

**PRE-MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 9th, 2019**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Foreman Mike Josapak and CEO Robert Weber, Police Officer Derek Shipley

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Chief Detective Andy Gall and camera system representative John Hudson gave an overview and benefits of installing camera systems at intersections within the borough. The system would be police access only, used only when a crime or event has taken place and links to other cameras within the other municipalities. Mr. Hudson gave examples of how criminals have been caught using the system. The system has license plate recognition that can track criminals. If the license plate number is not visual, the color, make, model of the vehicle may be entered into the system and it will create a search field pulling up all vehicles that match the description entered. The initial cost for one 4 way intersection would be on average \$15,000. The yearly cost for the maintenance and software access would be approximately \$4,000 per year. Detective Gall stated that the county is supplying an incentive by donating \$5,000 towards the purchase of the cameras. The software would have its own server within the police department and technical support would only be done by the camera software company.
- Stewart Rusnak from 333 McNair Street addressed council in regards to the storm drain at the end of the street that was clogged and finally opened by Public Works. The pipe has been exposed and the run-off is causing erosion beyond the pipe. Currently the pipe only goes about 20 feet from the storm drain through his property and over the ravine. The fresh soil is only 6 foot deep. He is requesting that council extend the pipe an extra 40 feet to prevent erosion. Mr. Josapak commented that the ravine is steep and they are unable to reach and install the additional pipe. Council stated that they will have the engineer look into this matter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Secretary

1. **USDA Grant/Loan**
Submitted to underwriting and financial review.
2. **Trailer Court**
No further action is taking place at this time.
3. **Borough Building Walkway**
Completed by CTM Contracting.

4. Water Tank Maintenance Schedule

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

5. Baden Properties to Sell

Barone Appraisals is doing the assessments on the properties. They have questions involving right of ways and the gas house located on one of the properties.

6. Veterans Service Center

Sent a thank you for their annual donation per the budget in the amount of \$525.

7. Insurance

PIRMA found workers compensation insurance for the borough through the state. The estimated cost will be \$105,000.

8. Moore Avenue (Hoarding House)

Home owner is cleaning up. Building Inspector has posted the garage as a dangerous structure and letter sent to the home owner.

9. Class Academy

Solicitor is waiting for information regarding the radio service within the building.

10. Police Pension Plan

Annual resolution for eliminating police officers contribution to the police pension for 2020 per meeting the Act 600 provisions will be presented next week for council approval.

11. Speed Humps/Traffic Calming

Letter from Amato, Start & Associates with guidelines and requirements for Speed Humps.

12. 2020 Unemployment Compensation Rate

No change in the rate. It will maintain a rate of 0.0285.

13. Water Bills

Being mailed out Friday with a due date of November 6th.

14. Complaint of structures and property near 544 State Street

Building Inspector has sent letters to the two property owners involved in this complaint.

PUBLIC WORKS

Nothing to Report

CEO**Hearings**

Mr. Weber has 3 hearings scheduled.

Letters

Mr. Weber sent 7 letters last month.

Cats

Mr. Weber stated that there is a woman on Third Street feeding cats in her garage. He asked that an ordinance be updated to address this matter.

POLICE

Nothing to report

FIRE CHIEF

Not present

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Finance (John Shelkons)****Account Balances**

General Fund Balance \$313,910	Expenses \$196,792
Water Fund Balance \$405,525	Expenses \$55,336

Mr. Shelkons stated that he was planning on making a motion next week to have public works build some barricades over the winter months so that they do not need to borrow them every year for events. Mr. Trzcianka did say that the fire department has some as well as the borough has a few plastic ones.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Not present

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

Not present

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Mr. Trzcianka asked about the devices that are being put on top of the poles on State Street. Mrs. Rakovan stated that they did get approval through our building inspector. We do not own the poles or right of ways so there was no major involvement with the borough.

Mr. Trzcianka asked what was going on at the old donut shop. Mrs. Rakovan stated that the children's gym backed out because the owner was not following through on getting the proper permit. Mr. Shelkons and Mr. Weber stated that they are still working in the building. Mrs. Rakovan stated that she would have the building inspector stop in to see what they are up to.

Mr. Josapak addressed the water running down Johnson Avenue. He stated that it is not borough water but spring water. He stated that the engineer recommended that when the company comes in to pave the streets we will open Johnson Avenue and try to fix the problem and then have the pavers repair the road.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)**Crush Sewer Route 65**

The hearings are ongoing between the insurance company and construction company.

Library (Suzie Furr)

Nothing to report

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

Mrs. Singleton stated that the Halloween parade will be October 19th at 10:00 AM.

Harvest Festival

Reminder that the festival is October 12th.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gagliardi stated that the funding under the Police Drug Investigation Account may be used towards the purchase of the cameras. Currently there is \$2,147 in the account. Officer Shipley stated that if the county would move on selling the Jeep that was confiscated as evidence that would bring in extra money for the cameras too.

Mayor Gagliardi addressed his concerns regarding speed humps/bumps.

Old Business Not on the Agenda, New Business or Unfinished Business**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

Executive Session

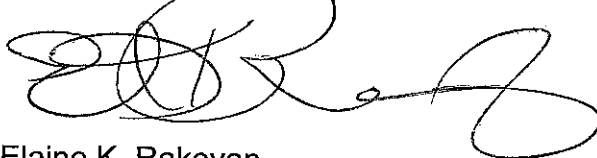
MOTION by Mr. Kotula second by Mrs. Singleton carried unanimously to go into executive session at 7:33PM to discuss personnel.

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton second by Mrs. Furr carried unanimously to return to session at 7:46 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton second by Mrs. Furr carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:47PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
November 13th