

**REGULAR MEETING  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2019**

Council President Judith 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:** Mr. Besong, Mrs. Furr, Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Solicitor Zane Madden, Engineer Tony Sadaka, CEO Bob Weber, Police Chief Christner

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

**RECOGNITION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Mrs. Montell recognized and thanked the Baden Police Department on behalf of the residents of Baden for their professional and courageous actions during the August 19<sup>th</sup> incident that took place on State Street.

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

**VISITORS**

- Hannah Blinn from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project – Impact of Hearing Truck Traffic from shell related truck traffic.
- Chuck Ceranik from Virginia Avenue addressed council in regards to the speeding on Virginia Avenue. The speed sign was used for a couple of week and Sgt. Alvarez had patrols increased in the area but this not resolving the issue. He asked council about putting speed bumps on Virginia Avenue. Mr. Ceranik stated that he took three days and sat on his porch watching traffic. On Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 there were 78 cars that went past his house and about 45 of them were speeding. On Saturday from 8:00 to 9:00 there were 63 cars and on Monday 5:00 to 6:00 there were 90 cars. Mr. Ceranik stated that something needs to be done because they are all speeding. Mrs. Montell asked Mrs. Rakovan to explain what is needed for speed bumps to be considered. Mrs. Rakovan stated that a petition would need to be signed by the residents who live along Virginia Avenue showing their support for the bumps. The petition would have to be a majority of the residents in support.
- Georgeann Shalayda from Prospect Street and member of the Mayor's Recognition Committee informed council that this year's recipient of the Mayor's Award is the Baden Youth Association.
- Michael Stuban from Anthony Wayne Terrace asked council for an update regarding the letter received a few years back from a previous Baden Police Officer asking that the prior Police Chief Colaizzi be recognized and honored because he was such a good chief. He recalled it being turned over to the mayor and police. Chief Christner stated that they did sit down to talk about the recognition award and they felt that the recognition award should only go to people from Baden. As a police department they decided to get a plaque for the police station and pay for it on their own because although Dan Colaizzi was a great man the people of Baden didn't know him. He stated that Dave (Alvarez) is working on it and there will be something in the police department where they could see it every day. Mr. Stuban

had a second question for the Police Chief regarding if the federal rules are followed when they pick up an illegal alien. Chief Christner stated that they do.

- Christina Malonna from Moore Avenue addressed council in regards to the deplorable condition of the home next door to them. It is a hoarding house both inside and out. No one lives there anymore. The back garage has collapsed and there are abandoned vehicles on the property too. She stated that she has contacted people and no one has taken action. Mrs. Rakovan stated that after the police and fire chief entered the building (door was open) for a wellness check the building inspector was asked to look at the property and yes it is a hoarding issue on the inside however we have no right to tell people how to live. As for the outside of the property, the Code Enforcement Officer needs to address the matter of cleaning up the property. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she didn't instruct the building inspector to look at the garage as she only told him to inspect the house. She stated that she would send him back up to look at the garage. Mr. Weber stated that he has cited the property owner and it is a continuous problem that he is trying to address through the court system. Mr. Madden stated that there is an administrative warrant where you have to provide probable cause to get inside a home by viewing the outside. This isn't used that often but it is available as an option.

## MINUTES

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 - None

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$265,425
- Water Fund Balance \$285,229
- Expenses \$123,954
- Expenses \$37,186
- **2020 Monetary Municipal Obligation (MMO)**

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to include in the 2020 Budget Monetary Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$51,642 for the police and \$63,638 for the non-uniform plans.

### Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

- **Civil Service Rules and Regulations**

Mr. Kotula is reviewing the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. He had questions that have been answered and he will have more discussion for the next meeting.

- **Part Time Police**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to hire Part Time Police - Ben Fenchak, Dante Sciarretta, and Anthony Phan

- **Prevention Network**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kotula second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to authorize the solicitor open the service agreement for Class Academy (Prevention Network) to negotiate new rates and installing a radio transmission base station.

Chief Christner addressed council in regards to the radios not working in the Prevention Network Building. He feels that a base radio is needed in the building at the Prevention Networks expense. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he asked Officer Shipley to check with Staley about putting in an indoor repeater out to the county. Mr. Trzcianka asked that the radio situation be resolved before school starts.

Mrs. Rakovan stated that the building inspector did go down to the Prevention Network and informed them that they must stop all renovations/construction until a permit and plans have been done.

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

Nothing to Report

**Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)**

- **Sink Hole**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the sinkhole change order in the amount of \$15,428 for change in pipe size, manholes and bonding of the project.

- **Paving**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to approve the bid specs and put out for bid the paving project with Liquid Fuels funding to include lower Bauman Avenue, upper Mellon Avenue, Harmony Road for Anthony Wayne Terrace to Walnut Street, Bryan Avenue from State Street to Berry and the lower parking lot of the borough complex (parking lot may not be included in Liquid Fuels Funding so this will be an add-on)

**Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)**

- Nothing to report.

**Library (Suzie Furr)**

- Nothing to report.

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

- **Veteran Banners**

Mrs. Singleton gave the guidelines for the banners. Must be a Baden resident or have a family member who resides in Baden. There is a small space for writing so if metals are listed it must be Purple Heart, Bronze or Silver Star. Appropriate military document must be presented to show proof of being a resident. Applications will be in the borough building, library, churches and legion. The goal is to have them ready for Memorial Day and for them to be posted through Veterans Day. Purchaser may not pick the location of their banner. Cost will be \$100 for one sided banner and \$135 for a

two sided banner. This includes the hardware, banner and two yard signs (no stand for the yard signs).

### **Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)**

- Nothing to report.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Nothing to report.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- **USDA Grant/Loan Application**

Received comments from USDA's. Working on updates and changes to satisfy the review comments.

- **Berry Street Waterline Loop – CDBG Grant (FY 2018)**

The waterline has been installed by the contractor. Will review the site restoration, prepare a punch list, and close out the project when everything is complete.

- **Bauman Avenue Storm Sewer Line**

Majority of the work was performed. Field changes were made because of lack of information on existing drainage system. Retaining wall needs installed.

- **Walkway**

Mr. Sadaka stated that the contractor was out that week and he hopes they will have the project done before winter.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gagliardi thanked Council President Judi Montell for her kind words regarding the Police Departments response to incident in Baden.

- **Speeding**

Mayor Gagliardi stated that the police are working on strategic plans regarding speeding in town. He also noted tractor trailer trucks on Harmony Road has increased.

Chief Christner stated that speeding citations have increased over the past few months and he noted that a lot of the tickets are given to Baden Residents. He is working on a possible area on Virginia Avenue where lines can be painted for speed monitoring.

- **Police Incident on State Street**

Chief Christner gave an overview of what transpired on State Street. A gentleman locked himself inside of his residents that did contain fire arms. He was a mental health subject that was threatening suicide over a breakup with a girl. The girlfriend called the police and was concerned about his safety. Our officer attempted to make contact with no success. The Beaver County SWAT was called out. They used a small robot to enter the room where the suspect was found with a fatal gunshot wound.

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

- **Crosswalk**

Mr. Kostial asked if the crosswalk was going to be painted down by Punks. Mrs. Rakovan explained that there is no location along the lower area of Virginia Avenue where PennDOT guidelines permit a crosswalk to safely be placed.

- **Drop Off Box for Medications**

The Mayor asked the secretary to inform council and the residents of the medication drop off box that will be available in the borough building. Mrs. Rakovan stated that through a county funded project there will be a drop off box located in the borough building for residents to dispose of medications that are no longer needed.

- **Completion Dates for Projects**

Mr. Kotula asked if in the future we can put a completion date in the contracts. Engineer, Tony Sadaka stated that all contracts have completion dates and they must also be bonded.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to authorize the solicitor to send a letter to the contractor regarding the walkway with a completion date with note that if not completed they will invoke the bond.

### PRESIDENTS REPORT

### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
September 11, 2019