

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL April 15, 2026

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: Joe Bosh, Becky Gallagher, Dawn Singleton, John Shelkons, Tom Turney, Dave Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT: Shannon Reynolds

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Andy Gall, Solicitor Jimmy Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka, Manager Elaine Rakovan and Fire Chief/CEO Dennis Baker Jr.

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

ORDINANCES - None

VISITORS

John Mayer 425 Straube Avenue addressed waterline project issues. Including water still leaking out of the road and the condition of the road. It explained that restoration of the road will not take place until the project has enough road restoration to bring in a paving crew. Property restoration should also be done at that time. The water leaking from the old line will resolve once the water service is switched over to the new waterline. Contractors blocking the roads for residents was also addressed. The engineer will bring this to the attention of the contractor. The large tree on Straube is the responsibility of the property owner. The borough will only trim back branches that would hang over hit the borough vehicles. Paving of the roads will be a future project once waterlines are repaired.

Diane Senkowski, 552 Straube Avenue asked who authorized the dumping concrete onto her property. It was explained that there is no authorization. The concrete was used to prevent deterioration of the road from water runoff. The engineer explained that this is legal within the borough right of way. Mrs. Senkowski stated that she was waiting for a response from the attorney. Mr. Amato stated that the response letter to the Right To Know request is the response. The engineer was asked to take another look at the hillside.

A resident asked about next years garbage contract. Manager, Elaine Rakovan stated that the Waste Management Contract has been extended for one additional year. The increase in the rate will not be placed upon the residents; the borough will pick up the additional cost.

MINUTES

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Dawn Singleton to approve the minutes of March 11th and 18th, 2026 with changes as presented by Tom Turney.

BILLS TO BE PAID

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Tom Turney to pay all bills with two signatures.

RESOLUTIONS - None

ORINANCES - None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

General Fund Balance	\$218,512	Expenses \$193,855
Water Fund Balance	\$319,489	Expenses \$ 96,599

PennVEST Loan

Motion by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton to approve the payment application request #6 from the PennVEST loan in the amount of \$241,104.26

Property Liens

A motion was made by John Shelkons, second by Joe Bosh to authorize the solicitor to file liens on properties with outstanding water bills. Tom Turney voted no.

Roll Call to authorize the solicitor to file liens on properties with outstanding water bills.

Joe Bosh	Yes
Becky Gallagher	Yes
John Shelkons	Yes
Dawn Singleton	Yes
Tom Turney	No
Dave Trzcianka	Yes

Five (5) Yes, One (1) No **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC SAFETY (Becky Gallagher)

Beaver Valley Regional Police (BVRPD)

Police Lockers

If the regional police wants the locker, the bid to repair the floor and walls is \$1,500.

Motion by Becky Gallagher, second by Joe Bosh to offer the lockers to the regional police at the estimate cost of floor and wall repairs of \$1,500 and have public works assist with the removal and transport of the lockers.

Meeting with Fire Chief

Becky Gallagher stated that the president of council, Dave Trzcianka requested a meeting with the fire chief. She asked Chief Baker to give some dates and times to meet. Chief Baker stated that on behalf of the fire department membership they would like to meet with all of council and there is no problem with meeting during work session at a public meeting. Dave Trzcianka stated that he requested the meeting over a month ago and got no response. Discussion followed. The fire department will be at the next work session.

Fishing Pier

Becky Gallagher stated that she has concerns regarding the fishing pier including liability, who is responsible for taking care of the area, how many people can the pier accommodate, where will parking be located and who will police the area. Becky felt that there should be plan before moving forward with the pier. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Becky Gallagher, second by Joe Bosh to have further discussion on the plans for the fishing pier. Tom Turney voted no.

Roll Call to have further discussion on the plans for the fishing pier.

Joe Bosh	Yes
Becky Gallagher	Yes
John Shelkons	Yes
Dawn Singleton	Yes
Tom Turney	No
Dave Trzcianka	Yes

Five (5) Yes, One (1) No **Motion Carried**

America 250

Salute to Armed Forces and First Responders will be held at the borough complex on May 16th.

PUBLIC WORKS / MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (Dawn Singleton)

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Becky Gallagher to accept the resignation of Jordan Faust.

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Joe Bosh to advertise the full time and summer help public works positions.

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Tom Turney to replacement of the altitude valves at the Prospect Street Water Pit by Cal-Val for \$27,837

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Tom Turney to pave Johnson Avenue and 12 other locations for water break repairs by Rochester Paving for \$12,493

TECHNOLOGY / LEGISLATION (Joe Bosh)

The job posting for the public works position will be posted to Indeed with a deadline of May 4th.

The street opening ordinance is being worked on.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / ADMINISTRATION (Shannon Reynolds)

Nothing to report.

BUILDING / PROPERTY / CODE ENFORCEMENT (Tom Turney)

Borough Complex Grounds

Tom Turney volunteered to trim the shrubs in the front of the borough building and asked council and the community to volunteer their time on May 9th to clean up the grounds around our complex in time for May 16th event. Tom got 2 cubic yards of mulch donated for public works to pick up. He also noted that he will patch the holes on the walkway.

Community Yard Sale

The yard sale will be on June 6th. Over \$2,500 in donations have been received for advertisements which will go towards the fishing pier. Tom Turney asked the Mayor to request extra police coverage for the yard sale from 7:30 to noon. Tom also requested that a letter be sent to Representative Matzie asking for the speed sign from PennDOT.

Fishing Pier

MOTION by Tom Turney, second by Becky Gallagher to open a fishing pier bank account at WesBanco and to transfer the approximate \$15,000 balance of the original budgeted funds to the new account.

Tom Turney stated that the CEO of West View Water (WVW) has reviewed the site to take information back to their board. It is the hope that WVW will supply electricity to the pier for the cameras. Tom went over grant guidelines, including having to use prevailing wages. There is currently a permit for a boat dock from the Army Corp of Engineers and the Beaver County Conservation District. Both permits need to be changed/amended.

MOTION by Tom Turney, second by John Shelkons to have the engineer reevaluate the permits from the Army Corp of Engineers and Beaver County Conservation District.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Tony Sadaka)

1. Harmony Water Storage Tank Upgrades

Future funding is needed to rehabilitate the Harmony Water Storage Tank. The total COSTARS quote amount is \$221,950 and we most likely will need to have a temporary water storage tank setup during construction (estimated separate cost of \$25,000).

2. HOP for Waterline Break on State Street (Emergency HOP)

PennDOT has issued the "emergency" HOP for the 3/16/26 waterline break restoration across from 161 State Street.

3. PennVEST - Waterline Replacements

Wright has completed water main installation on Camilla Street from Dippold Ave. to Moore Ave. All of the water mains, tie-ins and house service lines have been installed in the Northern portion of the project (North of Tevebaugh Road). 2 main valves were replaced near the intersection of Virginia and 6th Street and the fire hydrant was replaced near the intersection of Virginia and 5th Street. Restoration work in this area remains to be completed.

The 6th application for payment has been submitted for Borough Council approval today and covers work completed in March. Total due this application is \$241,104.26.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Andy Gall)

Not Present

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Dave Trzcianka)

Dave Trzcianka asked about the need to tar and chip Tevebaugh Road. The estimate is \$100,000.

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

Manager, Elaine Rakovan presented the DEP Water Report. The water loss for 2025 was 8.8%.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Tom Turney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19PM.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Manager