

**REGULAR MEETING  
BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
JANUARY 27, 2021**

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. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Trzcianka and Mrs. Montell

**NOT PRESENT:** Mr. Besong, Mrs. Furr, Mr. Kotula

**ALSO PRESENT:** Fire Chief Baker and Engineer Tony Sadaka

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OTHER RECORDING DEVICES**

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

**VISITORS**

- Rob Kingerski from Dettmar Avenue asked for the status of hiring a new police officer. Mrs. Montell stated that this will be covered under the committee reports.
- Clarence Singleton from Moore Avenue and representing the Sons of the American Legion informed council that they purchased five 18-foot flag poles for their memorial however they do not have the room for them. They are offering them to the borough to possibly use at the library memorial. Council thanked Mr. Singleton and state that they will see if they will work with the renovations.

**MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 16<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 – *Advertised in the Beaver County Times for Public Review***

- **968** – Establishing a sinking fund and quarterly fee to impose on each utility bill to all customers of Baden Borough.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve ordinance 968.

**BIDS – None**

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. January letter from the Ambridge Regional Chamber of Commerce asking to join them. Membership cost is \$240 for the VIP Gold Membership or \$120 for the Silver Membership.

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to join the same Chamber of Commerce as we have in the past.

2. January letter from Emergency Services regarding updating the Beaver County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Each municipality is required to have a current and adopt mitigation plan. (Emergency Management Coordinator, Matt Loftus is addressing this matter)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Finance (John Shelkons)

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| • General Fund Balance \$178,224 | Expenses \$271,232 |
| • Water Fund Balance \$163,182   | Expenses \$94,106  |

### Tree Removal in the Park

**MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to remove 7 dead pine trees and 8 stump grindings at a cost of \$5,000 from Jule's Lawn Care & Tree Removal. These trees are near powerlines and too high for the public works department to cut.

### Public Safety (Ted Kotula)

Not Present

### Full Time Police Officer – Civil Service

Mrs. Trzcianka, chairperson of the Civil Service Committee stated that the agility and written tests have been done and she is waiting on the results. All 3 applicants passed the written exam. She will be contacting 3 chiefs to set up an interview date and time.

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

Not Present

### Public Works & Sanitation (Dave Trzcianka)

#### Lower Bauman Sinkhole

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the sinkhole is being repaired.

#### 2021 CDBG Funding Project

Mr. Trzcianka addressed this year's funding project possibly being the water tanks. He felt this should be a priority. Mr. Sadaka stated that usually its around \$75,000. Mr. Sadaka stated that approval by the county would be easier if the project was within the \$75,000 margin. He stated that we need to read the fine print of the application and what the requirements are for this year. Mr. Sadaka stated that he will look into the options that we may have with this year's funding. The application due date is the end of March.

**Municipal (Dave Trzcianka)****Route 65 Sewer Repair**

Mr. Trzcianka stated that the sewer repair under Route 65 is complete.

**Library (John Shelkons)**

Mr. Shelkons reported that this year's fundraiser brought in more money because the library got approval to solicit parts of Economy Borough that have a Baden address. The library collected around \$7,000. They also received funding for new computers.

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

Mrs. Singleton stated that they had their reorganization meeting and all of the officers stayed the same from the previous year. They are also continuing with the Banner Program. She asked about putting a donation box in the borough office to collect monies for Christmas lights in the borough park.

**Administration & Legislation (Bob Besong)**

Not Present

Wireless Communication Ordinance – Given to Council for review during the work session. Will discuss at February work session.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT****ENGINEER'S REPORT**

1. **USDA - Water System Improvements** - The General Obligation Bond closing took place on Friday. WEI is now proceeding with the design phase of the project.
2. **Library ADA Access Updates – CDBG Grant** - Construction phase is scheduled to begin in April.
3. **CDBG FY 2021 Grant Application** - The CDBG grant application is due March 31, 2021. Projects that the Borough might want to apply for should be identified soon so that we can see if they qualify.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Not Present

**PRESIDENTS REPORT****Old Business Not on the Agenda, New Business or Unfinished Business****Flag Poles for Council Chambers**

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to purchase two flag poles with flags for the council chambers not to exceed \$500.

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Zoning Hear Board - 3-year term (Jack Spencer)  
Civil Service Board - 1 year term (vacant – Alternate)  
Planning Board - 5-year term (Ted Kotula)  
Library Board - 5-year term (Donna Napoleon)  
5-year term (John Shelkons)  
Educational Services - 3-year term (Beverly Koytys)  
2 years of 3-year term (vacant)  
Parks & Recreation - 4-year term (vacant)  
4-year term (vacant)  
5-year term (John Shelkons)  
5-year term (Racheal Neish)  
5-year term (Krissy Neish)

**MOTION** by Mr. Trzcianka, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to appoint all names as listed.

Mr. Montell commented that we are looking to fill vacancies on the boards.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to go into executive session regarding personnel at 7:03 PM.

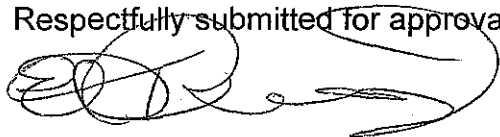
## RETURN TO SESSION

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to return to session at 8:03 PM.

## ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Trzcianka, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,



Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Secretary  
February 10, 2021