

**PRE-MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
JUNE 12th, 2019**

Council President Judith 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. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell (Not Present: Mr. Kotula)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Police Sgt. Alvarez, Foreman Mike Josapak and CEO Robert Weber

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Charles Ceranic from 621 Virginia Avenue addressed council in regards to speeding on Virginia Avenue. He commented that years ago a petition was presented to council regarding the speeding and the police chief at that time addressed the issue with signage and police coverage. During the past weekend during the yard sale there was speeding and dangerous safety issues. He noted that he stopped and spoke to various police officers and nothing has been done. Sgt. Alvarez explained that there is an issue over in the Virginia Heights area and noted that the police do not have the manpower that they did in the past. Sgt. Alvarez asked Foreman Josapak to put the speed sentry sign up on Virginia. He also noted that he will have the area patrolled more frequently. Mrs. Montell asked about the three strikes ordinance to assist with troubled tenants. It was explained that ordinance requires an appeals board and that has not been set up yet.
- Kent Cardwell from 430 Virginia Avenue agreed with Mr. Ceranic's comments. He asked council about the signs that say "Neighborhood Watch" and what do they mean. Sgt. Alvarez explained that this was an organization created by the citizens of Baden. He explained that any suspicious activity or neighborhood concerns should be addressed with the police immediately. Do not hesitate to call the police.

Comment was made from the audience regarding volunteer firemen speeding down Virginia for fire calls. Sgt. Alvarez is aware of who the individuals are and will speak to the Fire Chief regarding this matter.

- Frank Torhan from 515 Virginia Avenue addressed council in regards to a parking situation in his neighborhood. There is a resident from the Second Street apartments who is not parking in the apartment parking lot. The resident (Nick) is parking along Virginia Avenue and First Street area. There have been multiple conversations/confrontation with Nick regarding him not parking in the apartment parking lot. Mr. Torhan also noted that neighbors are leery of this man because his odd behavior. He then informed council of a confrontation that took place a few days earlier with Nick and a few other neighbors where the police were called. Mr. Torhan commented with all the unfamiliar people within their neighborhood they are feeling unsafe. Discussion took place regarding public parking and the apartments offering parking for their tenants. The situation at

hand is that street parking is public parking for anyone. Sgt. Alvarez stated that he would speak with the apartment manager regarding this matter. Sgt. Alvarez also commented that the situation with "strangers" being in that area is a problem and they are not Baden residents but visitors to both apartment complexes.

- Mrs. Ceranic told a story of a man who was following a young girl who was walking. She called the police with her concerns and they spoke with the man who wasn't even from Baden. Mrs. Montell again addressed the need for finding members for the three strikes appeals board. Michael Stuban, Kent Cardwell, and Jack Spencer commented that they would be on the board.
- Rick Capone from 620 Mellon Avenue addressed council in regards to the CEO, Mr. Weber talking about him to his new neighbors including telling the neighbor that he complained about his high grass and how he fought with a previous neighbor Mr. Bowan. Mr. Capone stated that he confronted Mr. Weber regarding his comments and wanted to file a police complaint but the police stated that he should go before council. Mr. Capone noted that other people have had issues with Mr. Weber and he asked that something be done with Mr. Weber. He also noted that he would like to be the CEO.
- Mrs. Spence thanked Sgt. Alvarez for the fantastic job that he is doing with assisting the residents of Baden. She also noted that Mr. Weber does a great job as CEO. He takes pride in our community and helps to keep it clean.
- -Michael Stuban from 44 Anthony Wayne Terrace and member of the Municipal Authority Board was asked by Machin Engineering (engineer for the Municipal Authority and West View Water) to give an update on Tevebaugh Road. West View Water is looking at applying for a grant to pave Tevebaugh Road. They may need a letter of support from Baden.
- Rocco Rivetti from 615 Virginia Avenue stated that he yelled at the driver who was speeding on Virginia Avenue during the yard sale. He also commented that the shrubs/trees on the Second Street alley need cut back. Mr. Weber was asked to address this matter. Mrs. Montell asked Mr. Josapak to trim back whatever is in the borough right of way.
- Pam Spencer from Camilla Street noted that the corner of Steel and Camilla have overgrown hedges that need to be cut back.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Secretary

1. **USDA Grant/Loan**
Work in progress.
2. **Software Conversion**
New Software is up and running. Currently working on minor fixes and getting tablets ready for 2nd quarter water readings.
3. **Trailer Court**
Engineer is marking right of way property lines. The trailer court owner has appraised the properties. The final opinion of market value is \$180,000.
4. **Borough Building Walkway and Canopy/Roof**
The estimate for engineering design and putting a canopy over the walkway is over \$57,000. One recommendation from the engineer was relocating the air conditioner unit under the walkway, tearing down the walkway and putting in a land bridge. Two months ago council commented that we need to look into pricing from a canopy company.
5. **Parking Lot Lights in lower lot**
Weber Electric has ordered the bulbs for the four arms of the light pole. Once they come in he will fix and install the lights.

6. GPS Policy (Resolution)

Mr. Trzcianka presented changes to the resolution last month. We are waiting on the updated resolution.

7. CDBG Application

Baden Borough received \$100,000 funding to replace and reconfigure the steps at the Baden Borough Library.

8. Water Tank Maintenance Schedule

Engineer is working on the maintenance schedule and what needs to be contracted out.

9. BYA Proposed Structure

No update.

10. Recreation Board Playground Grant

Completed and submitted for funding. Received an email for the grant review representative asking for more information and clarification on the project. Will be addressing these questions tomorrow.

11. Baden Properties to Sell

Barone Appraisals is doing the assessments on the properties. Waiting to hear from them.

12. Teamsters 250 Pension Grievance

Teamster Local 250 does not agree with the Borough's decision on the grievance. They are asking that we move to the next step. Need to send dates and times when the appropriate parties will be available to meet to discuss the issue.

Council asked that the meeting be held on Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 PM prior to council's regular meeting.

13. Amendment to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan

A resolution will be done during regular meeting updating and amending the Pension Plan that clarifies the Eligibility for Participation in the Plan.

14. Commonwealth of PA vs. Patsy Borriello

Mr. Borriello requested another extension of time for the hearing. Our attorney opposed. If our denial is granted, the attorney is going to move to dismiss the case. If not, it will not be addressed for another 30 days.

15. Harvey's

Harvey has put a request in to put a fence up from the edge of the building where the office entrance is located to and along the borough unopened portion of Washington Street and then connecting to the backside of his building. The fence will be on Harvey's property, but the borough right of way so in accordance with the borough code this is permitted with Council approval. Harvey understands that if for any reason the borough needs to do any work that may impede upon the fence it will be his responsibility to remove the fence.

16. Annual Disposal of Old Records

A resolution will be needed next week to document the destruction of old records in accordance with the Pennsylvania State Retention Guidelines. The records will include old police records from 1979 to 1997 (per the District Attorney's Office), paving files from 1960 – 1980, Financial information from 2011, grants 2005 -2009....

17. Civil Service Rules & Regulations

Bill Gamble will review and update the Civil Service Rules & Regulations. Cost will be \$1,100. He also supplied a copy of the current legislative changes to the borough code.

18. Timber Harvesting

We received a courtesy copy of a letter from the Beaver County Conservation District regarding two property owners who are planning on doing timber harvesting on their properties located between Harmony Road and Phillips Street. A letter with backup regarding the borough's code and permits for overweight vehicles has been sent to both property owners.

19. Sink Hole on Washington Street

10 foot by 10 foot sinkhole on the property located at 328 Wayne Street caused by old borough storm sewer that is 20 feet deep. Approximately 40 feet of pipe may need to be replaced. Widmer Engineering is working on this matter. Since it is an emergency no bid specs and advertisements will be necessary.

20. Pressure Gauge for Kellinger Water Tank

The pressure gauge that took a hit from the lightning storm finally came in and has been installed. There was approximately 110 hours of overtime to manually monitor the tank during this time. Will submit this to the insurance company. The gauge with expedited shipping was approximately \$1,000 plus the cost from Bearcom to install.

21. Traffic Light at State & Johnson Avenue

During the same storm that took out the gauge at the water tank damaged the traffic light at State and Johnson. Trying to get more information for the insurance company. Estimate of repairs is \$8976.25.

Public Works

Pressure Gauge for Kellinger Water Tank - Mr. Josapak reported that the tank gauge has been repaired and is up and running. They did purchase an additional gauge as a backup for any future issues that may arise. During the down time public works did 3 to 4 hour rotations to manually monitor the tanks. He commented that depending on the cost they may be ordering a spare circuit board too.

Sink hole on Bauman Avenue – Mr. Josapak commented that the storm sewer has been videoed and they estimate that the sewer is around 20 feet deep. Discussion took place regarding the repair and possible rerouting the sewer. The engineer has been contacted and is evaluating the issue.

CEO

Mr. Weber noted that he is finding and researching property owners to get grass cut on the vacant properties within the borough. He goes out twice a day to try and get the owners when they are home to ask that they cut their grass. He continues to send out letters and cite residents. Mr. Weber also noted that he has never given out a name in all the years that he has been the CEO.

POLICE

Nothing at this time

FIRE CHIEF

Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Finance (John Shelkons)**

General Fund Balance \$159,605	Expenses \$174,714
Water Fund Balance \$349,718	Expenses \$130,248

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Not present

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

Not present

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- Borough Truck – Mr. Trzcianka asked on behalf of Ted Kotula if the truck should be pieces out, selling the plow and spreader separate from the truck. Mr. Josapak commented that the plow is specific to that truck and it should be sold as one with the plow and spreader. Council agreed.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

- Crushed Sanitary Sewer on Route 65 – Penn Dot sent a letter stating that there was no landslide, although their contractor stated that they repaired a landslide. The Municipal Authority attorney is attempting to work this out. The contractor that did the original work has submitted a claim to their insurance company.
- Fire Department Report – Mr. Trzcianka commented that he wasn't sure if they need to go into executive session but he has a few things on the Fire Department Report that he would like to discuss.

Library (Suzie Furr)

- Monthly Meeting – During the monthly meeting they reviewed their budget. The yard sale was very successful.

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

Yard Sale – Mrs. Singleton reported that the yard sale was successful. Discussion took place regarding the date of the yard sale and making sure it doesn't coincide with other events within our area.

Harvest Festival – They are not going to prohibit vendors for selling duplicate items.

GPS Policy – Mrs. Singleton asked why we could not proceed with what is written and then update it at a later date.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Mr. Besong had nothing report but asked when the walkway would be done.

Mr. Weber stated that he would like to get a CEO badge. He also noted that the police need to get involved with removing the trailers and recreational vehicles from the streets. The ordinance says 72 hours, not all summer long.

Mrs. Furr asked about the last years Applefest Financial Report. Mrs. Singleton reported that in the end the Recreation Board was in the whole \$488.04. Mrs. Rakovan stated that Castlebrooke called her to apologize for not sending the \$500 check donation last year so they sent \$1,000 this year to cover to last year as well as this year's event.

Mrs. Rakovan stated that we did hire two summer help. Noah Hartman and John Echement.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagliardi noted how the police get called out for emergencies and gave the example of Sgt. Alvarez having to leave during tonight's meeting.

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton second by Mr. Besong, carried unanimously to go into executive session 7:48PM regarding the fire department.

MOTION by Mr. Besong second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to return to session 8:04PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Besong second by Mrs. Singleton carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
July 10th, 2019