

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL JANUARY 15TH, 2020

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

President Montell expressed condolences on behalf of Council and Mayor to the family of Fire Fighter Matt Douglass who passed away earlier this week.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mrs. Furr, Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell (Not Present: Mr. Besong)

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Sam Gagliardi, Solicitor James Amato, CEO Bob Weber, Police Officer Stitt, Engineer Tony Sadaka

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Sister Kari Pohl gave a public service announcement in regards to "Let's Make Everyone Count" which will be held on Wednesday, January 29th. If you know where people are sleeping on the streets, in abandoned buildings, in cars, or other places not meant for human habitation in Beaver County call The Cornerstone at 724-846-6400.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 11th and 18th, 2019

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS – (attached for public review)

20-01 8th amendment to the Non-Uniform Employee Pension, Annuity, Insurance and Benefit Fund setting the Employer Contribution Rates for 2018, 2019 and 2020

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adopt resolution 20-01.

ORDINANCES – None

BIDS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$64,590
 - Water Fund Balance \$77,178
- Expenses \$109,681
Expenses \$59,450

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Nothing to report

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

- **Borough Right of Way by Harvey's**

Mr. Kotula stated that people are driving through the grass, around the tree on the borough right of way by Harvey's. This is a very unsafe means of accessing Route 65. Council agreed to have signs put up that say Do Not Enter.

- **Young Lungs At Play Initiative**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to amend Ordinance 961 addressing smoking prohibited on borough property to include the guidelines set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and their "Young Lungs At Play" initiative.

- **Electric Outlet in the Library**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to get a price for an electrician to move an electrical outlet in the Library restroom so that a changing table may be safely installed on the restroom wall.

- **Executive Session**

Mr. Kotula commented that he wants to go into executive session later to discuss the volunteer fire fighter incentive program. The reason to do this is to talk about the fire relief fund and taxes. Mr. Kotula stated that he and Mr. Shelkons met with the Fire Chief to discuss some opportunities that may be done with rental properties and rental inspections by the fire department. This program can fund a future truck and costs involved with doing the inspections and implementing the program.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

Nothing to report.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Crushed Sewer Line on Route 65**

Mr. Trzcianka stated that depositions are being set up to prepare for a court hearing.

- **Fire Department Grant**

Mr. Trzcianka asked if there was any clarification on the grant that the fire department got. Mrs. Rakovan stated that copies of the grant were handed out months ago. Mr. Kotula commented that the grant states that the Fire Department must have a capability to be a 24/7 fire department, meaning it has to have facilities such as kitchen, showers, and sleeping area. Mr. Trzcianka asked who is supposed to figure this out. Mr. Shelkons stated that his understanding is what Mr. Kotula stated. The department must have the ability to staff 24/7. Mr. Trzcianka stated that is not how it reads on the AFG website.

Library (Suzie Furr)

- **Library Board**

MOTION by Mrs. Furr, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to acknowledge Stella Vogel as a life time member of the Library Board and appoint John Shelkons to fill her position on the library board.

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- **Banners**

Mrs. Singleton stated that they are still accepting orders for the banners.

Mr. Shelkons stated that his cousin had a problem with submitting the photograph to the company. She kept getting a message stating that the file was undeliverable. Mrs. Rakovan stated that the file may be reformatted to jpeg or pdf format. Mrs. Singleton stated that it should be a jpeg format and she was going to put all the pictures on a jpeg all together. Mrs. Trzcianka stated that maybe the file needs to go through the Recreation Board.

- **Two Vacancies on the Parks & Recreation Board**

Mrs. Singleton asked if anyone is interested to be on the board to please let us know.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

Not present

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **USDA Grant/Loan Application**

USDA's engineering review of the application is now complete and we are waiting for a funding decision.

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

PennDOT is now satisfied and closed out the Highway Occupancy Permit for the project. The project has been closed out with Community Development.

- **Library ADA Access Updates – CDBG Grant**

Design is in progress for the library building ADA access updates.

- **Virginia Avenue and Wayne Street Speed Humps**

Information provided to council. Mr. Sadaka went over the information provided. He stated that there is only one location on Virginia that would fall under PennDot guidelines but he did supply two additional locations noting that they do not fall under the guidelines. He also noted there are two locations for Wayne Street. Mrs. Rakovan noted that if Liquid Fuel funds were going to be used for the project then there are more strict guidelines to follow which include writing and adopting a policy and doing a formal traffic study. Mr. Trzcianka asked that the locations be painted on the streets so that we and the residents can see where they will be located.

- **Water System - Uninterrupted System Service Plan (USSP)**

PaDEP has established a deadline applicable to Baden Borough for submission of some documents that describe how the Borough water system is prepared for emergency situations resulting from both natural and man-made disasters (by August 17, 2020). Since the Borough has emergency generators at each booster station, no changes to the water system should be necessary. Widmer Engineering will prepare the USSP and certification.

- **Concordia Lutheran Ministries Land Development Plan Review**

Our engineering review of the land development plans is nearly complete. Comments will be forwarded to the applicant and Borough for consideration.

- **2019 Paving Project**

'Notice to Proceed' will be held until suitable weather is available to start this work.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Fines Collected - \$1,131.48**
- **Calls - 243**

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Kotula second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to go into executive session at 6:55 PM to discuss personnel and possible litigation.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula second by Mrs. Furr, carried unanimously to return to session at 7:48 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mr. Shelkons, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
February 12, 2020