

**PRE-MEETING  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

Council President Judith Montell 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, Mr. Kotula, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

**NOT PRESENT:** Mrs. Furr

**ALSO PRESENT:** Fire Chief Dennis Baker Jr.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

**VISITORS**

- Beverly Kotys from Berry addressed Council

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Secretary**

1. **USDA Loan**  
Attorney Salopek is working with USDA to get the ordinances and advertisement documents reviewed for council approval.
2. **Trailer Court**  
No update
3. **Water Tank Maintenance Schedule**  
Engineer is working on the maintenance schedule and what needs to be contracted out.
4. **Baden Properties to Sell**  
Properties are being assessed and the paperwork should be done by next week.
5. **Speed Humps/Traffic Calming**  
Wayne Street – One way signs have been posted.  
Virginia Avenue – Only one hump fell within the PennDot guidelines. Attorney is to prepare the ordinance.

Discussion took place regarding placement of stop signs up Virginia Avenue at Third Street and down Virginia at Second Street. A traffic study would need to be done. Mr. Trzcianka commented that he would make that motion during the regular meeting next week.

6. **Traffic Camera System (County)**  
No update.
7. **Radio Service at Class Academy**  
No update.

**8. Sale of Borough Truck**

Trucks was picked up and paid for in the amount of \$16,700.

**9. Cell/Tower Regulation**

Ordinance is being written by Cohen and Associates.

**10. T-Mobile/Sprint**

Sprint and T-Mobile have merged and they want to renegotiate the lease agreement. Recommend having Cohen and Associates review and comment on this matter. Will make a motion next week to have Cohen and Associates review the new agreement.

**11. Hiring of Full Time Police Officer**

Waiting for Council to supply the information to advertise for the position.

**12. Police Consolidation**

Interested response from New Sewickley, Rochester Borough and Conway. We are waiting on each municipality to supply information and figures for analysis.

**13. AEDs**

Being delivered on Friday. Training will be supplied for the employees.

**14. Beaver County CARES Funding**

Grant paperwork was completed and filed with the county commissioners.

**15. Playground Grant**

Closeout report was filed after supplying follow up paperwork. Waiting for reimbursement.

**16. Sinkhole on Bauman Ave**

Public Works was unable to locate the sewer line. It is deeper than 10 feet and our backhoe can't dig further. Price from a contractor is \$18,000 for the current 60 feet of pipe but the entire 100 feet replacement would be \$22,000. The reason for the higher price of the 60 feet is because it will require double trench shoring boxes because of the depth of the sewer line. The hole has already been dug to about 10 feet. The secretary will contact the engineer to evaluate the situation.

**17. Harvey's**

The solicitor is working on the month to month temporary lease for Harvey to use the unopened portion of Washington Street.

**18. Trick or Treat**

The Chief of Police Association has set Trick or Treat for Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**OFFICE/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR AUGUST 2020**

No major office purchases for the month of August.

**LEGAL MATTER (Not for detailed discussion during meeting)**

Letter received from the owner of the State Street property where the building was demolished has been given to the attorney.

Entry of Satisfaction has been completed and sent from the magistrate to the electrician for completion of the electrical work in the park, effective 8/14/2020.

**Public Works**

Not Present

**Code Enforcement Officer**

Position not filled

## **FIRE CHIEF**

Chief Baker stated that they had 15 calls last month. The Harley Davidson Motorcycle raffle was a success. All tickets were sold for the raffle.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance (John Shelkons)**

General Fund Account Balance	\$235,470	Expenses	\$21,932
Water Fund Account Balance	\$179,169	Expenses	\$152,494

### **Public Safety (Ted Kotula)**

**Fire Department Incentive Program** – Mr. Kotula stated that the public safety committee met regarding the incentive program for the fire department and they would like to make a questionnaire for individual fire fighters to fill out regarding what they would like as an incentive as well as their feelings on the relationship between the fire department and council. Mr. Kotula gave examples that maybe one fire fighter would like a gift certificate or another may want a life insurance policy. Mr. Kotula asked Chief Baker to look into an incentive grant that New Brighton received. Chief Baker stated that the next round of that grant has not had the details released yet.

**Ladder Truck** – Mr. Kotula asked Chief Baker about a repair needing to be done on the ladder truck and council was unaware of this. Chief Baker noted that this happened back around February and it was a \$400 weld repair paid for by the fire department.

**24 Hour Shift** – Mr. Kotula asked Chief Baker about having a 24 hour shift and the fire fighter being compensated for it. Mr. Kotula asked who was paying the compensation. Mr. Baker noted that this was discussed with the public safety committee during the incentive meeting that they were going to test out having a 24 hour shift and he was told that as long as the fire department does not go over their budgeted uniform allowance they had no problem with the 24 shift.

**Police Hiring** – Mr. Kotula stated that they will be charging \$50 for the application test and no charge for the agility test. Mrs. Rakovan asked for the details of the advertisement. Mr. Kotula stated to use the example from Penn Hills. Mrs. Rakovan asked Mr. Kotula to mark up the sample with what needs to be changed and she will run the ad. Mr. Kotula gave the date of September 21<sup>st</sup> and he will let everyone know within two weeks that we will be putting it out and the application will run from October 5<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Police Consolidation** – Mr. Kotula commented that Mr. Stuban from the Civil Service Board has been working diligently with the other interested municipalities. Once he has the numbers, Mr. Kotula will put something together on PowerPoint so he can put it up on the wall in council chambers to go over the information. Mr. Kotula stated that there will be some surprises with the numbers regard lack of cost savings where some may be beneficial in cost savings. There are many other issues that need to be addressed including pensions, insurance and carryover. Mr. Kotula stated that Mrs. Rakovan did supply information regarding the current full time police overtime and comp time. The Public Safety Committee will meet again next Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to go over the numbers and look at options for police coverage.

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

Nothing to report.

### **Public Works (Dave Trzcianka)**

Mr. Trzcianka asked for the status of the house located at 48 State Street by the pump house. Mrs. Rakovan stated that new owner stated that he planned to demolish the home. She was asked to send a letter to the owner asking him to clean up the property.

**Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)**

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the Municipal Authority has a hearing in front of the judge scheduled for Thursday to address the broken sanitary sewer caused by the PennDOT construction company when resurfacing Route 65.

Mr. Trzcianka also asked about a house at the end of Schiller Street near Andrew's house that is horrible condition and needs cleaned up. He asked that the road crew take a look at it and get the address.

Mrs. Rakovan commented that we really need to appoint a Code Enforcement Officer because she could send a letter asking them to clean up their property but she can't file a citation or enforce any action that may need done. Chief Baker stated that he has expressed his interest numerous times to be the CEO. He does it for other towns and is qualified. Mr. Trzcianka stated that (Public Safety Committee) will discuss it on Monday so we could go into executive session on Wednesday.

Mr. Trzcianka commented that the Municipal Authority won their case with the PennDot contractor for breaking the sewer line under Route 65.

**Library (Suzie Furr)**

Not present

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

Yard Sale – September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Recreation Board Member Openings** – Mrs. Singleton asked if anyone is interested on serving on the board to please let her know. They are down two members.

**River Front Survey** – Mr. Shelkons addressed the grant for river front development and he asked for consideration to pay the \$4,000 up front for the property survey. This will make applying for the grant easier.

**Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)**

Nothing to report

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Gagliardi stated that he received a complaint from a resident who lives by Anderson's Candy regarding their development behind the candy store. Mrs. Rakovan stated that they have been in contact with the building inspector regarding what they are doing. The resident told Mayor Gagliardi that he thought that area was a residential area. Mrs. Rakovan stated that Anderson's Candy is zoned as Local Business.

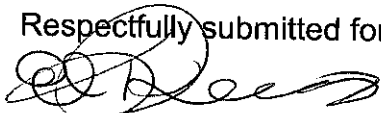
**Old Business Not on the Agenda, New Business or Unfinished Business****PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Mrs. Montell thanked the Recreation Board on the Veteran Banners. She stated that they look wonderful throughout town.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Kotula, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020