

**REGULAR SESSION  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 21, 2016**

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. Shelkons, Mr. Stuban, and Mr. Besong (Not Present: Mr. Trzcianka)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney James Amato, Mayor Gagliardi, Sgt. Alvarez

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

**VISITORS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Montell, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

**RESOLUTIONS - None**

**ORDINANCES** – Advertised in the Beaver County Times

- **949** Setting 2017 Tax Rate at 26.5 mill (will be adopted after adoption of the budget)
- **950** Adopting the restated Master Plan and Trust currently administered by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Municipal Retirement Trust

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adopt ordinance 950.

- **951** Amending Ord 914 obligating both buyer or seller to conduct a dye test prior to the property being sold

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to adopt ordinance 951.

**BIDS**

**Emergency Generator for Prospect Tank (Tabulated by Widmer Engineering)**

McCurley Houston Electric	\$ 60,150	Allegheny City Electric	\$ 71,000
PFB Electric	\$ 83,207	Frankl Electric	\$ 84,505
R.E. Yates Electric	\$ 99,828	Rath Construction	\$115,315

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to award the bid to McCurley Houston Electric.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Receipt of the \$6,236.18 grant check from Duquesne Light for lighting in the park.
2. Letter from Damian, Amato & Start regarding Conflict of Interest Abstention from a vote.
3. Letter from Donna Michaels requesting permission to set up online credit card payments for borough property taxes.

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to authorize online credit card payments for borough property taxes at no cost to the borough.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)**

- General Fund Balance    \$116,429.22                    - Expenses    \$100,208.14
- Water Fund Balance    \$133,747.69                    - Expenses    \$33,971.94

**Motion** by Mr. Shelkons, to adopt the General Fund 2017 budget in the amount of \$2,110,880. Mr. Stuban had a question on the motion in regards to discussion reallocating \$5,000 from the money put into the fire department (breathing apparatus) to the borough for painting and repairs of the borough building.

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to adopt the amended General Fund 2017 budget in the amount of \$2,110,880.

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 949 setting 2017 tax rate at 26.5 mills

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to adopt the Water Fund 2017 budget in the amount of \$783,900

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to pay street lights from the Liquid Fuels Account per the budget

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to close the borough books and balance funds on December 29, 2016

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to enact all 511 taxes

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to continue with WesBanco as the borough Depository

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to authorize Council & Mayor to attend Borough related conventions in Pennsylvania

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to adopt the 2017 IRS mileage rate

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to appoint Mark Turnley to do the audit for year 2016

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to advertise the monthly Council meetings to be held at 6:30 PM on the third Wednesday of the month with workshop on the previous Monday at 6:30 PM and to include ADA requirements

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to retain the Borough Secretary, Elaine Rakovan; Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Weber and Building Inspector Joe Luff (BIU) under the same contract agreement as previous years.

**Community Relations (Michael Stuban)**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Montell, carried unanimously to have the engineer work with Columbia Gas to bid out street paving.

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

Mr. Kotula stated that the check was received from Columbia Gas for electrical repairs and upgrades in the Memorial Park.

**Public Safety (Ted Kotula)**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to hire Darren Jones as a time officer pending background check and interview.

**Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)**

Not Present

**Library (Suzie Furr)**

Santa will be driven around town on Friday to hand out candy to the children. This year's candy is from Holman's Candy.

**Recreation & Communications (Suzie Furr)**

Mrs. Furr stated that plans are being made for 2017 events which include a community day and fall festival.

Mr. Shelkons stated that the roof repair worked and there doesn't seem to be any water leak issues at this time.

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

Nothing to report.

**Solicitor's Report**

Nothing to report

**Engineer's Report**

Not present.

**Mayor's Report**

Sgt. Alvarez reached out to council requesting the hiring of another full time police officer. He explained that Baden is a full time police training ground for full time positions in other police departments. He explained the costs associated with bullet proof vests, clothing and training. Sgt. Alvarez stated that losing part timers after training to other departments is very taxing on him the other officers who have to start all over again with training new part timers. Sgt. Alvarez relates the part time hiring and training process to a puppy mill. Baden trains and then some other departments take them on as full time officers.

**President's Report**

Mr. Besong had nothing to report.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

- Municipal Authority - 5 year term (term ended for Kevin Blanarik)
- Zoning Hear Board - 3 year term (term ended for Muffy Cappabianco)
- Planning Board - 5 year term (term ended for Joe Kostial)
- Educational Services - 3 year term (term ended for Regina Larue)
- Parks & Recreation - 2 years left in a 5 year term (Vacant)

Mr. Stuban asked that board appointments be tabled until next month to confirm the interest of those who may be reappointed.

Mrs. Rakovan added that we also need to add for Council the PSAB and local COG voting delegates for 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
January 16, 2017