

**PRE-MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 17th, 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: Mr. Besong, Mrs. Furr, Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Police Chief Christner, Foreman Mike Josapak, CEO Bob Weber

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

Sue Dwyer from 513 Lincoln Avenue addressed council in regards to vehicles crashing into her property multiple times over the 43 years that they have lived there. Their home is located at the "T" of Kellinger Drive and Lincoln Avenue so cars have slid into her hedges which are now no longer there as a form of protection because of the vehicle accidents. She noted that there is also a fire hydrant in front of her house and it is at risk of being hit. Mrs. Dwyer asked that council put a guard rail up along the front of her property to protect the home. The police chief was directed to assist the Dwyers with contacting the previous person who damaged their hedges for repair of the hedges and Mr. Josapak was directed to get pricing for a guard rail in front of their home.

Mary Lou Parrish from 913 Harmony Road addressed Council in regards to getting letters and visits from the Code Enforcement Officer about them parking their vehicles and trailer in their driveway and yard along the driveway. She has also been told to clean up her yard of toys which are in an enclosed fence. Tires that they had out on the side of the house for a few hours were also addressed by the CEO. The CEO is responding to complaints. Her husband has a lawn business and the trucks/trailers are for his business. She was told that the vehicles/trailers were blocking the view of cars turning onto Harmony Road so they did move the one vehicle. She is asking to have a truck and trailer in her driveway and park one vehicle next to it. She asked what ordinance says that they can't park a work trailer and truck in their yard. All she found was the ordinance regarding recreational vehicles/trailers. Mrs. Montell stated that council needs to see the property to better understand. Mrs. Rakovan commented that she would take pictures for Council. Mr. Kotula asked Mr. Weber to explain what the problems are with this property. Mr. Weber commented that when you pull out from Beaver Avenue to Harmony Road you can't see traffic coming up Harmony Road. As for the tires, Mr. Weber got the phone call as her husband was unloading the tires that he was unloading from his truck because he had snow tires put on. Mrs. Parrish again asked that the truck and trailer be permitted to park in her driveway and one vehicle will be parked next to it in the grass which they will be graveling in the spring. There is no obstruction of the sidewalk. She also noted that there is a Snap Truck (sometimes 2) at the end of Beaver that takes up parking. Chief Christner stated that the CEO should only address the issues that fall under the code.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Secretary

Patsy Borriello

Patsy appealed his case regarding 545 State Street.

Southwestern PA Commission Application

Baden Borough has moved onto the next step of evaluation for the SPC's Regional Traffic Signal Program-4th Cycle for State Street SINC-Up.

USDA Grant/Loan

Working with the engineer on getting the online logins and documentation to process the paperwork and scope of our loan.

Tevebaugh Road

West View Water is filling out paperwork for overweight vehicles and bonding of the road. We need to authorize the engineer to do a weight study on Tevebaugh Road and post the weight limit on the road. Cost estimate to pave Tevebaugh is \$353,248.

Paving

The invoice for the current work that Young Blood did is \$26,748.05. They did not do the pipe replacement and widening of the intersection at the bottom of North Avenue which is approximately \$35,000. It is recommended that we end the project and include the North Avenue repair on the USDA loan/grant application.

Circle Street outfall repair

The contract is in hand and needs the signature of council president.

Code Enforcement Officer

Dennis Baker Jr. is interested in being the Code Enforcement Officer.

Widmer Engineering

They request reappointment as the borough engineer for 2019. There is no change to their rates.

Sidewalk

Patch is finished. Top coat will be done in spring. Need to discuss and research options for putting a roof over the walkway.

Calendar

Available in the borough office.

Utility Billing System

Already started the preliminary process to start moving on the transition to Muni-Link. Online/switch-over date will be mid-April 2019.

GPS Policy (Resolution)

Table until next month

Public Works

Mr. Josapak reported that the street lights in the driveway are not working. They replaced the bulbs and they are still not working. We need to have an electrician look at the fixtures. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she would contact the electrician.

CEO

Mr. Weber reported that he has another hearing with Patsy Borriello. Mr. Weber and the Police Chief attended a hearing for the property owner next to Punks whose run-off from their limestone is going onto Punk's parking lot. The owner didn't show up so Mr. Weber was told to cite the owner. The car that was tagged for towing by the police can't be moved because the owner took the tires and wheels off. Mr. Weber gave them until

Monday to remove the car or they will be cited. Mr. Weber commented that the outside of the old theater is covered in what looks like black mold and he mentioned the need to get it tested. The house on First Street with the high weeds was sold this past week so hopefully it will be cleaned up. Patsy Borriello filed an appeal on the court decision of his State Street property. Any discussion on this matter must be done executive session since it is a legal matter. Discussion took place regarding the demolition of the Jefferson Street property. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she will confirm the cost for the demolition and council may make the motion at Wednesday's meeting to tear down the house.

FIRE CHIEF

Mr. Kotula stated that the fire department had their annual recognition and award banquet. Service awards went to Karl Shaginaw for 5 years, Matt Douglas for 10 years, Matt Loftus 15 years, Rich Dixon 20 years, Pat McFarland 25 years, Michael Hudak 40 years. 50 year service award, Fred Ramsey. Life memberships with badge were issued to Frank McCartney for 46 years and Dave Trzcianka 36 years. 2018 Responder of the Year is Tina Jones. 2018 Chiefs Award Nick VanDyke. 2018 Fire Fighter of the Year Justin Leggs.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Christner addressed council in regards to the police department losing three part time police officers and needs to start the hiring process. The secretary was asked to advertise for part time police positions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

Genera Fund Balance \$93,450
Water Fund Balance \$139,827

Expenses \$478,242
Expenses \$219,241

Public Safety (Dave Trzcianka)

Mr. Kotula stated that police negotiations are still taking place. He requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to update council on police negotiations.

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

Mrs. Montell asked about the horse and sleigh being placed in the park instead in front of the borough building. Mr. Josapak stated that the sleigh has always been in front of the building. Mr. Kotula explained that the electric in the park is also an ongoing issue.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Mr. Trzcianka stated that public works is getting pricing on warning lights for the new pickup truck.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the Municipal Authority needs to repair sanitary sewers so there will be a need to increase sewage rates. They are looking at \$5 per quarter.

Library (Suzie Furr)

Mrs. Furr stated that the library board had their meeting to discuss the upcoming year. She also noted that the board members whose terms are expiring would like to be reappointed.

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Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

Mrs. Singleton gave an overview of Recreation Board meeting. They are changing the name of next year's Applefest to Harvest Festival.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Mr. Besong asked when the walkway was going to be repaired.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagliardi stated that he is getting the same calls of complaints that Bob Weber has and he feels and understand what he is going through.

Mr. Kotula congratulated the Mayor on the article in the paper regarding Fred Strecker and Economy Plumbing.

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

Mrs. Singleton stated that she got a call in regards to missed garbage. Mrs. Rakovan stated to instruct individuals to call the borough office if there are garbage issues.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mrs. Montell stated that the Lutheran Church had a community gathering service on Saturday evening and it was an enjoyable event with a lovely turnout.

Mrs. Montell advised council members that when they get a complaint to advise the individual to the appropriate department or council committee. Garbage complaints should go to the borough office, library complaints to the committee chair and so on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Besong, second by Mrs. Furr carried unanimously to go into executive session regarding police negotiations at 7:26 PM.

Motion by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula carried unanimously to return to session at 8:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
January 9, 2019