

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 18TH, 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, Engineer Tony Sadaka, CEO Bob Weber, Police Chief Christner, Foreman Michael Josapak,

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- **Jill Kriesky, Ph. D.** – Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Project, "Public Health": The Externalized Costs of Pollution". Individual health issues and cost associated with the issues.
- **Chuck Ceranic** for 621 Virginia Avenue addressed council in regards to speed bumps and he presented a petition with 27 signatures supporting the placement of speed bumps on Virginia Avenue.
- **Harry Creese** from upper Wayne Street also addressed his concern with speeding on his street and the possibility of petitioning his neighbors for speed bumps.
- **John Morrow** from 327 Wayne Street addressed the poor restoration of his sidewalk replacement by Columbia Gas. Mrs. Rakovan tried to assist him with this matter within the past year. She stated that she would try another contact to assist him with this matter. Mr. Morrow also complained about the building on State Street with the roof collapsed being an unsafe structure. Council informed him that they are aware of and working on this matter.
- **Mr. Eichhorn** owner of 544 State Street address council in regards to structures around his property that are unsafe and need cleaned up. There is a garage behind the property that has a collapsed roof. There are overgrown trees and grass on the neighboring property. He also noted that the property across the street has someone living in it and it has no water or electricity.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 7th and August 14th, 2019

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS – Attached for public review

- **19-05** A resolution approving the use of \$120,000 from Liquid Fuels Funding for an emergency storm sewer and road repair caused by a sinkhole on Bauman Avenue.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adopt resolution 19-05.

ORDINANCES - None

BIDS – 2019 Paving Project

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| 1. El Grande Industries | \$127,783.39 |
| 2. A. Folino Construction Inc. | \$135,834.68 |
| 3. Youngblood Paving Inc. | \$141,483.10 |
| 4. Shields Asphalt Paving Inc. | \$200,902.58 |

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to award the bid to El Grande Industries in the amount of \$127,783.39.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. September 12th letter from Amato, Start & Associates regarding the guidelines for an administrative search warrant. Building must appear structurally unsafe from the outside for a warrant to be issued. Hoarding is not a probable cause for this warrant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$148,627
- Water Fund Balance \$424,528
- Expenses \$99,618
- Expenses \$217,984
- **State Street Building** – Mr. Shelkons address the possibility of getting an Emergency Demolition Order. There is money in the demolition fund that would cover this matter. At this point we are getting more information and hope to discuss it further next month.
- **Prevention Network Radio** – Mr. Shelkons asked the Chief for an update on the status of the radio reception for the Prevention Network. Chief Christner stated that Bearcom was coming on September 24th to determine what is needed to be done to get better radio reception. Discussion took place regarding having Prevention Network pay for the upgrade so that the radios will work within the building. The agreement with Prevention Network, as well as, increasing their fees was also discussed. Final discussion by council concluded that a separate agreement be made for the radio reception issue.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

- **Civil Service Rules and Regulations** - Mr. Kotula stated that they are setting up a conference call with Bill Gamble to review and address some questions regarding the updates to the Civil Service Rules.
- **Part Time Police** - Mr. Kotula stated that we are looking for more part time officers. Chief Christner gave an overview of what part time officers we have and the crucial need for more part time officers or hiring a full time officer. He also addressed not having backup when all of the local police departments are scheduled for hearings at the courthouse all during the same time frame. When you only have one officer on duty the borough is left with no police service.
- **Street Lights** – Sgt. Alvarez stated that he is tracking and faxing street light repairs.

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

- **Walkway and Library Steps**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to have CTM Construction repair the walkway and library steps not to exceed \$5,000.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Old Plow/Dump Truck** – Mr. Trzcianka asked Mr. Josapak for the mileage, year and information on the truck so he can research and post to Municibid.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

- Nothing to report.

Library (Suzie Furr)

MOTION by Mrs. Furr, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to permit the Library to use the borough lobby to sale soup on Election Day.

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- **Playground Grant** - Mrs. Singleton reported that the borough received the grant in the amount of \$42,500. Borough contribution will be \$7,500.
- **Donated playground from the Sisters of St. Joseph** – Mrs. Singleton stated that the hardware is missing from the donated equipment. She is going to ask the contractor from the grant to give a price for the hardware and installation of the equipment.
- **Veteran Banners** – Forms will be available in the borough office, library, churches and online.
- **Harvest Festival** - October 12th and a car cruise will be from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

- Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Not Present

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **USDA Grant/Loan Application** - Responded to all comments that were received from USDA and the application package has been officially submitted through the USDA's online system. The next step is to conduct "Intergovernmental Review Consultations" with the Regional and County Planning Commissions.
- **Berry Street Waterline Loop – CDBG Grant (FY 2018)** - The contractor is still working to complete 'punch list' items and we need confirmation from PennDOT that the final pavement restoration is adequate (close out HOP) before we close out the project.
- **Bauman Avenue Storm Sewer Line** - The contractor is finishing installation of retaining wall and restorations.
- **2019 Paving Project** - Bids for this project were received Monday September 16th. A tabulation of the bid received has been prepared.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Fines Collected** - \$820.21
- **Calls** – 356 calls
- **Speeding Control** – The Mayor and Police Chief stated that they have set up speed monitoring in various parts of town.
- **Body Cameras** – Mrs. Montell expressed her wish for officers to have body cameras in the future.

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

Mr. Kostial asked if Harvey's has council approval to park on the borough right of way. Mr. Kotula agreed with Mr. Kostial. Mrs. Rakovan stated that council did give Harvey approval to park his employee vehicles on the borough right of way during working hours. Chief Christner stated that he would take a closer look to see what vehicles are being parked there.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Kotula second by Mr. Shelkons, carried unanimously to go into executive session at 7:43 PM.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Shelkons, carried unanimously to return to session at 8:13 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
October 9, 2019