

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL DECEMBER 17, 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, Dawn Singleton, Michael Stuban, Dave Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Judi Montell, Solicitor Jimmy Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka, Manager Elaine Rakovan

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

Beverly Kotys from Berry Street asked if library employees get sick benefits. It was explained that library employees are not borough employees. It was also noted that the library employees are all part time.

MINUTES

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 5th and 19th, 2025.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS

25-08 Maintaining the tax rate of 6 mills for the fiscal year 2026

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously adopt Resolution 25-08.

ORDINANCES – None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you card from the We Care Food Pantry for having the food drive on election day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

General Fund Balance	\$76,122	Expenses	\$407,405
Water Fund Balance	\$152,029	Expenses	\$321,857

Motion by John Shelkons, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to adopt the 2026 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,895,965

Motion by John Shelkons, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to adopt the 2026 Water Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,143,660

Motion by John Shelkons, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to approve the payment application request #2 from the PennVEST loan in the amount of \$48,508.56.

Motion by John Shelkons, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to increase the hourly rate for the borough manager by \$2.25 for 2026.

Motion by John Shelkons, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to apply for the recreation and America 250 grants and authorize Michael Stuban to assist with the grants.

PUBLIC WORKS (Doug Miller)

Nothing to report

TECHNOLOGY / PUBLIC RELATIONS / LIAISON (Joe Bosh)

Joe Bosh addressed putting up an automatic response for questions submitted through Baden's Facebook page.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL (Becky Gallagher)

Becky Gallagher gave a summary of the recent regional police meeting. The regional will be reimbursing Baden for the 2025 police pension contribution of \$12,921.

Motion by Becky Gallagher, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to have a letter drawn up for council approval regarding EMS and Fire Service reform. The letter will be sent to all our representative including the governor.

Becky Gallagher asked for a report from the fire department on Baden's quick response services. Economy Ambulance membership form will be placed on the website and Facebook.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Dawn Singleton)

Nothing to report

BUILDING / GROUNDS / EQUIPMENT (Michael Stuban)

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Michael Stuban, carried unanimously to authorize a complete remodel of the fire department restroom in the amount of \$2,282.71.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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. PennVEST - Waterline Replacements

The contractor is beginning to install water main beyond the end of 3rd Street to connect the waterline at the end of 3rd Street to the new waterline at the end of 4th Street (through the Sisters of Saint Joseph property).

MAYOR'S REPORT

Judi Montell said thank you and farewell as she ends her term as Mayor.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Reorganization Meeting – January 5th, 2026 - Judge Korol will arrive at 5:30 PM to swear in the newly elected councilmembers. Meeting will begin following the swearing in.

Motion by Dawn Singleton, second by Joe Bosh to advertise the reorganization meeting on January 5th, 2026.

Dave Trzcianka stated that Duquesne Light has a website for submitting street light repairs. Jordan Faust was shown how to submit the information.

Dave Trzcianka thanked Mayor Judi Montell, councilmen Doug Miller and Michael Stuban for serving our borough.

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

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Doug Miller, second by Michael Stuban, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Manager