

**REGULAR MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19th, 2018**

Council President Judi Montell called the Regular 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, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell (Not present: Mr. Besong)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi and Solicitor James Amato

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

John Theodore from Schiller Street addressed council in regards to a junk car that has been sitting on Schiller Street. Council explained to Mr. Theodore that because the owner took the tires off the vehicle it could not be towed but the owner has been notified that if the vehicle is not removed he shall be cited. The car should be removed within the next few days.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 14th and 28th 2018.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS (attached to the agenda for public review)

- **18-05 Police Pension** - Eliminating police contribution to the police pension for 2018

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously adopt Resolution 18-05

ORDINANCES – (advertised in Beaver County Times)

- **959** Setting 2019 Tax Rate at 26.5 mill (will be adopted after adoption of the budget)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 959

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. December 6th letter from Widmer Engineering as formal request to be reappointed to the position of Borough Engineer for 2019.
2. December 14th letter from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission regarding the Borough's advancement to the next level of investigation for their Regional Traffic Signal Program for State Street SINC-UP.
3. December 17th letter from Dennis Baker Jr. expressing his interest in the position of Code Enforcement Officer for 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

• General Fund Balance	\$93,450	- Expenses	\$478,242
• Water Fund Balance	\$139,827	- Expenses	\$219,241

Public Safety (Dave Trzcianka)

- Police Negotiations – Waiting for the final contract and side letter agreement for the Chief from the attorney.

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

- **MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to have Sipes Demolition tear down the Jefferson Street house for a cost of \$8,500 to be paid out of the Demolition Fund.
- **MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to fix/change the 10 parking lot light fixtures to LED's at a cost of \$2,750 (This is a savings of \$100 per fixture since we are doing 10 fixtures and the price includes labor)
- **MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to put a guard rail up on Lincoln Avenue (at the bottom of Kellinger Drive) not to exceed \$750.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- **MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to remove the bottom of North Avenue storm pipe replacement and widening of intersection from the Young Blood contract. We will include this project in the USDA loan/grant application.
- **MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to have the engineer do a weight study on Tevebaugh Road.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

- **SEWAGE RATE - The Municipal Authority** will need to raise rates \$5 per quarter to offset the cost for sewer line repairs on Schiller Street and along the rail road street. This rate increase will go into effect the 1st Quarter of 2019.

Library (Suzie Furr)

- Nothing to Report

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- **HARVEST FESTIVAL** - Mrs. Singleton reported that the Baden Applefest is changing name to the Baden Harvest Festival.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

- Mr. Besong was not present.

Penn Energy Agreement

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to sign the agreement with Penn Energy with a signing bonus of \$4,000.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Not present

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Fines** - Mayor Gagliardi reported that \$504.53 was collected in fines last month.
- **Mayors Recognition Award** – Mayor Gagliardi thanked the award committee which included Pastor Jill, Mr. Besong, Mr. Kotula, Georgianne Shalayda and Chief Christner. He stated that the 2018 award went to Fred Strecker and Economy Plumbing and Heating. A proclamation is being presented to each of them.
- **Sound System** – Mayor Gagliardi asked that council consider getting new sound systems in the New Year.

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

YEAR END MOTIONS

- **MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to include the Minimum Municipal Obligation in the budget for the Uniform and Non-Uniform pensions in the amount of \$63,650 for the Uniform and \$64,638 for the Non-Uniform.
- **MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons , second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to adopt the General Fund 2019 budget in the amount of \$2,195,880
- **MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons , second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adopt the Water Fund 2019 budget in the amount of \$753,900
- **MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka , second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to pay street lights from the Liquid Fuels Account per the budget
- **MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka , second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to close the borough books and balance funds on December 28, 2019
- **MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka , second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to enact all 511 taxes
- **MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to continue with WesBanco as the borough Depository
- **MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to appoint WesBanco Manager, Connie Barlamas as treasurer
- **MOTION** by Mrs. Furr , second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to reappoint Widmer Engineering as the Borough Engineer
- **MOTION** by Mrs. Furr , second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to reappoint Amato, Start & Associates as the Borough Solicitor
- **MOTION** by Mrs. Furr , second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to authorize Council & Mayor to attend Borough related conventions in Pennsylvania

- **MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton , second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adopt the 2019 IRS mileage rate
- **MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton , second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to appoint Mark Turnley to do the audit for year 2018
- **MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka , second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to advertise the monthly Council meetings to be held at 6:30 PM with the work session on the second Wednesday of each month and regular meeting on the third Wednesday of the month
- **MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to reappoint and ratify the agreement for the Borough Secretary, Elaine Rakovan
- **MOTION** by Mr. Kotula , second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to reappoint Robert Weber as the Code Enforcement Officer
- **MOTION** by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to maintain Building Inspectors Underwriters (BIU) as the borough's building and zoning officer
- **MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to give the borough secretary a \$0.75 per hour raise.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- **Municipal Authority - 5 year term** (term ended for Michael Stuban)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to reappoint Michael Stuban to the Municipal Authority

- **Zoning Hearing Board - 3 year term** (vacant)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to appoint Butch Singleton to the 3 year term Zoning Hearing Board.

-2 years of 3 year term (vacant)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to appoint Jack Spencer to the Zoning Hearing Board

- **Planning Board - 5 year term** (term ended for Justine Woytovich)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to reappoint Justine Woytovich to the Planning Board

- **Library Board - 5 year term** (term ended for Pam Wilhelm-Seanez)
5 year term (term ended for Rachel Kleemook)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to reappoint Pam Wilhelm-Seanez and Rachel Kleemook to the Library Board

- **Educational Services - 3 year term** (term ended for Suzie Furr)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to reappoint Suzie Furr to Education Services.

2 years of 3 year term (vacant)

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to appoint Beverly Kotys to Educational Services

