

**BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

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AGENDA – Changes / Deletion

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 – August 5th, 12th & 19th, 2026 **(Motion to approve)**

BILLS TO BE PAID (Motion to approve)

RESOLUTIONS *(attached for public review)*

26-04 A resolution requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$335,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for a fishing pier along the Ohio River.

26-05 A resolution expressing and formalizing the commitment to work toward the formation of a regional shared code enforcement entity with one or more other municipalities in an effort to obtain grant funding for the creation and start-up costs of entity; to explore the sharing regionalization of public works and consolidation of fire services.

ORDINANCES - None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

Financial Report

General Fund Balance \$121,831
Water Fund Balance \$512,830

Expenses \$224,324
Expenses \$183,186

PennVEST

- Approve the PennVEST payment application #11 in the amount of \$138,975.34 **(Motion)**

Tax Exoneration

- Exonerate the 2024 taxes for the Baden Borough Methodist Church parcels located at 500 State Street, 433 Dippold Avenue, 420 Dippold Avenue and 420 Dippold Street Hall. Have the solicitor send an exoneration notification letter to Joshua Eckelberger with the Beaver County Assessment Office. **(Motion)**

Public Safety (Becky Gallagher)

Public Works / Municipal Authority (Dawn Singleton)

Technology / Legislation (Joe Bosh)

Public Relations / Administration (Shannon Reynolds)

Building / Property / Code Enforcement (Tom Turney)

Code Enforcement Officer

- Update the ordinance / job description and duties for the Code Enforcement Officer. **(Motion)**

Fishing Pier Grant

- Pay \$100 for the Local Share Account Statewide Grant application. **(Motion)**

Fire Department Lease

- Add/change that the fire department will be responsible for the electric and gas utility bills **(Discussion / Motion)**
- Add that any additions or alterations to the building must be presented in writing and approved by council. **(Discussion / Motion)**

Police Station

- Have the Beaver Valley Regional Police vacate the Baden Borough old police station, including the garage by January 1, 2027. **(Discussion / Motion)**

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ENGINEER'S REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 26-04

BOROUGH OF BADEN

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ASSESSMENT GRANT FOR
A FISHING PIER ALONG THE OHIO RIVER**

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Baden of Beaver County hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$335,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for a fishing pier along the Ohio River.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Elaine K. Rakovan, Borough Manager and Dave Trzcianka, President of Borough Council as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Baden and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Baden, this 16th day of September, 2026

BOROUGH OF BADEN

BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

David P. Trzcianka, President of Council

ATTEST:

Elaine K. Rakovan, Borough Manager

I, Elaine K. Rakovan, duly qualified Manager of the Borough of Baden, Beaver County, Baden, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Borough Council at a regular meeting held September 16, 2026 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Baden and remains in effect as of this date.

Elaine K. Rakovan, Manager/Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 26-05

Borough of Baden

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BADEN, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, EXPRESSING AND FORMALIZING THE GOVERNING BODY'S COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE WORK TOWARD THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL OR SHARED CODE ENFORCEMENT ENTITY WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES; TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN GRANT FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE CREATION AND/OR START-UP COSTS OF SUCH ENTITY; TO EXPLORE THE SHARING OR REGIONALIZATION OF PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS; AND TO ENGAGE IN GOOD FAITH DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE LONG-TERM CONSOLIDATION OF FIRE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Baden, located in Beaver Pennsylvania, is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and its governing body (the "Governing Body") is authorized and empowered to act for the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality currently administers code enforcement, including applicable municipal ordinances, and the Governing Body recognizes that shared or regional delivery of code enforcement services with one or more neighboring municipalities may improve service consistency, professionalism, and cost-effectiveness for the residents of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality is authorized, pursuant to Article IX, Section 2 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, 53 Pa.C.S. § 2301 et seq., and other applicable law, to cooperate and enter into agreements with other municipalities and municipal authorities for the joint and cooperative exercise of powers, including the provision of code enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Municipality have engaged, or intend to engage, in preliminary discussions with officials of neighboring and/or nearby municipalities regarding the potential formation of a regional or shared Code Enforcement Officer ("CEO") entity to serve two (2) or more participating municipalities, with the precise number and identity of participating municipalities to be determined through continued discussion and negotiation; and

WHEREAS, grant funding may be available through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the applicable county, council of governments, or other public or private sources to assist with the planning, formation, and/or start-up costs associated with establishing a shared or regional code enforcement entity, and the pursuit of such funding will benefit the Municipality and its prospective municipal partners; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further recognizes that the sharing or regionalization of public works functions among interested municipalities may likewise offer opportunities for improved efficiency, equipment utilization, and cost savings, and desires to formally commit to exploring such opportunities through good faith discussion with interested neighboring municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body further recognizes that the long-term consolidation of fire services among interested municipalities may likewise improve service delivery, sustainability, and efficiency, and desires to formally commit to participating in good faith discussions regarding that long-term goal, without thereby committing the Municipality to any specific plan, structure, or timetable for fire service consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it is in the best interest of the Municipality and its residents to formally express its intent and commitment to continue this work, subject to the understanding that no final or binding intergovernmental agreement, ordinance, budgetary commitment, or transfer of authority shall take effect unless and until separately negotiated, approved, and adopted by the Governing Body in accordance with applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Baden as follows:

Section 1. Commitment to Continued Work on a Shared Code Enforcement Entity

The Governing Body hereby formally commits the Municipality to continue working, in cooperation with such other municipalities as may express interest, toward the formation of a regional or shared Code Enforcement entity (the "Shared CEO Entity") for the purpose of jointly providing code enforcement services. The number and identity of participating municipalities, the organizational and governance structure, cost-sharing formula, staffing, and operational details of the Shared CEO Entity remain to be determined through continued study, negotiation, and agreement among interested municipalities.

Section 2. Authorization to Participate in Planning Efforts

The Mayor, Council, Manager, Solicitor, and other appropriate officials or representatives of the Municipality are hereby authorized to participate in meetings, discussions, feasibility studies, and related planning activities with representatives of other municipalities for the purpose of developing the terms and structure of the proposed Shared CEO Entity, and to report back to the Governing Body from time to time on the status of such efforts.

Section 3. Support for Grant Funding

The Governing Body commits the Municipality to participate in, and support, efforts to identify, apply for, and obtain grant funding that may assist with the planning, formation, and/or start-up costs of the Shared CEO Entity, and/or that may otherwise offset associated initial costs. The Manager and other appropriate officials are authorized to prepare, or assist neighboring municipalities or a designated lead applicant in preparing, applications for such grant funding, including serving as an applicant, co-applicant, or supporting municipality, as appropriate. Acceptance of any grant award, and execution of any related grant agreement, shall be subject to further action and approval by the Governing Body.

Section 4. No Present Obligation to Enter a Final Agreement

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to obligate the Municipality to enter into any final or binding intergovernmental cooperation agreement, to adopt any ordinance, to appropriate any funds, or to transfer any authority related to code enforcement. Any such final commitment shall require separate negotiation of definitive terms and subsequent approval and adoption by the Governing Body, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law and other applicable law, following such public process as may be required.

Section 5. Exploration of Shared or Regional Public Works Functions

The Governing Body further commits the Municipality to explore, through good faith discussion with interested neighboring municipalities, the potential sharing or regionalization of public works functions, which may include, without limitation, equipment purchasing and use, road maintenance and winter services, staffing, fleet maintenance, and other public works operations. As with the Shared CEO Entity, this commitment is limited to good faith participation in discussion, study, and negotiation regarding the scope, structure, and feasibility of any such shared or regional public works arrangement, and does not obligate the Municipality to any specific structure, timetable, or final agreement, which shall likewise require separate future action by the Governing Body.

Section 6. Good Faith Discussions Regarding Fire Service Consolidation

The Governing Body further commits the Municipality to participate in good faith discussions with interested neighboring municipalities regarding the long-term goal of consolidating fire services. As with the Shared CEO Entity, this commitment is limited to good faith participation in discussion, study, and negotiation, and does not obligate the Municipality to any specific structure, timetable, or final agreement regarding fire service consolidation, which shall likewise require separate future action by the Governing Body.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Baden, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, at a duly advertised public meeting held this **16th day of September, 2026**.

BOROUGH OF BADEN

David P. Trzcianka, Council President

ATTEST:

Elaine K. Rakovan, Manager