

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 19, 2022

Council President Dave Trzcianka called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 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. Bosh, Mr. Jones, Mr. Miller, Mr. Shelkons, Mrs. Singleton, Mr. Stuban and Mr. Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Judi Montell, Fire Chief Dennis Baker, Solicitor Jimmy Amato

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

- Michael Koppel, 329 Berry Street address council in regards to parking his trailer in front of his home. It is a dump trailer attached to his truck and moved every day as he uses it for work 7 days a week. He told council that the police stopped by his house and told him that several neighbors across the street and up the street have complained about the trailer. Mrs. Rakovan asked if it obstructing drivers view. Mrs. Montell asked Mr. Koppel if he had a driveway to park the trailer. He stated that he uses the garage. The trailer is parked directly in front of his house and moved every day. Mrs. Rakovan stated that he needs to make sure that he parks close to the curb and not prohibit emergency vehicles and plow trucks from passing. Mr. Trzcianka stated that we will check into this and the manager will get back to him.
- Brian Dennerlien from 4th Street (Mt. Gallitzin dead-end side) addressed council in regards to the condition of his road and the sinkhole at 4th Street and North Avenue. Mr. Trzcianka stated that they are currently reviewing the streets that need to be repaved.
- Geno Volpe from 4th Street asked about waterlines in addition to paving the street. Mr. Trzcianka stated that they are looking into redoing North Avenue, Franklin and Collins. Mrs. Rakovan looked at the waterline repair list and it did not include 4th Steet. She stated that she would ask the engineer for pricing to replace waterlines and pave 4th Street.
- Shirley Spence from 3rd Street asked when 3rd Street will be paved. She also addressed the condition of Bobs Imports ,lower North Avenue and parking on both sides of lower North Avenue.

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 12th & 19th 2022

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

BIDS – None

RESOLUTIONS – None

ORDINANCE – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Account Balance \$213,913 Expenses \$156,743
- Water Fund Account Balance \$343,675 Expenses \$123,581

2021 Funding for Public

Mr. Shelkons gave an update on pursuing a grant for the river front property. He met with a gentleman on Friday to see what we can and can't do with the property. The grants are done each year and it is possible to apply for a grant to do a study. He is not sure if this is necessary as he wants to make a phone call to the fish and boat commission. He would like to make a motion to earmark money for this grant. The most money that we may have to put in is \$30,000 max. Any money from any other source could be used to knock down this amount. He asked for \$20,000 in a contingency fund for the grant match.

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to put \$20,000 into a contingency fund to be used for river front grant match.

Tax Exoneration

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to exonerate the borough taxes (approximately \$575, parcel 13-003-0608) for property on the county repository.

Public Works, Sanitation & Municipal Authority (John Jones)

CDBG Grant

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have the engineer apply for water tank funding through the CDBG.

ARPA Funding

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to have the engineer start the specs to advertise for the water inlets (storm sewers).

Technology, Social Media, Library & Community Relations (Joe Bosh)

Computers

MOTION by Mr. Bosh, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to purchase three computers (office, public works and manager) not to exceed \$4,250.

Website

Mr. Bosh gave an update on the website design. He is working with CourseVector who currently contracts with the PSAB to host our website. We pay \$389 per year host the

site with 7 hours of support. Additional hours would cost would be \$250 for an extra 5 hours. Although Mr. Bosh is able to build a website he felt that he would work with CourseVector as they know the current laws that municipalities must follow.

Social Media Groups

Mr. Bosh stated that he researched the various social media groups on Facebook and Baden Community Network does not state anywhere in their description that it is an official entity. It is strictly a discussion platform.

Mr. Bosh did find the old Recreation Board Facebook Group. The last post was May of 2020. He has contacted Paige to get access and handover control.

Administration & Legislation (Doug Miller)

International Fire Code

Motion by Mr. Miller, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to authorize the solicitor to revise and amend borough ordinance to reflect the Borough using the International Fire Code.

General Government, Building Property/Grounds, Parks & Rec (Dawn Singleton)

Harmony Road Property

Motion by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to purchase the Harmony Road property from the repository.

Internet

Motion by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Bosh, carried unanimously to switch to Go Net Speed for the Borough Building at a cost of \$399 per month (This is a \$27.66 per month increase)

Phone System

Motion by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Bosh, carried unanimously to switch phone service to Net2Phone at a cost of \$271.34 per month (This is a savings of \$8 per month)

Public Safety (Michael Stuban)

Part Time Police Officer

Mr. Stuban tabled the hiring of a part time police officer at this time.

Police Radio

Motion by Mr. Stuban, second by Mr. Miller, carried unanimously to purchase a radio for the new police vehicle at a cost of \$3,246.80

CEO

Mr. Stuban suggested having the manager set up interviews with the currently interested individuals. The interviews will be done by Mr. Bosh, Mr. Miller and Mr. Stuban.

Mr. Stuban announced that Beaver County is accepting ARP Grants for non-profits and small business. The county should have information on their website by the end of the week.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Not present

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Montell received a phone call from the Vice President of the PTA asked borough representative attend the February 28th Ambridge Area School District meeting at 6PM in the high school regarding the closing of State Street School. Mayor Montell stated that she is planning to attend the meeting.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Nothing to report

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

PUC Appeal

Mr. Shelkons stated that he spoke to the solicitor earlier about the PUC appeal. One of the representatives from the PUC stated that we are rolling the dice if we take this to the appeal because the original complaint was about access and that has been resolved. Currently we have concerns about the bridge condition. It was recommended by the PUC to drop the appeal and sit down and have a round table discussion about the bridge. Mr. Amato agreed to the need to have a sit-down meeting, but did not recommend dropping the appeal.

Banner Program

Mr. Shelkons asked Mrs. Singleton about the banner program. There are prices posted in three different locations (handouts at the borough building, recreation board website and the actual company website). The office forms still have the original pricing (\$10 for yard signs). Mrs. Singleton said is \$20 now. Mrs. Singleton said that they are suppose to change their website and then we could print it out and put it everywhere. Until then there is nothing we can do. Mr. Shelkons asked about the recreation board website posting and the office forms. Mr. Shelkons stated that they all need to match. Mrs. Rakovan asked for new forms for the borough office. Mr. Shelkons asked to go over the costs. Yard signs are now \$20, Double sided banner is \$145, One sided is \$115. Mr. Singleton spoke up and stated that the yard signs are still \$10 if purchased with the original order but additional signs are \$20. Mr. Singleton and Mrs. Singleton stated that she will get clarification of the package pricing and yard signs.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:29PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Secretary
March 9, 2022