

# REORGANIZATION MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL JANUARY 5, 2026

*The mayor and all newly elected councilmembers were sworn in by Judge Korol prior to the meeting. Election Certificates and Affidavit of Residency given to the Manager.*

Mayor Andy Gall called the Reorganization Meeting of Council to order at 5:42 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, Shannon Reynolds, John Shelkons, Dawn Singleton, Tom Turney and Dave Trzcianka

**NOT PRESENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Andrew Gall, Manager Elaine Rakovan

*This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.*

## NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

Mayor Andy Gall opened the floor for nominations.

Dawn Singleton nominated Dave Trzcianka.

Mayor Andy Gall asked for nominations two more times.

**MOTION** by Shannon Reynolds, second by Joe Bosh to close the nomination for president.

Mayor Andy Gall asked if all are in favor of Dave Trzcianka being president. Tom Turney voted no.

**ROLL CALL** for Dave Trzcianka to be president

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

Five (5) yes, One (1) no – Dave Trzcianka is council president

## NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Mayor Andy Gall opened the floor for nominations.

Joe Bosh nominated John Shelkons.

Mayor Andy Gall asked for nominations two more times.

**MOTION** by Dawn Singleton, second by Joe Bosh to close the nomination for vice president.

Mayor Andy Gall asked if all are in favor of John Shelkons being vice president. Tom Turney voted no.

**ROLL CALL** for John Shelkons to be vice president

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

Five (5) yes, One (1) no – John Shelkons is council vice president

*~ President Dave Trzcianka assumes chair of the meeting ~*

## **PRO-TEM**

President Dave Trzcianka opened the floor for nominations.

John Shelkons nominated Joe Bosh.

President Dave Trzcianka asked for nominations two more times.

**MOTION** by Shannon Reynolds, second by Joe Bosh to close the nomination for president.

President Dave Trzcianka asked if all are in favor of Joe Bosh being pro-tem. Tom Turney voted no.

**ROLL CALL** for Joe Bosh to be pro-tem

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

Five (5) yes, One (1) no – Joe Bosh is pro-tem

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by Dawn Singleton to appoint Elaine Rakovan Borough Manager.

**MOTION** by John Shelkons, second by Shannon Reynolds to maintain WesBanco as the borough depository.

**MOTION** by Becky Gallagher, second by John Shelkons to appoint Elaine Rakovan as Treasurer.

**MOTION** by Shannon Reynolds, second by Joe Bosh to appoint Turnley, Robertson & Associates, LLC as the auditor. Tom Turney voted no.

**ROLL CALL** to appoint Turnley, Robertson & Associates, LLC as the auditor.

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

Six (6) yes, One (1) no – Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Dawn Singleton, second by Shannon Reynolds to appoint James D. Amato & Associates as borough solicitor. Tom Turney voted no.

**ROLL CALL** to appoint James D. Amato & Associates as borough solicitor.

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

Six (6) yes, One (1) no – Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Becky Gallagher, second by Shannon Reynolds to appoint Widmer Engineering as the borough engineer. Tom Turney voted no.

**ROLL CALL** to appoint Widmer Engineering as the borough engineer.

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

Six (6) yes, One (1) no – Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Shannon Reynolds, second by Joe Bosh to appoint Dennis Baker as Code Enforcement Officer. Tom Turney voted no.

**ROLL CALL** to appoint Denise Baker as Code Enforcement Officer.

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

Five (5) yes, Two (2) no – Motion carried.

**MOTION** by Shannon Reynolds, second by Dawn Singleton to appoint Elaine Rakovan as the Zoning Officer.

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by Shannon Reynolds to appoint Elaine Rakovan as the Right To Know Officer.

**MOTION** by Becky Gallagher, second by Dawn Singleton to appoint Middle Department Inspection Agency (MDIA) as the building inspector.

## **BOARDS APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION** by Dawn Singleton, second by Becky Gallagher to appoint Frank McCartney to the Municipal Authority Board.

**MOTION** by Becky Gallagher, second by Joe Bosh to appoint Heather Blarrik to the Zoning Hearing Board.

**MOTION** by Dawn Singleton, second by Becky Gallagher to appoint Ted Kotula to the Planning Board.

**MOTION** by Becky Gallagher, second by Joe Bosh to appoint Donna Napoleon and John Shelkons to the Library Board.

No appointment for the Vacancy Board.

## **COUNCIL DELEGATES**

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by John Shelkons to appoint Shannon Reynolds as the PSAB Voting Delegate and Joe Bosh as the alternate.

**MOTION** by Dawn Singleton, second by Shannon Reynolds to appoint Becky Gallagher as the Beaver County COG delegate and Dawn Singleton as the alternate.

## **REORGANIZATION MOTIONS**

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by John Shelkons to Set and advertise meeting dates and times for council and boards.

**MOTION** by Becky Gallagher, second by Shannon Reynolds to have the auditor begin the 2025 audit.

**MOTION** by Shannon Reynolds, second by Becky Gallagher to adopt the 2026 IRS mileage allowance of 72.5 cents per mile.

**MOTION** by Dawn Singleton, second by Becky Gallagher to authorize the signing of bank signature cards by the appropriate officials.

**MOTION** by Becky Gallagher, second by Dawn Singleton to authorize council and mayor to attend municipal related conferences and seminars in Pennsylvania

## **VISITORS**

None

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

Tom Turney addressed council in regards to the abandoned Duquesne Light utility poles that need to be removed.

**MOTION** by Tom Turney, second by Joe Bosh to have the borough manager contact the PUC in regards to the surplus poles that have not been taken down by Duquesne Light. It has been two years that since the pole replacement project started.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by Shannon Reynolds, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Manager