

**REGULAR MEETING
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
JULY 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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

NOT PRESENT: Mr. Besong, Mrs. Furr

ALSO PRESENT: Solicitor James Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Lesabeth Trzcianka, president of the Baden Memorial Library informed council that Stella Vogel passed away.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of June 17th, 2020

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS – None

ORDINANCES – Advertised in the Beaver County Times

- **962** – Amending Chapter 18, Section 180-33 of the Baden Borough Code of Ordinances so as to designate Wayne Street to be a one-way street for traffic traveling from North to South.
- **963** – Amending Ordinance 961 by adding provisions, which prohibit smoking and use of tobacco products in public parks and playgrounds within the Borough of Baden.
- **964** – Adopting the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Municipal Retirement Trust as the Borough of Baden's Non-uniform Employees Pension Plan effective January 1st, 2020 and authorizing the officers to execute a joinder agreement accepting said Trust.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 962, 963 and 964.

BIDS – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Gerald L. Vukovcan, Sr from 609 Virginia Avenue opposing the speed humps.
2. Letter from Beverly Cobern thanking council and the Recreation Board for the new playground equipment. She has seen new faces enjoying the equipment.
3. Note from Al Demailo thanking council for taking the steps to add his brother's name to the war memorial. He included a donation to the library in the amount of \$250.
4. Email from Waste Management offering to extend per our contract trash service for an additional year at no increase in rate.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka carried unanimously to extend the Waste Management another year per the contract document.

Mr. Trzcianka addressed item #1 and asked the engineer to address the concern of the resident. Mr. Sadaka stated that the hump would not go curb to curb. He also stated that the engineering study was done utilizing PennDot guidelines so the location of the hump can't be anywhere on the road. They followed the PennDot specifications and the study shows where the humps may be placed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$246,041
 - Water Fund Balance \$109,740
- | |
|--------------------|
| Expenses \$136,037 |
| Expenses \$77,739 |

- **McDonald's Permit**

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to extend the McDonald's building permit to July 31, 2022.

- **USDA Loan**

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Trzcianka to sign the revised USDA loan agreement to reflect the removal of the remote water meters from the loan amount.

- **2019 Audit**

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton to accept the 2019 Audit.

Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

- **Part Time Police Officer**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to hire Garrett Kimmell as a part time police officer.

- **Civil Service Board**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula carried unanimously to appoint Michael Stuban, Clarence Singleton and Dennis Baker Jr. as alternates to the Civil Service Board.

- **Hiring of Full Time Officer**

Mr. Kotula stated that he met with John Shelkons and Dave Trzcianka to go over the packet of police hiring information that was supplied at the previous meeting. There

were some minor questions and clarification on some items so Mr. Kotula sent an email to Harry who is a police chief and administer of police testing. There were only a few items that needed to be addressed. One he gets the answers to the questions he will send an email out to all of council with the final recommendations.

Mrs. Rakovan stated that council needs a motion to hire Harry as the consultant for the police hiring process.

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mrs. Singleton to hire Chief Harry Fruecht as a consultant for hiring a full time officer.

Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)

- **Leak at the Fire Station**

MOTION by Mr. Kotula, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to replace the back flow preventer at the Fire Station not to exceed \$1,400.

Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)

- **Old Plow/Dump Truck**

Mr. Trzcianka reported that there were over 1,000 views of the dump truck on Municibid but not one bid. Discussion took place to lower the starting price of the bid.

MOTION by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to lower the starting bid to \$3,500 with the reserve being set at \$12,500.

Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)

- Nothing to report.

Library (Suzie Furr)

Not present

Community Relations & Recreation (Dawn Singleton)

- **Playgrounds**

Virginia playground is done and work is still being completed at Schiller Street.

- **Newsletter**

A newsletter postcard was sent out to residents with important dates and information.

- **Board Member**

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to appoint Julie Throckmorton to the Parks and Recreation Board.

- **Electrician for the Memorial Park**

Mr. Shelkons stated that the work is 99% complete. He asked the solicitor if anything needs to be done once it is complete. Mr. Amato stated that a satisfaction certificate could be done since the judgment was filed with the magistrate.

- **Land Survey for riverfront property**

Mr. Shelkons stated that he was going to talk with the engineer after meeting to discuss the surveying of the riverfront property and possibly reviewing the costs. Mr. Shelkons felt that we need to know our property lines in that if we ever want to get a grant to put a dock at the river we will need to know our property lines.

Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)

- Nothing to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Nothing to Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. USDA Grant/Loan Application

The engineering agreement is ready to be signed. Borough could start work on the USDA loan.

2. Library ADA Access Updates – CDBG Grant

We are still waiting for the Community Development Program of Beaver County to place the project out to bid. We are being told (by Community Development staff) that the hold-up involves waiting for PA Historical and Museum Commission to complete their review and provide paperwork to Community Development.

3. Water System - Uninterrupted System Service Plan (USSP)

We are working to prepare the USSP and certification (due in August).

4. Bauman Avenue Storm Sewer

Public works will make repair to the line since Insight Pipe cannot install a liner in the pipe.

5. 2019 Paving Project

Project being closed out.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Not Present

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

Mr. Shelkons stated that he is still working with Rome Monument regarding adding the name to the war memorial.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Kotula second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
August 19, 2020