

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL FEBRUARY 19TH, 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, Doug Miller, John Shelkons, Dawn Singleton, Michael Stuban and Dave Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT: Becky Gallagher

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Judi Montell, Solicitor Jimmy Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka, CEO & Fire Chief Dennis Baker

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

VISITORS

Tom Turney from 336 State Street addressed council with his plan for soliciting business advertisement for the community yard sale map. The yard sale will be on June 7th with the 14th as the rain date. The deadline for being on the map is April 17th. For safety, he asked for police foot/bike patrol during the event noting that it would be a great meet and greet for the officers. Signage will be up as soon as possible. The library is the foundation of a community and with current economic hardships the Baden Memorial Library will receive the profits from the advertisement. Mr. Turney stated that there will be a strict accounting of all monies collected. Checks will be written out to the library, a 501C organization, so businesses may claim the donation on their taxes. Joe Bosh stated that he will put something on the borough Facebook page and the website where residents could sign up through the site.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Harmony Water Storage Tank Upgrades

A. WEI is working to obtain an updated quote for re-sealing the Harmony Tank from Mid Atlantic (the original tank installer). WEI is also working with USDA to see if residual funding from the waterline project can be applied to this project.

B. The disinfectant residual management (chlorine booster) system can't receive an operations permit from DEP until an operator with the appropriate class and subclass is lined up to cover operations. This is required to resolve the DEP notice of violation. WEI recommend approval of an operator as soon as possible.

Elaine Rakovan stated that Tom Cordell was working on finding someone. She will check with Tom and get an update.

2. Engineered Tank Care Budget Proposal from Southern Corrosion

WEI recommends moving forward with the tank maintenance proposal for Prospect St. Tank #1 and Kellinger Tanks #1 and #2 for an approximate cost of \$42,000 per year going forward (plus % change in CPI each year).

3. Prospect Street Tank #2

The taller prospect street tank (Prospect tank #1 erected in 1930) could not be included in the tank maintenance plan due to the fact that the tank cover is fiberglass and Southern Corrosion is not willing to work on this tank because of it. WEI recommends that alternatives (including complete replacement of the tank) be explored for how to best handle the tank going forward.

4. Water Allocation Permit Application

WEI has prepared the permit application and is now in the process of final review. The application will be finalized and submitted to DEP before the March 1, 2025 deadline for submission.

5. 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. PennDOT has issued all three highway occupancy permits (HOPs) that we need for the project. WEI has made minor revisions to the bid plans based on the plan review conducted with Borough staff in January. The project requires an easement to connect the ends of 3rd Street and 4th Street water mains. A plan has been provided to the Borough Manager and the Solicitor for use in creating the necessary agreement.

6. Paving Map

WEI has been asked to provide an updated map of Borough roads with dates of most recent paving on the map. The map will be provided this week to the Street Department.

7. Retaining Wall

Information was provided to Solicitor Vince Restauri.

The engineer left the meeting at 6:25pm.

MINUTES

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 15th 2025.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

RESOLUTIONS - None

ORDINANCES – None

BIDS – None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (John Shelkons)

General Fund Balance:	\$137,686	Expenses:	\$216,096
Water Fund Balance:	\$184,755	Expenses:	\$243,347

Tax Exoneration

MOTION by John Shelkons, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to authorize the exoneration of taxes for two parcels (#130060211 \$464.47 and #130060212 \$444.11) located on Grant Avenue that are currently on the Beaver County Repository List. Terry Rosinsky would like to purchase the properties and put them back on the tax rolls.

PUBLIC WORKS (Doug Miller)

New Utility Truck

MOTION by Doug Miller, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to purchase a pickup utility truck through COSTAR at a cost of \$90,805 for the truck and \$229 for installation of graphics.

Southern Corrosion Tank Maintenance Proposal

MOTION by Doug Miller, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to accept the year proposal (contract) from Southern Corrosion Tank Maintenance for both Kellinger Drive Tanks and the newer Prospect Street Tank at a cost not to exceed \$42,000 per year.

TECHNOLOGY / PUBLIC RELATIONS / LIAISON (Joe Bosh)

Recreation Board Bank Account

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to turn funds over from the Baden Recreation Board to the Library for community activities. The account will be separate from the library budget account.

Solicitation Ordinance

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to approve the forms and documents for the website and office use.

CEO SharePoint

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the CEO SharePoint proposal.

ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL (Becky Gallagher)

Not Present.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Dawn Singleton)

Emergency Management Coordinator

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to acceptance of resignation of the Emergency Management Coordinator, Matt Loftus.

Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second Doug Miller, carried unanimously to appoint Dave Trzcianka as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Baden Borough.

BVRPD

Dawn Singleton gave a summary of the recent BVPRD meeting. The public works (Conway) will not be using the fuel tank that will be on sight in Conway for the police department use only. Instead of gravel under the fuel tank, they are going to use reclaimed millings that Conway has and a fenced enclosure will not be needed since there are police cameras that can monitor the tank. The secretary informed the insurance company of the installation of the fuel tank and there will be no additional insurance cost for the tank. Discussion took place regarding the need and costs associated with getting the tank. The fuel company will be obtaining the permit for the tank. The only additional cost is approximately \$250 for the electrical wiring for the tank.

A new School Resource Officer was hired for the Rochester School. Officer Stitt and Dobson were approved to attend Swat training. An advertisement is being done for the K-9 Officer (Fund) applying to be a nonprofit 501C organization. The old Expedition was sold for \$5,500. Dawn stated that Andy Gall addressed that there is no unity in the appearance of the police vehicles and everyone doesn't recognize the police cars. She stated that Andy Gall asked about the cars going back to black and white. They are supposed to get a price for wrapping the vehicles.

Michael Stuban commented that he saw in the paper that the BVRPD did receive a \$150,000 grant for costs associated with running the police department.

BUILDING / GROUNDS / EQUIPMENT (Michael Stuban)

Thank You Dinner

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to have the thank you dinner at the of April or early May.

America 250

Next meeting is Monday, February 24th at 6 PM in Council Chambers

Furnace Repairs/Replacement

The downstairs furnace needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$5,500. The roof unit is newer and will be looked at tomorrow so we do not know what the cost will be for the repairs.

MOTION by Michael Stuban, second Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to replace the downstairs furnace at a cost of \$5,500 by Albert's Heating.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Noting to Report

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Nothing to Report

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

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Manager