

**REGULAR MEETING  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</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 James Amato, CEO Bob Weber, Police Chief Christner, Foreman Michael Josapak

President Judi Montell welcomed Boy Scout Troop 405 to the meeting.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

**VISITOR.**

- Michael Stuban from Anthony Wayne Terrace and member of the Municipal Authority board informed council that during the last six months they have been reviewing and researching switching the sewage plant to solar power and renewable green energy.
- Charles Ceranic from Virginia Avenue asked for an update on the speed bump request. Mr. Trzcianka commented that the solicitor gave them guidelines that need to be followed and there are also two types of speed bumps. Council is reviewing the information and will be addressing this matter with the engineer. Mr. Ceranic commented that there are also speed bumps that are already made and only need to be bolted down to the road.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 11th and September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

**RESOLUTIONS – Attached for public review**

- **19-06** A resolution eliminating police officer contribution to the police pension plan for the year 2020.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adopt resolution 19-06.

**ORDINANCES - None**



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

- **Harvest Festival** - Mrs. Singleton reported that festival went well. The weather started out bad, but cleared up and it was a nice day.
- **Halloween Parade** – Mrs. Singleton stated that the Halloween Parade will be on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Nothing to report.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Nothing to Report

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Not present but his report was presented as follows:

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- **Police Coverage** – Chief Christner stated they have lost another part time police officer and he does not have enough men to cover the vacations of the full time officers in the month of November and December so full timers will be scheduled overtime to cover those shifts. He stated that other municipalities are having the same problem. Mr. Trzcianka asked about interviewing the police officer from South Heights who has applied multiple times to work in Baden. Chief Christner commented that he canceled his interview. Mr. Trzcianka commented that we should bring him in for an interview.
- **Civil Service** – Mrs. Montell asked for an updated. Mr. Trzcianka commented that the public safety committee met and they asked that the rules and regulation stay the way they had it within the past which was hiring is based upon 40% test score and 60% interview however, promotions form within will remain 50% each.
- **Speeding Control** – The Mayor and Police Chief stated that they have set up speed monitoring in various parts of town and they gave out 18 citations. This does not include warnings. Chief Christner felt that this number is low due to the way officers are coding the citations. He felt that within one month they brought in over \$1,000 in fines.
- **Intersection Cameras** – Mayor Gagliardi gave an overview of the county wide camera systems. He stated that council and chief now need to find the funding. The county is willing to assist in finding funding for the project.
- **Radio service at Prevention Network** – Chief Christner stated that Bearcom is working with Jeremy Angus from Prevention Network. The Chief initially went down with the Bearcom engineer to go over what is needed. They are now putting a program together for Jeremy.
- **Fines Collected** - \$918.53

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

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019