

# **REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL JUNE 18, 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:** Mayor Judi Montell

**ALSO PRESENT:** 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**

- **991** Incurring nonelectoral debt of the Borough of Baden by the issuance of a guaranteed water revenue note in the maximum principal amount of \$3,184,700 for the purpose of funding rehabilitation and improvements to the water system.

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher carried unanimously to adopt ordinance 991.

## **VISITORS**

Loretta Thomson, 603 Bauman Avenue addressed council regarding the placement of yellow lines on Bauman Avenue and Harmony Road. Council discussed other options including placing rumble strips along center line. After discussion council made the following motion.

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to paint the lines and explore other ideas to deter traffic from crossing the center of the road.

## **MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Dawn Singleton, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

## **BILLS TO BE PAID**

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, 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	\$161,199	Expenses	\$337,322
Water Fund Balance	\$314,037	Expenses	\$141,788

**MOTION** by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to accept the 2024 Audit.

**MOTION** by John Shelkons, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to amend the adopted 2026 water rates to include a clause authorizing up to a 3% annual increase if financially necessary to meet loan obligations.

**PUBLIC WORKS (Doug Miller)**

**Street Paving Repair From Water Breaks**

**MOTION** by Doug Miller, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to have Rochester Paving repair the road areas where winter waterline breaks/repairs occurred for a cost of \$9,700.

**Salt Spreader**

**MOTION** by Doug Miller, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to purchase a new aluminum salt spreader for \$6,923.93 from US Municipal Services. (This is COSTAR pricing)

**TECHNOLOGY / PUBLIC RELATIONS / LIAISON (Joe Bosh)**

**Schiller Street Playground**

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to purchase and have Elements Landscape install rubber mulch at the Schiller Street and Virginia Heights playground at a cost of \$4,160.

**ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL (Becky Gallagher)**

**America 250**

Becky Gallagher went over the what was discussed at the most recent County America 250 meeting. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will be the Midland Parade. A band festival will be held at Geneva College. March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of next year there will be community days at CCBC where each community is asked to have a table to discuss the history of the community. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania really wants the Liberty Bell and the counties were asked to do it. The committee is putting out letters to the artists in Beaver County to have them decide on a theme and submit ideas. October 25<sup>th</sup> of this year will be the liberty tree planting. Boom next year will be on June 27<sup>th</sup> and the fireworks will be going up the river. Maple Syrup Festival will be April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. They are looking into having a river regatta next year. This year on September 27<sup>th</sup> there will be an underground railroad tour. The Merrick Art Gallery as well as Old Economy plan to have events next year as well. The Beaver County Experience Guide is going to have 6 to 8 pages devoted to America 250 and Baden can submit articles to be included in the guide as well as on the state and county website.

Dave Trzcianka addressed the need to repair the cemetery markers in the Hill Cemetery that has Revolutionary War soldiers buried there. Discussion took place regarding where to find funding.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY (Dawn Singleton)**

### **BVRPD**

Dawn Singleton gave an overview of the last Beaver Valley Regional Police Department meeting. They are looking at changing the police pension plan. They will have a meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the pension plans. They purchased county K-9 vehicle for \$3,000. The gas tank installation is moving forward however the vendor utilized to provide the fuel may be changing. There is a K-9 event in Evans City on the coming weekend.

## **BUILDING / GROUNDS / EQUIPMENT (Michael Stuban)**

### **Door Replacement**

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton carried unanimously to have Allegheny Door Enterprises replace the back door for \$4,187.20.

### **America 250 Grant**

Michael Stuban stated that Baden did not receive grant funding.

### **Town Video**

Michael Stuban stated that the video of Baden will be starting soon.

## **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**

Plans and specifications are being distributed to potential bidders by WEI. Bids for the project are due July 9 at 2 PM at the Borough office and will be opened at that time. We are working with PennVEST, the Borough Manager and the bond counsel to progress the project, moving towards closing the PennVEST loan later in the year. WEI is finalizing the Certificate of Engineer Regarding Self-Liquidating Debt Report as part of the loan closing process and the final report will be available in the next day or so.

Below is our planned timeline provided to PennVEST (subject to revision going forward as necessary).

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Bid Advertising Date	6/11/2025
Bid Opening	7/9/2025
Award Bid at Regular Meeting	7/16/2025
Collect documents from Contractor by	8/15/2025
PennVest Closing (Settlement)	9/24/2025

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Not Present

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Nothing to Report

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Manager