

**PRE-MEETING  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 15, 2018**

Council President Judi Montell called the Pre-Meeting 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, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, and Mrs. Montell (Not Present: Mr. Besong, Mr. Trzcianka)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Police Chief David Christner, Fire Chief Baker

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

**VISITORS**

Randy Dobich, resigned public works employee addressed council in regards to resignation that he made effective October 1, 2018. He asked council to rescind his resignation explaining that there was a change in circumstances with the other employer that he left Baden for.

Michael Stuban from 44 Anthony Wayne Terrace addressed council in regards to their terrible Waste Management's trash service. He commended Mr. Kotula for the letter that he wrote regarding the terrible service. He hopes that this is all documented so that when we advertise the garbage contract next time that we may have reasons to not choose them even if they are the lowest bidder. He continued that there is constant missed garbage, cans being broken and left on the streets.

Richard Davies, Waste Management District Manager spoke to council regarding the problems that Baden has with Waste Management. He explained that there was a large call off during the holidays that caused issues with trash pickup and he acknowledged that this was a Waste Management problem. Missed streets are totally against their procedures. He explained that many of the misses are one offs which many times are people that put their trash out after the pickup was done on their street. Mr. Davies stated that there is a new staff on Baden's route and it is fully staffed. Missing an entire street is not acceptable by their organization. Mrs. Montell explained how her trash has been missed multiple times and she has also picked cans up off of the street. Mr. Kotula stated that he is the first house on State Street and he too has had multiple misses and unkept promises from the main office in regards to his trash being picked up. Discussion took place regarding Waste Managements reporting systems for missed pickups since Baden is a direct bill municipality. Mr. Kotula, Mrs. Singleton and Mr. Shelkons all expressed their frustration with Waste Management including recycling ending up over the street that they do not pick up, tossing trash cans and lids and the usual misses. Mrs. Montell commented that the trucks should have brooms and dust pans to pick up broken glass. Mr. Davies extended his apology to Council and asked to be included in the emails with misses and any issues regarding trash service.

Mrs. Giordano asked council for an updated regarding 956 Collins Avenue and the shed that they believe had no building permit. They commented that Mr. Weber told them that Mr. Stuban gave the authorization for the shed to be built. Mrs. Rakovan noted that Joe Luff gave the building permit. Mr. Kotula asked that the new building inspector check into this matter. Mrs. Montell asked if the shed is causing a problem. Mr. Giordano stated that the shed is too close to the line. He stated that it's not a problem

but shouldn't be there. Discussion followed and the new building inspector will look into this matter. Mr. Stuban commented that he did not authorize a building permit. He recalled that Mr. Luff at that time spoke with the property owner at that time who said he had no problem with where the shed was being built. The Giordano's daughter was not living there at the time. Mr. Weber said that he was told that Mr. Stuban gave out the permit and he then went on to say that the building inspector does not do his job and that when he was building inspector this wouldn't have happened.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Secretary**

#### **Landslides**

Forrest Street – From last month's meeting the lowest bid was \$74,000. Council needs to determine if they want to reject all bids.

Circle Street - Bid openings are Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Jefferson Street House**

Waiting for the hearing date to make the property tax exempt.

#### **Sidewalk**

Waiting for additional cost to repair the foundation. Mrs. Rakovan addressed the walkway repairs and the probability of it not being fixed in time for Election Day. She was instructed to change the location to the community room.

#### **Newsletter**

Mailed out on time.

#### **Water Tanks**

Sent the reports to the engineer to summarize the results and give recommendations.

#### **School Resource Officer Agreement**

Prevention Network has signed the agreement. They requested to change the contract to a one year agreement which was done and sent back to them for signature.

#### **Playground Inspection**

Last month the playground inspection was presented to council. A copy was also given to the Recreation Board (Donna Michaels). They (we) were given one month to respond to how the items in question have been resolved. Due to the Applefest, requested an extension to November 1<sup>st</sup> for a response.

#### **PRINT Map of Baden**

Approximately 15 years ago a company by the name of PRINT solicited advertisements to make and print maps of Baden at no additional cost. They would like to do this again. There is no cost to the borough. All they ask is that we supply them with some desk space while they work and solicit advertisements.

#### **Annual Recycling Grant Application**

The annual recycling grant application has been filled out and submitted to the state.

#### **Fire Department training**

The week of October 25<sup>th</sup> will be rescue training with mutual aid departments. There will be 4 to 5 cars that will be in the lower lot for this training. The lot will be cleaned up the following week.

#### **Utility Billing**

Our current utility billing software Utility is going out of business effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. We have until then to find a new company.

#### **Public Works Applications**

We have received around 30 applications. The deadline is today so we may be getting some more in the mail.

#### **GPS Policy (Resolution)**

The Resolution was handed out to council for review.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Josapak addressed council about the flooding that took place at the pump house on State Street. The insurance company has been contacted and the repair and clean up is taking place. He also suggested scrapping the metal booths that take six hours and four men to build four of them. Mr. Josapak stated that the money they get from scrapping the metal may be used to buy the tents. Lastly Mr. Josapak addressed the new property owner on Wilson Avenue who has low water pressure. After checking everything, all the houses in that area has low pressure. The pressure is around 30 psi, which is on the lower end but acceptable. Mr. Josapak stated that the storm drain by Doctor Logan's near Pinney Street is broken. Norfolk Southern stated that they do not own it. He is going to see what is needed to fix the drain. Duquesne Light contacted Mr. Josapak and informed him that they are putting up new poles and all borough items on the poles need to be removed. There is no confirmation that Duquesne Light will permit the Christmas Lights to be placed back onto the poles.

## CEO

Bob Weber sent out 21 letters, 17 personal stops and 4 citations. He addressed his problems with the reverse mortgages. He reached out to Representative Matzie for assistance. Mr. Weber complained about the building inspector, fences being built to the curbs. He stated that Mr. Stuban said we can't afford to pay the building inspector to go out. He asked if the inspector was supposed to stay in the office. Mrs. Rakovan stated that the building inspector was in three times a week. Mr. Weber commented that he has never met him and he never sees him. Mr. Weber asked if council wants him to start writing people up and take them to the magistrate or have the building inspector handle it. Mrs. Rakovan noted that all fences and sheds require a zoning permit which is handled by the building inspector. Mr. Weber commented that he told a resident where to put his fence. Mr. Weber complained that no one answers the phone when he calls the office and in the past if the phone was not answered they would get their ass chewed. Council members stated that they have no problem with getting through to the office. Mr. Weber went over the problems that still exist with Patsy's property and him not cleaning up. Mr. Weber addressed his dislike of the attorney and commented that at the previous Patsy hearing the attorney dropped the fines without council or Mr. Weber's approval. The next hearing for Patsy is on Thursday.

## POLICE CHIEF

Chief Christner stated that he gave Mr. Kotula paperwork regarding updates that need to be done for the police computers. the middle of the street.

## FIRE

Chief Baker stated that he will have a written report on Wednesday.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance (John Shelkons)

Genera Fund Balance	\$180,239
Water Fund Balance	\$206,073

Expenses	\$170,573
Expenses	\$68,709

### Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

The committee will be meeting with the police tomorrow regarding negotiations.

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

Mr. Shelkons gave an update on the electric in the park.

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**Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)**

Mrs. Montell reported that she, Mr. Trzcianka, Mr. Shelkons and Mike Josapak will go over the applications.

Mrs. Rakovan went over the cost estimates for the waterlines.

- Berry Street (Ehman to Dead End) \$143,000
- Ehman (State to Grandview) \$143,000
- North (Entire Length) \$524,000

Mrs. Rakovan also noted that the engineer estimated the cost to mill and pave North Avenue as \$120,000.

Mr. Weber commented that the owner of the trailer at the trailer court is willing for the borough to pay for moving his trailer. Conversation took place regarding what all would be involved in moving the trailer as well as legal issue.

**Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)**

Not present

**Library (Suzie Furr)**

Nothing to report.

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

Mrs. Singleton stated that the Applefest went well.

**Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)**

Not present.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gagliardi addressed the need to respond to residential questions within a certain time frame. Mayor Gagliardi expressed his disappointment in the GPS policy.

**Old Business Not on the Agenda, New Business or Unfinished Business**

Mr. Stuban stated that for the record (since his name has been brought up this evening) the need for the building inspector to check into issues is based upon a complaint driven process. This is what council agreed to years ago because we can't afford a full time employee for this position.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to go into executive session at 8:03 PM regarding personnel.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
November 12, 2018