

## **REGULAR SESSION BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MARCH 21, 2018**

Council President Judi Montell 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:** Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka, and Mrs. Montell (Not Present: Mr. Besong and Mrs. Furr)

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

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

### **VISITORS**

Pastor Jill addressed mayor and council with an update of the committee that was created by the mayor, through council to come up with a recognition award for outstanding citizenship in Baden. The committee consists of Mayor Gagliardi, Bob Besong, Chief Christner, Georgianna Shalayda, Ted Kotula and herself. They created a mission statement and a list of criteria for the award (copy was given to council). She stated that it is a privilege to live in Baden and it is up to us as citizens to leave Baden a better place for the next generation. By having a Mayor Recognition Award we are saying that there are outstanding citizens that inspire us and have done things to inspire the next generation. Eligibility for this award is very broad. It could be a business, an individual citizen, a leader, or a selfless volunteer within our community; anyone who goes above and beyond. This award is designed to be uniting. Pastor Jill asked council for permission to reutilize the glass enclosure for posting a plaque of the award recipient's name. She also hoped that more than their name, the story of the person is told and recorded for future generations. The award information and application has been submitted for the newsletter. There may be a maximum of two recipients per year and it would be awarded during the Applefest.

Linda Stanley from the Citizens Who Protect the Ambridge Reservoir spoke regarding a shell pipeline that will run through the Ambridge watershed and the concerns that may affect our water. There is a meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in Aliquippa where residents can hear speakers and get more insight and more involved in trying to stop the pipeline from going through the Ambridge watershed.

Randy Dobich, public works employee addressed council in regards to comments that were made at Monday's meeting by a visitor, Mr. Stuban about GPS systems being put on the cars and that the second in charge on the public works department is lazy and ignorant. Randy stated that not one council member stood up for the road department. He asked council if they feel that the public works department is lazy and don't work hard because they need to know. Mrs. Montell stated that she did not recall those words being said. Randy stated that he was told by multiple people what was said. He went on to say that he gave a 12 hour day over the weekend and only put down 8 hours on his time card. He stated that the rest of the department gives more than that too. He stated that it hurts that this man (Michael Stuban) pushes his agenda to mess with public works and not one council member stood up for them. This action crushes the morale of the public works employees. He invited council to follow him around or ride around with him all day long to see how hard he works. There is not a point in time that

he is not doing something for the borough and sometimes it's on his own time. He stated that he works his tail off the borough and it hurts that council thinks that they are all lazy and wouldn't stand up to the man that all the constituents of this town does not want represented in this borough. He was appointed three times and three times he was knocked off during elections yet he is still driving his agenda and council is following it. Not having anyone stand up for him makes him not want to work his tail off for the borough.

Mr. Stuban, 44 Anthony Wayne Terrace stated that a lot of what Mr. Dobich stated was not said during Monday's meeting. Nothing was said about arrogant and lazy. Mr. Josapak said yes it was and Mr. Stuban comments are slandering a man in this room. Mr. Stuban stated that things were brought up about the street department. There have been numerous complaints about things. Somethings are done correctly. Mr. Josapak interjected his discern with "somethings". Mr. Shelkons stated that it was not necessary for the King Kong comment and no one should be speaking out from the audience when someone has the floor. A few more comments were exchanged in frustration between Mr. Josapak and Mr. Shelkons. Mr. Stuban apologized for his remarks. He said when you know things are going on and you are trying to correct them; council knew about some of these issues since November and December. He brought up this issue because there are concerns and many residents see some of our street department unethically. He stated that he hopes council will sit down with the street department and try to rectify these problems.

Mr. Dobich spoke up that he would like to know what he is doing wrong. Mr. Josapak addressed Mr. Stuban and asked what is he doing right now that is unethical? President Montell used the gavel stating this is enough. Mrs. Singleton asked that Robert's Rule of Order be followed.

Randy Dobich asked council what are they doing that is unethical. Mr. Trzcianka asked what the dump truck was doing a Shop N Save at 1:00 this morning. Mr. Josapak stated that he was out getting his lunch because he was out working since 3:00 in the morning. Words were exchanged again and Mrs. Montell had to again ask that Mr. Josapak settle down. Mr. Trzcianka stated someone complained that the dump truck was sitting outside of Shop N Save and it was running. It is not necessary to keep the truck running. Mr. Trzcianka then asked why the dump truck was down at the credit union in Ambridge. Mr. Dobich stated that he was not in that truck. Mr. Trzcianka stated this was another legitimate complaint. He also stated that he was going to bring all of this up to public works in a private meeting but if you want to air this publicly then do that. Mrs. Montell asked that Mr. Dobich and Mr. Trzcianka to settle down and behave themselves with a civil conversation and stop the screaming. Mr. Dobich stated that council never even approached public works about anything. He stated that they are throwing GPS in to hang people including the police. Mr. Dobich asked if all borough vehicles including the fire department are getting GPS. Mrs. Montell stated the fire department is not included because the borough does not own all of their vehicles. Mr. Dobich commented that they should be because he has seen the fire trucks in the city of Darlington. Why was the truck in Darlington? Mrs. Singleton stated that the GPS are for the benefit of the employee as well as the borough. Mr. Dobich stated that they all have company paid phones as a means of contacting them. Mr. Dobich stated that this is not about the GPS. He welcomes council to spend the day with him because he is never sitting still. If he is in the garage he is cleaning, sweeping and cleaning bathrooms because they don't have anyone to clean their garage. They are driving around from one place to another because they are "putting out fires", getting supplies, doing work orders and plowing streets. Mrs. Montell stated that the bottom line is that the committee members can sit down with public works to go over everything. Mr. Dobich asked that council ask him anything to his face because he does not lie and he wants council to know what he does. He stated that he loves Baden and it hurts that he slammed as being lazy, arrogant and mean. Mr. Dobich also noted that he understands that Mr. Stuban is on the Municipal Authority Board but he shouldn't be in hanging out in the Borough office. He thanked council for his time.

Mary from 913 First Street addressed council in regards to a sewer backup at her home. This is not a council issue however Mr. Trzcianka (a board member for the sewage authority), Mr. Josapak and Mr. Dobich addressed her issue.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

### APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

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

### RESOLUTIONS – None

### ORDINANCES - None

### BIDS – None

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. March 1<sup>st</sup> letter and resume from Matthew T. Loftus stating his desire to fulfill the vacant Emergency Management Coordinator position for the Borough of Baden.
2. March 7<sup>th</sup> letter from the Beaver County Emergency Services regarding their receipt of a notice from Timothy Firich stating that he is no longer Baden's Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). Included were the forms for Baden to appoint a new EMC.
3. March 7<sup>th</sup> letter from the Baden American Legion inviting the Mayor and Council to participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Administration & Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Ledger Balance \$113,999 Expenses \$154,632
- Water Fund Ledger Balance \$58,251 Expenses \$91,727

#### Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Mr. Kotula reported that the first round of water testing came back negative so one more day of good testing and we will be able to lift the boil water advisory.

- Emergency Management Coordinator – Mr. Kotula noted that there were two individuals interested in the position and their applications were handed out during Monday's meeting for council to review.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton to appoint Matt Loftus to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for Baden. Mr. Trzcianka voted no.

**ROLL CALL** to appoint Matt Loftus as the Emergency Management Coordinator

Mr. Kotula	Yes
Mr. Shelkons	Yes
Mrs. Singleton	Yes
Mr. Trzcianka	No
Mrs. Montell	Yes

Four (4) yes, One (1) no – **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the only reason why he voted no is that Matt Loftus is already going to school full time, he's working and he is in the fire department. He felt that both

candidates should have been interviewed and ask if they have the time to put into being the EMC. Mr. Kotula stated that the EMC position has always been held by a fireman for many years and it has worked out well. Mr. Trzcianka stated that his only concern is having the time to devote to the position.

Mr. Kotula felt that getting the GPS for the vehicles is a good idea. He wanted to answer Mr. Dobich's question from earlier and said that it isn't an issue of what is getting done. The issue is what not is getting done. Mr. Kotula stated that the board will put a list together of what should be addressed and still need addressed; then that list will be presented to public works. He apologized on behalf of council for the outbursts and he doesn't want for morale to be down however it is also council's job to make sure that things are done and done correctly in town. His hope is that everything can be put on the table and be addressed with the public works department.

Mr. Dobich asked that all of council to be present for this meeting. Mrs. Montell stated that she understands but they can't have more than three council members in a meeting because it would be a quorum. This is why council has committees to meet and address these matters.

As for the GPS Mr. Trzcianka felt it was a good thing and he'd like to offer the tracking during the winter months to the public so that they may see where the plow trucks are located. Police would not need public because of safety issues. However, if a borough truck is sitting still for 45 minutes on a road then is it a medical emergency or is the vehicle broke down? Call the employee and find out what the issue is. The parameters of the use of GPS would need to be written up as team. The mayor felt that the GPS was an excellent idea and is a good thing but he asked that it not be turned into a witch hunt. Mr. Kotula stated that they want to look at companies and meet with them to see what they have to offer. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to see what is out there and what they have to offer.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, unanimously accepted to advertise the Fire Department insurance billing ordinance.

#### **Building Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)**

Mr. Kotula stated that Terry Barnik is still working on the electric in the part. The library repairs are also still being done too..

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka carried unanimously to authorize the mayor to use the glass enclosure for the awards committee.

Mr. Kotula thanked the public works department for coming out and helping on Sunday. They did a great job and their help is appreciated. He also thanked all of the volunteers and firemen who helped too.

Mr. Josapak asked for the cost of the GPS. Mr. Trzcianka stated approximately \$200 per vehicle and approximately \$24 per month for monitoring.

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

Mr. Trzcianka addressed council in regards to leak detection that the road crew was looking into. The one that they like is the cheaper of the two. The company name is Master Leak Technologies. Mr. Trzcianka asked if they are on COSTARS. Mr. Josapak said no. Mr. Trzcianka stated that with the cost it needs to go out for bid. Mr. Trzcianka asked Mr. Josapak to check with the company to see if they would join COSTAR or check to see they are listed with any of the COGS.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Shelkons, carried unanimously that if Master Leak Technologies can't join COSTAR or any COG that we put the lead detector out for bid.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula to purchase a tablet for the road crew to use to access the Scada System. Not to exceed \$500.

**Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)**

Nothing to report.

**Library (Suzie Furr)**

Not present.

**Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)**

Mrs. Singleton stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Mrs. Singleton stated that they are looking at putting up Banners for Memorial Day and Christmas that are purchased by donations. She asked that council ask the road crew if they would put up the brackets for the banners if purchased.

Mrs. Singleton stated that the Baden Sons of American Legion are having a cash bash on April 28<sup>th</sup> and the proceeds benefit the veterans in our community.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to take \$100 from the Council/Mayor Flower Fund (NOT TAXPAYER FUNDS) to purchase two gifts cards for the Chinese Auction for the event.

**Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)**

Not Present

**Solicitor's Report**

Nothing to report

**Engineer's Report**

1. **Paving Project**  
Contractor will have to finish paving in the spring of 2018.
2. **Generator – Prospect Street Booster Station**  
All work is completed and we recommend that final payment be made to the contractor.
3. **MS4 Stormwater Management**  
DEP approved an MS4 waiver for the Borough for the next 5 years.
4. **CDBG FY 2018 Grant Application**  
The grant application has been completed for submission to Beaver County Community Development.
5. **DCED Small Water and Sewer Grant Application**  
The grant application has been completed and submitted to DCED.  
They are told that it is tentative that the grant applications will be considered at the July 17, 2018 CFA Board meeting.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Gagliardi commented that a lot of municipalities received grants for their roads. He was wondering why Baden doesn't get grants.

Mayor Gagliardi reported that there were 280 calls last month. Fines collected \$558.67.

Mr. Trzcianka asked the mayor about damage to one of the police vehicles. He saw that a mirror was off. Mrs. Rakovan spoke out that Chief Christner reported that a couple of months ago. He slid on Harmony Road and hit a mailbox.

**President's Report**

Nothing to report

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kotula addressed wanting to put a part time officer back on active schedule. He left in good standings, wasn't taken off the schedule and is still on our system. He wanted to know if we have what the process is to get him back working. All of council agreed that if he is on the schedule then there shouldn't be an issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
April 16, 2018