

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL APRIL 16TH, 2025

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 Doug Miller, John Shelkons, Michael Stuban, Dawn Singleton and Dave Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Judi Montell, Solicitor Jimmy Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka, Fire Chief and CEO Dennis Baker and Manager Elaine Rakovan

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

Tom Turney from 336 State Street presented his final report for the June 7th Yard Sale. He received 26 pledges (advertisements) totaling \$2,800. Tom requested that the library write thank you letters to each business/donor and he will hand deliver them along with a copy of the map. The goal is to have the maps ready for delivery the first week of May. There are approximately 80 participants in the yard sale this year. He still needs to follow up with Matzie's office to obtain the speed sign. There will also be police presence at the event. Approximately 20 prizes were donated from the businesses and they will be raffled off to the participants. Mr. Turney addressed his disappointment in the Baden American Legion for not participating in the advertisement and not placing the yard sale information on their sign board.

MINUTES

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 19th, 2025.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS - None

ORDINANCES – Advertised in the Beaver County Times for review

- **990** Repealing Chapter 3, Article 1, Recreation Board – determining that the Recreation Board is no longer necessary for the proper administration and operation of the borough.

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance 990

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter and email from resident Alicia Scozzaro regarding the safety concern of the wall at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Phillips Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

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| General Fund Balance: \$85,594 | Expenses: \$151,008 |
| Water Fund Balance: \$164,877 | Expenses: \$58,700 |

PUBLIC WORKS (Doug Miller)

Hack Saw

MOTION by Doug Miller, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to purchase a hack saw not to exceed \$300.

Undercoating

MOTION by Doug Miller, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to authorize the undercoating of the new truck not to exceed \$450.

TECHNOLOGY / PUBLIC RELATIONS / LIAISON (Joe Bosh)

Library

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Michale Stuban, carried unanimously to appoint Allison Carpenter to the Library Board.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL (Becky Gallagher)

America 250

Becky gave a recap of the regional the recent Beaver County America 250 meeting. She noted that Michael Stuban also attended the meeting.

- There will be an art exhibit at the Merrick Art Gallery
- The Freemasons are the state wide sponsor for the Liberty Tree planting. It will be planted at Fort McIntosh on October 25th at 11:00 AM.
- In 2026 there will possibly be a two day event at Fort McIntosh.
- The Beaver County Library System is working on getting exhibits including Heinz History Center, Travel Through Time, Native and African American and Fort McIntosh being an outreach of Fort Pitt.
- The Commonwealth is doing a Liberty Bell. Every County will have a Liberty Bell that they may decide to have an artist or hold a competition for the bell to be painted.
- The theme for America 250 is Epic, Educate, Preserve. Innovate and Celebration. They are planning 4 big events. One will be in the winter (possible community day at CCBC); Spring will be the Parade; Summer will be the BOOM and Fall will be Fort McIntosh Days.
- The next America 250 meeting will be held in the Baden Borough Building on May 22nd at 1:00 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Dawn Singleton)

BVRPD

Dawn Singleton stated that Bridgewater decided not to join the regional police department. The Palaski meeting for regional will be on Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:00PM in Conway.

Memorial Day Parade

Per the request of the police department, Dawn Singleton asked if the fire department could assist with traffic control for the Memorial Day Parade.

BUILDING / GROUNDS / EQUIPMENT (Michael Stuban)

Outstanding Garbage Bill

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to authorize the solicitor to take additional legal action on the resident who lives on Maple Street who is not paying his garbage bill. This includes going after the initial judgement filed last year and to file new charges for nonpayment.

DCED Multimodal Grant

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to authorize the engineer to apply for the DCED Multimodal Grant for the Schiller Street Slide.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Harmony Water Storage Tank Upgrades

A. WEI has obtained an updated COSTARS quote for re-sealing the Harmony Tank from Mid Atlantic. Borough Council should decide if it wants to pursue this option. If so, WEI will submit this to USDA for their review/approval. 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). The total USDA funds remaining are \$199,257.41 and the Borough would need to provide funding for any work over this amount.

Option #4 on the quote is not required from an operational standpoint, it is an aesthetic consideration – it is described as “exterior “chemical wash” of the tank sidewalls with a mild chemical solution in order to remove as much of the existing streaking as possible and restore the exterior appearance.” The Borough could save \$13,950 by skipping this option if elects to delete this portion of the work.

We recently received an email from Linda M. Thomas, USDA's Water and Environmental Program Director, urging the Borough to finish the project and pointing out that we are beyond our approved timeframe to complete the project. She said: “It is in the best interest of your community to move forward in the current stage of your project to get this project to completion and full disbursement of available funds.”

B. WEI made a request to DEP for inspection of the new disinfectant residual management system so that an operations permit can be issued. The inspection is scheduled for April 22.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to proceed with utilizing the balance of the USDA funding for the Harmony Tank repairs.

2. Prospect Street Tank #1

The taller prospect street tank (Prospect tank #1 erected in 1930) has an approximate replacement cost of \$700,000. Due to age of the tank itself, and condition of the tank's cover, the most economical option to address this tank is complete replacement as opposed to retrofitting a new tank cover onto a 95 year old water tank.

Borough council should decide if they want to pursue a Pennvest loan or other loan for the replacement of this tank.

3. PennVEST - Waterline Replacements

We are on track to be considered at the April 23, 2025 Pennvest Board meeting and will likely be funded. Construction should be able to start in the fall of 2025.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Montell announced that the Lutheran Church invited council to their historical marker dedication on May 17th at 2:30 PM. She recommended that all of council attend because it is an honor to have this historical marker on a church within our borough.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Nothing to report

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

Joe Bosh asked why Waste Management does not go after the resident who doesn't pay their bill. Elaine Rakovan explained that Waste Management does not bill directly to the residents. The borough has a contract and pays Waste Management directly.

Joe Bosh asked if there was an update on correcting the parking issue (complaint) on Dippold Avenue. Doug Miller stated that he is working on this matter.

Doug Miller asked about request of the resident wanting a mirror placed on Phillips Street by Lincoln Avenue for better visibility due to the wall. Elaine Rakovan (Tony Sadaka confirmed) explained that the PennDOT does not permit mirrors for visual assistance of traffic. She explained that there have been other complaints including the school buses and our own road crew. The wall is in the PennDOT right of way and the borough has no jurisdiction over it. Our attorney has been speaking with PennDOT and the property owner's attorney and nothing is being done at this time. Tony Sadaka stated that they did inspect visibility issue with the wall and it definitely is in violation but the borough can't enforce a violation within a state right of way.

Michael Stuban addressed council in regards to sending letters to the government asking that they reconsidered designation Legionville a national historical site.

MOTION by Micheal Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to send a letter to the government designating Legionville a national historical site.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Manager