water Audit is needed.

#### Library Roof

Put out for bid. The bid opening will be October 2nd.

#### Cork board for Community Room Walls

Jason's Custom Woodworking finished and put up the framed cork board in the community room. The frames are being painted next.

#### .gov Domain

Paperwork was submitted in August for the .gov domain. Waiting to hear back from them.

#### Carpeting

Abby Carpeting pricing came back. (Copy attached)

#### Insurance Claims

**Traffic Signal and Pole on State Street at Bottom of Harmony Road** - Had a police report written up, pictures taken and submitted to the insurance company. Received notification that the cost of the repair will be covered by insurance. Notified Traffic Systems to proceed with the repair. The cost to replace and relocate the pole, signal and lines is \$10,397.80 Insurance check already received.

**Workers Comp** - Police Officer got bit on the hand by a dog. No lost time. ER visit for tetanus shot.

#### Newsletter

All articles have been submitted to the publishing company. Mailing is planned for first week of October.

#### Annual EMMA Report for 2016 GOB

All paperwork was done and uploaded online to EMMA per the requirements of the GOB agreement.

#### Right To Know Request

One request for documentation that clarifies the \$75 charge for having public work employees fill pot holes on the Baden Legion parking lot.

## CEO

Mr. Weber stated that he sent out 3 weed letters and he had 3 chicken and duck complaints. With the assistance of the police chief they got 3 trailers removed from the streets. There was a dog complaint of Prospect Street. It was addressed. Two cars in Virginia Terrace will be picked up this week because their citation time is running out. There are three more cars that he will be looking into on Ehman Avenue. Mr. Weber commented on the convenience store opening up the telephone store. He stated that there they never got their mercantile license and the store was sold to another guy. They also have 3 gaming machines in the back and are renovating the old donut shop end without a permit. Mr. Weber commented that they need to be shut down for not following the borough code. Chief Christner said that the state has notified him in regards to the illegal games and he will be speaking with them so before any action is taken upon them let the Chief first let them know of the situation. Mr. Weber concluded that he had two hearings. The one resulted in the magistrate letting them go because the resident complied and the second hearing had the resident fined.

## Public Works

Not present

## Police Department

Chief Christner concurred and agreed with Mr. Cokus and the letter he wrote regarding honoring Dan Colaizzi. He stated that Chief Colaizzi was a father figure to a lot of the officers. Chief Christner stated that other organization including the police department may be willing to contribute to funding something in honor and memory of Chief Colaizzi.

Chief Christner stated that the new police car is finally in. It is currently being outfitted. He also noted that by going to an all-black car with Baden markings saved the borough \$1,000.

## Fire Department

Not present but written report given to council.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Ledger Balance \$334,809 - Expenses \$131,739
- Water Fund Balance \$168,867 - Expenses \$150,357

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to accept the water and general fund 2016 audit.

Mr. Shelkons stated that they got Baden Property signs to be placed along the river front area once the West View waterline project is complete which will not be completed until spring of next year.

### Buildings, Property & Grounds / Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Mr. Kotula stated that the fire department will be doing some vehicle training his week so there are cars in the lower lot and they will be removed in a timely manner.

Mr. Kotula addressed council in regards to Center Street and the lack of visibility when exiting onto State Street. A photo was supplied to council to show the difficulty. This has been brought to council's attention numerous times and we tried to get a mirror only to find that they are not permitted by PennDot. Mr. Kotula recommended that the curb be painted yellow back to the pole to allow better traffic visibility.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to paint the curb yellow back to the pole on State Street from Center Street.

Mr. Kotula asked that the home owners be notified that the yellow line was going to be extended prior to being done.

Mr. Shelkons gave an update on the electricity in the park. It is going to be extending all the way down to the end of the park. It will be ready for Applefest. Mr. Shelkons is also working on getting the three lights replaced that shine into the park.

Mr. Kotula asked for an update on the .gov domain. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she sent the letter and paperwork in August and has not heard back yet.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to contribute \$500 towards the educational materials for Fire Prevention Month at the local schools.

### **Community Relations (Michael Stuban)**

Mr. Stuban reported that M&P Solution on 330 State Street is having an open house on Friday at 3:00. All of Council and Mayor are invited.

### **Library / Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)**

Mrs. Furr stated that the library is working on their fundraiser.

Applefest – Mrs. Furr stated that they are working on the Applefest that will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stuban asked the Chief Christner about police control for the Applefest. He stated that there will be 4 officers on duty. The Chief stated that he asked to meet with Donna Michaels to go over the details. He commented that we can't completely shut down the street because the businesses and residents need to have access to their property. Mr. Kotula asked that the businesses be notified of the event.

### **Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)**

Mr. Josapak was not present. Mr. Trzcianka commented that the Legion is having a problem with a tenant living in the apartment next door to the Legion. The tenant is parking their vehicle in the yellow line area and preventing visibility when patrons leave the Legion parking lot. There was a no parking sign there at one time and they are requesting that it be placed back up. The Chief stated that they have cited the tenant many times. Mrs. Montell suggested that the tenant be cited under the state code. Council agreed that the no parking sign be placed up.

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the contractor pulled back the carpeting from the top deck (slab) at the library and they stated that it is all broken up. Until the slab is fixed the railing can't be put in. The library needs to open the other door so that the entire rug is pulled up so we can see what the entire condition is of the concrete. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he will take to Mike Josapak about getting three quotes to fix the concrete. The secretary was asked to contact the library to open the other door for the library to use as its entrance until the concrete is fixed and the railing installed.

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

Mrs. Montell stated that she is meeting with Mrs. Conroy from State Street School regarding putting in the tulip wall in the borough park.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Not Present

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**Engineer's Report**

Paving Project - Paving is under way.

Roof Library - The project has been advertised and the bids are scheduled to be opened October 2nd, 2017.

Generator – Prospect Street Booster Station - Working with the Borough Secretary to have Duquesne Light disconnect power to a now unused power service on the building. Once this is done, the contractor will come back and complete demolition for the project and we can close the project out.

MS4 Stormwater Management - The Notice of Intent (NOI) and Permit Waiver Application forms have been completed and submitted to DEP.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gagliardi addressed council in regards to the budget (audit). He commented that council should look at the notes and ask that the audit company come in and explain it to us. Mr. Stuban noted that if council or mayor wants to meet with the auditor they can do so on their own. The audit does not have findings and there were no suggestions. An audience member asked about the audit. Mr. Stuban noted that the audit is public information and it is mandated by the state to be done every year. The audit covers everything from pensions, loans and expenses. It is all public information and could be found on the DCED website.

Mayor Gagliardi asked about the shelter for the Legion bus stop. Mr. Kotula stated that the Beaver County Transit Authority notified the borough a while back that they were removing the shelter and replacing it with a bench. We asked at that time and they stated that there were not enough patrons utilizing the bus stop to justify a shelter. The bus stop shelter and bench are the property of BCTA. Discussion followed. Mr. Kotula stated that he was going to call them regarding the speeding of the buses as they drive through town. Council also concluded to write a letter to BCTA from the Mayor to ask if they would consider placing up the shelter. Mr. Kotula stated that he would look into possibly putting a shelter up with BCTA approval.

Mayor Gagliardi stated that there were 152 calls last month and \$375.26 was collected in fines.

**President's Report**

Mr. Besong asked that public works clean up the trash along Harmony Road.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Montell stated that she saw the estimates for the flooring and she feels that the price is outrageous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
October 16, 2017