

**REGULAR MEETING  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>, 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. Besong, Mrs. Furr, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

**NOT PRESENT:** Mr. Kotula

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Gagliardi, Police Chief Christner, Solicitor James Amato

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

**VISITORS**

- None

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

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

**RESOLUTIONS – None**

**ORDINANCES – None**

**BIDS – NONE**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Phone request from Tina Capone to utilize the community room during daylight hours to assist students with homework for at least the first 9 weeks of the school year. She is teacher certified and has her own liability insurance.

Discussion followed regarding, number of children, cleaning/sanitizing the room and restrooms, charge for the room. After additional discussion it was decided to not authorize the use of the community room.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance (John Shelkons)**

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| • General Fund Balance \$270,500 | Expenses \$398,482 |
| • Water Fund Balance \$152,025   | Expenses \$144,698 |

- **Virginia Avenue Speed Humps**

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to have the solicitor write and secretary advertise an ordinance to place speed humps on Virginia Avenue in the locations determined by the engineer in accordance with PennDOT guidelines.

- **School Resource Officer**

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to hire Mark Alan Smilek as a Resource Officer for Baden Academy.

**Public Safety (Ted Kotula)**

- **Hiring of Full Time Officer**

Mr. Trzcianka stated that he spoke to Ted who told him that he was not able to get ahold of Chief Harry Fruecht. Mr. Trzcianka stated that he was going to call Chief Fruecht himself tomorrow. Chief Christner expressed his concerns with which agility test the borough was planning on using. Allegheny County has both tests. Mr. Trzcianka asked Chief Christner to get pricing for their agility tests. Chief Christner stated that he would check into but he believes that there should be no cost. Chief Christner also asked about the written test as the newer test has algebra on it. He asked that we look into seeing if we could use the older test. Mr. Trzcianka asked the Chief to get the information on the tests too.

**Building, Property & Grounds (Ted Kotula)**

Not Present

**Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)**

- **Harvey's**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have the solicitor write a temporary one year lease agreement between Harvey's and the borough for the right of way next to this property on Route 65 with all costs associated with the lease being paid for by Harvey's. This temporary request is so Harvey's will meet the land requirements for his salvage license. He is in the process of purchasing the old flower shop property.

- **Dump Truck**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to accept the truck bid in the amount of \$16,700 from Chuck Heater from York PA.

**Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)**

- Nothing to report.

**Library (Suzie Furr)**

Nothing to report

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

- **Playgrounds**

The Recreation Board is still working on the playgrounds. The benches still need to be painted.

- **Banner Program**

Banner applications are still being accepted. Another 10 banners have been ordered.

- **Board Member Resignation**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to accept the resignation of Suzie Furr from the Recreation Board.

- **Yard Sale**

There are 52 participants so far for this year's yard sale.

- **Halloween**

The Halloween party will be in the park in October. The fire department will have the trucks out and some organizations will be handing out candy. Mrs. Singleton hoped that council would also participate.

- **Waterfront Survey**

Mr. Shelkons stated that he doesn't have all the details yet, but he is speaking with someone regarding grant opportunities to assist with the cost associated with the survey and possibly developing (boat dock) the area.

**Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)**

- Nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Nothing to Report

**ENGINEER'S REPORT – Not present, but written report as follows**

1. **USDA Grant/Loan Application**

The signed engineering agreement and revised budget were submitted to USDA. We are waiting for their approval to proceed.

2. **Library ADA Access Updates – CDBG Grant**

Bids for the project were opened by the Community Development Program of Beaver County on August 18. We will prepare a bid tabulation when the bids are forwarded to our office.

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

The USSP and certification have been completed. The USSP has been provided to the Borough for future reference and for review by DEP during inspections. The certification form has been submitted to DEP as required. No further action is necessary at this time.

4. **Water Storage Tank Maintenance**

WEI is working on a staged plan to address water storage tank maintenance items recommended by the 2018 inspection reports. WEI is working to get a quote to re-grade the yard around the Prospect Street Tanks so that tank concrete foundation can be repaired.

**5. Bauman Avenue Storm Sewer**

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

Mr. Trzcianka asked the secretary to put a work order be put in to repair the sinkhole on Bauman before winter.

**6. 2019 Paving Project**

Project being closed out.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gagliardi thanked council for the hiring of the school resource officer.

- **Fines and Citations**

\$702.76 collected for the month and there were 286 citations

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

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

- **Library**

Mrs. Trzcianka, president of the library board informed council about individuals asking to go inside the library to look at the building. She wasn't sure why, but it was concluded that it was contractors looking to price out the bid for the library grant project. She also stated that the library hours are 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, but if you need access during other hours the librarian would be happy to meet patrons during other times by appointment.

- **Prevention Network Radio**

Mr. Shelkons asked about the radio. Mr. Amato stated that he spoke with Jeremy from Prevention Network who stated that he was trying to get county "drug" money to pay for the radio. It didn't seem that was going to happen so Jeremy asked Mr. Amato to resend the price quote for the radio which Mr. Amato has done. The school is planning to open on the 26<sup>th</sup> (on paper).

- **AEDs**

Chief Christner wanted to clarify that the drug money is not the borough's money but the county money. He noted that he would like to use the borough drug money to add to the purchase of AED's for the police vehicles. (Approximately \$1,500 was donated by the Legion Auxiliary and Women's Club.) He was asking for four AEDs. Mr. Trzcianka stated that last week they spoke with Chief Baker and council asked that he price out an AED for each car (4), one (1) for upstairs of the borough building, (1) for the fire station, (1) for the downstairs and (1) for the library because they have money to pay for part of it. Eliminating the fire departments AED cost the total will be \$11,242. Mr. Trzcianka stated that there may be somethings we can eliminate (cabinet for \$700). He stated that we could put a hook on the wall and zip tie to the wall. If needed, just break the zip tie. Discussion took place regarding if the company is under COSTAR or will the price be under the bidding threshold. Mr. Amato believed that the bidding threshold was \$11,100 (It is actually \$11,300).

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to purchase the AED's pending COSTAR confirmation and/or price not to exceed the 2020 PA Bidding Threshold of \$11,099 (It would actually be \$11,299). The borough cost will come out of the Equipment Fund.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mr. Besong, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
September 8, 2020