

**BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 18TH, 2024**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

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Council members are reminded to speak into the microphone.

AGENDA – Changes / Deletions

VISITORS –The public may present oral questions and comments limited to a one-half hour period during the public discussion and limited to five minutes each. Additionally, citizens may speak during any item of new business. Any citizen making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks or becomes boisterous while addressing Council or behave in such a manner to disrupt the meeting will be asked to leave. Visitors are not to speak during committee reports, department heads, and engineer or solicitor reports unless called upon.

MINUTES – November 6th, 18th and November 20th, 2024

BILLS TO BE PAID

RESOLUTIONS - None

ORDINANCES – (Advertised in Beaver County Times)

- **985** AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 952 to include specific language under the Nuisance Ordinance concerning the feeding, ownership and violations regarding feral cats. **(MOTION)**
- **986** BILLBOARD ORDINANCE to regulate the location, size, placement and certain features of Billboards within the Borough of Baden. **(MOTION)**
- **987** AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 972 to include general parking regulations for any “passenger car” not to include any bus, motor home, passenger car attached to a trailer of any kind, recreational boats on or off trailers, recreational vehicles and any commercial vehicle. **(MOTION)**
- **988** ADOPTING an amendment to the article of incorporation of the Baden Municipal Authority, Beaver County, PA **(MOTION)**
- **989** 2025 TAX ORDINANCE sets the tax rate for the year 2025 at the rate of 6.0 mills on each one dollar of the valuation of said real property as assessed for county purposes. The total tax rate of 6.0 mills represents a 1.0 mill tax increase for Baden Borough **(Will be adopted after adoption of the budget)**

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Invitation to Baden Borough Council and Mayor from Conway Borough to their Christmas Party and Chief Adam Johnston's Retirement Celebration on December 20th.
2. Letter from Tom Turnley regarding the 2025 Community Yard Sale and his soliciting of advertisements for the event map. All profits from the sale of the advertisements will go **to the library. Yard Sale date will be June 6th with June 14th as the rain date.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Manager

Public Works

Fire Department

CEO

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

- General Fund Balance \$158,515 - Expenses \$157,711
- Water Fund Balance \$284,140 - Expenses \$193,434

Public Works (Doug Miller)

Technology / Public Relations / Liaison (Library, Parks/Rec., Municipal Auth.) (Joe Bosh)

Administration & Personnel (Becky Gallagher)

Public Safety (Dawn Singleton)

Building / Grounds / Equipment (Michael Stuban)

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ENGINEER'S REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

YEAR END MOTIONS

1. Motion to adopt the General Fund 2025 budget in the amount of \$2,920,715
2. Motion to adopt Ordinance 989 setting 2025 tax rate at 6.0 mills
3. Motion to adopt the Water Fund 2025 budget in the amount of \$920,425
4. Motion to pay street lights from the Liquid Fuels Account per the budget
5. Motion to close the borough books and balance funds on December 31, 2024
6. Motion to enact all 511 taxes
7. Motion to authorize the transfer of all existing Baden Borough Police Pension Plan Assets and Liabilities to the Beaver Balley Regional Police Pension Plan
8. Motion to continue with WesBanco as the borough Depository
9. Motion to reappoint Elaine Rakovan as Borough Manager/Treasurer with agreed upon terms
10. Motion to reappoint Widmer Engineering as the Borough Engineer
11. Motion to reappoint Amato, Start & Associates as the Borough Solicitor
12. Motion to adopt the 2025 IRS mileage rate
13. Motion to hire a full time office clerk
14. Motion to appoint Mark Turnley to do the audit for year 2024 and begin immediately
15. Motion to advertise the monthly Council meetings to be held at 6:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month with workshop on the second Wednesday at 6:00 PM
16. Motion to maintain MDIA as the borough's building Inspector

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- Municipal Authority - 1
- Zoning Hearing Board – 1 & 1 alternate
- Planning Board – 1
- Library Board - 2
- Parks & Recreation – 6
- BVRPD Commission – 3 representatives and 3 alternate
- BC COG – 1 representative and 1 alternate
- PSAB Voting Delegate – 1 representative and 1 alternate

ADJOURNMENT