

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 16TH, 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, Attorney James Amato, Attorney Steve Chesney

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

President Trzcianka announced that there was an Executive Sessions regarding personnel held on October 17th, 19th, November 2nd, 9th, 10th and 16th 2022

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of October 12th, 19th and November 2nd 2022.

SOLICITOR STATEMENT

Solicitor Chesney stated that he was not going to stray off of the statement that he prepared and no questions will be answered because this is a personnel matter.

A council member received information regarding the police chief on October 15th. The full board (council) was presented with that information of October 17th at an executive session. There was a public meeting held on October 19th in which the board (council) voted to start an internal investigation. They also started to take steps as a result of the information found in the investigation. Before that process concluded the employee retired. The retirement of effective November 14th, 2022. The resignation is going to be voted on tonight. Under the advice of counsel and the solicitor the board (council) was advised not speak on this matter as it is a personnel matter. This advise is to protect the board (council) and the borough. It is also important to know that council members acted immediately upon receiving this information. They received this information on the 17th of October and took action on the 19th of October.

VISITORS

None

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

BIDS – None

RESOLUTIONS – Attached to the agenda for public review

- **22-04** Amending the Local Tax Collection Law, directing tax collectors to waive additional charges for real estate taxes under certain situations.
- **22-05** Reducing police officers' contribution to the police pension plan for the year 2023.

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to adopt resolution 22-04

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Miller, carried unanimously to adopt resolution 22-05

ORDINANCE – None

CORRESPONDENCE

Note from Eagle Scout Nathaniel Curry thanking council for sponsoring his Eagle Scout project at the Baden Memorial Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Account Balance \$266,656 Expenses \$303,059
- Water Fund Account Balance \$363,866 Expenses \$162,328

Advertise Budget

MOTION by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to advertise the 2023 General Fund and Water Fund Budgets for 10-day review.

USDA Loan Request

- **MOTION** by Mr. Shelkons, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to pay Requisition No.14 to Widmer Engineering for engineering design under the USDA project in the amount of \$8,000.

Public Works, Sanitation & Municipal Authority (John Jones)

Non Uniform Union Contract

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to signing of the 2023 Non-Uniform Union Contract upon the Managers review.

Public Works Foreman

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously for a pay adjustment of \$3/hr. for new Public Works Foreman, Rodney Keenan retro-active to date of promotion

Water Operator In Charge

MOTION by Mr. Jones, second by Mr. Miller, carried unanimously for apay adjustment of \$1/hr. for the Water Operator In Charge (OIC), Tom Cordell retro-active to date of promotion

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

Library

Mr. Bosh stated that is receiving an accessibility grant and Laughlin Foundation Grant. There is an angel tree tag project taking place. The new state standards for libraries were adjusted requiring 45 hours of operation per week. This is an increase of 10 hours per week. This is required in order to receive state funding. There will be additional staffing requirements as a result of this requirement. The 10 hours require two people working during that additional time. Annual fundraiser were mailed out to the residents of Baden.

Administration & Legislation (Doug Miller)

Nothing to report

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

Light Up Night - December 3rd

Santa on Fire Truck – December 17th

Public Safety (Michael Stuban)

Retirement of Chief Christner

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to ratify the retirement agreement for Dave Christner

Civil Service

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to activate civil service

Advertise Full-Time Office

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to advertise for a full-time police officer.

Police Officer in Charge

MOTION by Mr. Stuban, second by Mrs. Singleton, carried unanimously to grant a \$1/hr. increase in pay for the officer in charge, Derek Shipley.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Singleton, second by Mr. Stuban, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval,

Borough Manager, Elaine K. Rakovan
December 7, 2022