

# **REGULAR MEETING BADEN BOROUGH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 19, 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, Manager Elaine Rakovan

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

## **AGENDA (Changes and/or Deletions)**

## **ORDINANCES - None**

## **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 Dawn Singleton, second by Doug Miller, carried unanimously to approve the minutes of October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## **BILLS TO BE PAID**

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Becky Gallagher, carried unanimously to pay all bills with two signatures.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**25-07** Requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$1 Million from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of Fire Apparatus.

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously adopt Resolution 25-07.

## **ORDINANCES – None**

## **BIDS – None**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Email from Representative Matzie with copy of a letter that he wrote supporting Baden's grant application for the Phillips Street storm sewer repairs.
- Email from the 911 Center inviting council members to attend a seminar explaining the emergency management process.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance (John Shelkons)**

General Fund Balance	\$128,219	Expenses	\$149,725
Water Fund Balance	\$236,305	Expenses	\$85,807

**Motion** by John Shelkons, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to advertise the 2026 General & Water Fund Budget for 10 day review.

**Motion** by John Shelkons, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously to approve the payment application request #1 from the PennVEST loan in the amount of \$229,587.35.

## **PUBLIC WORKS (Doug Miller)**

### **New Hire**

**MOTION** by Doug Miller, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously to hire Ethan Carey for the public works department at a starting salary of \$24.11/hour.

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

### **Library**

Joe Bosh reported that the library board had their meeting. Librarycon was very successful and it will be extended next year by one hour next year. The library received a donation of games from the American Library Association and \$500 in books from the county office. The wine and cheese event brought in over \$6,500 and the craft sale raised \$1,000.

Joe Bosh discussed inappropriate use of the library computers.

### **OnSolve**

Joe Bosh reviewed the data usage on the OnSolve alert system. Discussion took place regarding what the OnSolve system may be used for.

## **ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL (Becky Gallagher)**

### **Nothing to Report**

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

### **Beaver Valley Regional Police Department**

Dawn Single reported that the Beaver Valley Regional Police advertised for an additional police officer. They are purchasing new computers.

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

### **Lease Agreement for the Fire Department Building**

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously authorizing the solicitor to prepare a Lease Agreement for the Fire Department Building in the amount of \$1per year.

### **Chicken/Farm Animal Ordinance**

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Joe Bosh, carried unanimously authorizing the solicitor to prepare a Chicken and Farm Animal Ordinance permitting chickens only in the Conservation Residential Zone R4.

### **Franco Subdivisioin**

**MOTION** by Michael Stuban, second by Dawn Singleton, carried unanimously authorizing the approval of the Franco Subdivision that has been reviewed by the Baden Planning Board and Beaver County Planning Commission.

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

Michael Stuban stated that more complaints have been received regarding the CEO. He will address them with the CEO.

### **Regional Police Payment**

Michael Stuban commented that Baden is not paying the November regional police invoice until after the meeting with the solicitors and BVRPD board president.

### **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. Storm Sewer Rehabilitation on Phillips Street and Grant Application**

The grant application has been submitted.

#### **3. PennVEST - Waterline Replacements**

The contractor has mobilized, and construction is underway on 5th Street. They are physically locating existing utilities and will soon begin laying new water main. The first application for payment has been submitted for Borough Council approval today and covers contractor mobilization and stored materials purchased for the project. WEI verified the stored materials which are presently being stored at Wright's storage yard on SR 65 in Baden.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Judi Montell congratulated councilmembers Dawn Singleton and John Shelkons on their reappointment to council. She also congratulated newly elected councilmember Shannon Reynolds who was sitting in the audience.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

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

Michael Stuban stated that friends of the library is doing a raffle to raise money for the library.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Joe Bosh, second by Michael Stuban, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Elaine K. Rakovan  
Borough Manager