

**REGULAR MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
MAY 15TH, 2019**

Council Vice President David Trzcianka 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: Mr. Besong, Mrs. Furr, Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, and Mr. Trzcianka (Not present: Mrs. Montell)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Sgt. David Alvarez, Fire Chief Dennis Baker, Public Works Foreman Michael Josapak, Solicitor James Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS - None

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of April 10th and 17th, 2019

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS - None

ORDINANCES - None

BIDS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. April letter from Tax Collector Donna Michaels asking for Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption for 347 State Street. The State Veterans' Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has reviewed and approved the application. Currently the applicant is current on all due taxes to date.

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to authorize the tax exemption for 347 State Street.

2. May letter from Amato, Start & Associates regarding Public Comment being permitted on Non-agenda Items.
3. Letter from the Baden United Methodist Church requesting authorization to close Dippold Avenue from State Street to Berry Street on June 9th between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM for their annual picnic.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to authorize the closing of Dippold Avenue on June 9th between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

- **Civil Service Rules and Regulations**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have the 2010 Baden Borough Civil Service Rules and Regulations reviewed and updated if necessary so that we will be prepared for future police testing.

- **.gov Email Address for Police**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to authorize three separate .gov email addresses for the full time police officers.

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

- **Executive Session**

Mr. Kotula stated that he will ask to go into executive session after the meeting to discuss possible litigation involving the trailer court.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Borough Dump Truck**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to put the dump truck out on Municibid with a minimum bid of \$40,000.

- **USDA Grant Application – Water Meter Replacement**

Mr. Trzcianka went over the meter reading options (remote reading via cell tower/will require software support vs. remote meter via driving through town) the cost between the two options was substantial so they agreed to pursue the remote meter via driving through town

- **Comprehensive Plan**

Mr. Trzcianka stated that he started to work on some spreadsheets to pass out to all of the departments regarding a five year comprehensive plan. Mr. Trzcianka felt that the committee for the comprehensive plan should be him as the Public Works Chairman, Mr. Kotula as Public Safety Chairman and John Shelkons as the Finance Chairman. The plan should address how long police guns, vehicles are, vest.... expected to last. This should be done for fire equipment and trucks too, as well as public works equipment and trucks. Once the information is gathered we may need to bring in a professional to help us complete the plan and make a longer 15 year plan.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Sewer Repair**

The sewer repair under Route 65 is still in dispute as to who is responsible. PennDOT and the contractor deny responsibility. Senator Vogel's office is assisting the municipal authority with this matter.

Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$227,001
 - Water Fund Balance \$248,423
- Expenses \$111,358
Expenses \$92,588

Library (Suzie Furr)

- Monthly meeting discussion included their upcoming events and the yard sale.

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- **Yard Sale**
June 8th – If residents want their address on the yard sale map they need to contact the borough office.
- **Harvest Festival**
Time has been changed to 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- **Playground Grant Application**
The grant is being worked on.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Mr. Besong asked for the Applefest financial report for last year. Mrs. Singleton stated that she would get it for him.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **Borough Building Walkway**
Waiting for the contractor to schedule the work needed to finish the project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Fines – \$448.71

Calls – 320

Old Business Not on the Agenda, New Business or Unfinished Business**Electric in the Park**

Mr. Shelkons asked if we heard anything back from the electrical contractor. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she spoke with Zane at the attorney's office and the contractor did receive the letter but no response as of yet.

Fire Department

Mr. Kotula addressed Chief Baker stating that the police department commended the Fire Department for how they handled the fatal car accident on Route 65.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Not Present

EXECUTIVE SESSION

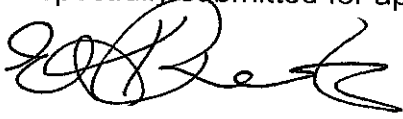
MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to go into executive session regarding possible litigation with the trailer court 6:45 PM.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Besong, carried unanimously to return to session at 7:20 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
June 12, 2019