

REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL JULY 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, Shannon Rynolds, John Shelkons, Dawn Singleton Tom Turney, Dave Trzcianka

NOT PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Andy Gall, Solicitor Jimmy Amato, Engineer Tony Sadaka, Manager Elaine Rakovan

This meeting is being electronically recorded by the Borough Manager.

AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)

ORDINANCES - None

VISITORS

Clifford Hutchinson, North Avenue presented a petition and spoke on behalf the residents of North Avenue and the surrounding neighborhood regarding traffic safety concerns. Traffic has increased over the years, young children are playing outside or waiting at bus stops and residents walk the roadways. Vehicles are driving too fast, some intersections are limited in visibility and signs are hard to see because they are either covered by vegetation or faded. Mr. Hutchinson stated that he did present his concerns to the Beaver Valley Regional Police regarding the speeding. He recommended reducing the speed limit from 25mph to 15mph and painting white lines at the stop signs.

Matthew Eger, North Avenue stated that he has lived in the area his entire life. He felt that Baden should properly enforce what should be taking place on North Avenue and surrounding areas in regards to police presence for speeding and making sure vehicles see the signs and know where and when to stop. He recommend speed trackers and asked that council not take the wrong direction and penalize the people who live there through infrastructure changes that are not necessary.

Nick Blinn, Center Street addressed council in regards to the noise, vibration and beeping that is coming from the Fryer Wright property along Route 65. The noise continues throughout the day and even during the early morning hours. The noise and vibration from the equipment is effecting his quality of life and his job because he works from home. Council will address this matter.

Joe Polujan, Center Street confirmed the noise and vibration coming from the Fryer Wright property on Route 65.

Laura Shakespear from Straube Avenue asked council for help in getting information from the police regarding the speeding incident on Straube Avenue as well as the speeding on Phillips Street so she may go to Representative Matzie's office for help in getting PennDOT to address the speeding on Phillips Street. Becky Gallagher and

Mayor Gall will help with this matter. Mrs. Shakespear thanked council for all their help and caring.

MINUTES

MOTION by Tom Turney, second by Shannon Reynolds to approve the minutes of June 10th & 17th ,2026

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 (Joe Bosh)

General Fund Balance	\$266,996	Expenses	\$258,937
Water Fund Balance	\$395,291	Expenses	\$14,773

PennVEST

MOTION by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton to approve the payment application request #9 in the amount of \$172,874.64

PUBLIC SAFETY (Becky Gallagher)

West View Water

Becky Gallagher had spoken to someone for Franklin Park who said that they have problems with West View Water causes pinholes in the copper pipes due to the type of chemical (chlorine) they use. The manager will reach out to Marshall Township and Franklin Park regarding this matter.

Straube Avenue Speeding

Tony Sadaka went over his study for speed humps on Straube Avenue. They would like to spray paint the two areas where the speed humps would be installed so that the residents may see where they would be installed. He did note that they are close to some driveways.

A resident asked about closing Straube Avenue. Tony Sadaka stated that it is not feasible because there would have to be a cul-de-sac for vehicle and trucks to turn around.

MOTION by Becky Gallagher, second by Shannon Reynolds to have the engineer mark the placement of speed humps on Straube Avenue.

North Avenue Speeding

MOTION by Becky Gallagher, second by Dawn Singleton to have the engineer do a traffic and speed hump study on North Avenue

Picnic Tables/Bench

A motion was made by Becky Gallagher, second by Dawn Singleton to purchase picnic tables for the borough complex not to exceed \$1,200. Tom Turney voted no.

ROLL CALL to purchase picnic tables not to exceed \$1,200

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

Six (6) Yes, One (1) No **MOTION CARRIED**

Beaver Valley Regional Police

425 Calls for the month
2,468 Calls for the year
Average Calls 14.6 per day

PUBLIC WORKS / MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY (Dawn Singleton)

Fence/Gae at Sisters of St. Joseph

A motion was made by Dawn Singleton, second by Becky Gallagher to purchase a 12’ double drive gate not to exceed \$4,690 to give access to the St. Joesph property where Baden put a new waterline. Tom Turney voted No.

ROLL CALL to purchase a 12’ double drive gate not to exceed \$4,690

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

Six (6) Yes, One (1) No **MOTION CARRIED**

TECHNOLOGY / LEGISLATION (Joe Bosh)

Joe Bosh discussed going after a grant for North Avenue and Straube Avenue safety. Discussion took place regarding data and information that could be used for a grant. This included the petitions and police reports.

Firewall

MOTION by Joe Bosh, second by Dawn Singleton to have MGSoft-net to update the firewall for a cost of \$1,160

PUBLIC RELATIONS / ADMINISTRATION (Shannon Reynolds)

Nothing to report

BUILDING / PROPERTY / CODE ENFORCEMENT (Tom Turney)

Tom Turney stated that a resident requested that limestone be place down on the alley located on the lower part of Moore Avenue.

Fishing Pier

Council agreed to set up a public meeting on August 5th at 6PM for the sole purpose of discussing the fishing pier plans, concerns and safety.

Fire Department Air Conditioner

Alberts did a temporary repair of the Fire Department Air Conditioner. No guarantee how long it will last. Replacement cost with labor is \$7,860. Tom Turney stated that the air conditioner is currently work so there is no need to purchase a new one.

Old Police Department Lockers

Mayor Gall stated that the regional police got a grant to expand the police department and once the additional space is added, the lockers will be removed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT (Tony Sadaka)

1. EPA Required Water Reports

WEI completed the Annual 'Consumer Confidence Report' and also the 'Risk Assessment' in June and made required submissions for each.

2. Harmony Tank – Disinfection Residual Management System Operation

WEI met with public works staff and the contract operator to discuss operations of the system. WEI is working to line up manufacturer training for public works staff on proper maintenance of the system.

3. Bauman Avenue – 24" Storm Sewer Problem

WEI has reached out to Wilson to request a quote to perform lining work to address the problem.

4. PennVEST - Waterline Replacements

In the past month, Wright continued placing services down Camilla St and Wilson St. They coordinated with Baden to complete the Prospect/Wilson tie-in and the valve replacements by the Prospect tanks. Wright also laid the water main on Steele Street. They will next finish Camilla Street (to Bauman) and complete Wolfe Street water main installation.

PennVEST has been consulted about adding full road paving (milling and overlay) for Straube and 3rd Street to this contract as per Wright's proposal approved last month. Since the Borough will fund this work separately, it is allowable if it is done along with the rest of the project work. Wright is planning to have Lindy perform this work as soon as next week when they come to perform trench restoration.

WEI discussed with Pennvest about cutting the project short and they have no objection if the Borough wants to do this.

The 9th application for payment has been submitted for Borough Council approval and covers work completed through the end of June.

Tony Sadaka discussed cutting the last two waterline streets from the project. After further discussion council agreed to cut the last two streets from the project and rebid the remainder of the project at a later time.

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Becky Gallagher to stop the PennVest waterline project as recommended by the engineer.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Andy Gall)

Mayor Gall had nothing further to report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT (Dave Trzcianka)

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

America 250 Float

Tom Turney stated that he is getting involved with the float for the America 250 parade. We have a hay wagon and tractor to pull the wagon. We need people to help build the float for the September 19th parade in Beaver. Next meeting is Monday at 6:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dawn Singleton, second by Shannon Reynolds, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan
Borough Manager