

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Public Art Initiative

The Village of Baroda has its first display of public art! On Thursday, December 1st, the base was installed and the art went up in front of the Village and Township offices in downtown Baroda.

On hand for the event were Village President Bob Getz, Village Clerk (and Baroda Area Business Association President) Tina Boehm, Jim Small (artist), Wendie Shafer and Brenda Troxell representing the Township, Larry Martin and his crew from Fence Masters LLC, and Greta Hurst, Tabula Rasa Gallery both of Baroda Area Business Association Trustee.

After seeking approval from both Township and Village for placement of art in November, a swift effort from the Baroda Area Business Association's Board made every effort to get the art piece erected in time for the Christmas in the Village event, held Sunday, December 4th.

Jim Small, a long time resident of Baroda, created the sculpture last year. He said it took approximately two weeks to construct. It is made from corvette pipes that "didn't make the cut" to be installed on the vehicles during assembly. Owner of Corvette Central in Sawyer, MI, Jerry Kohn, gave Small permission to take them after Small stopped and inquired about them. The piece is approximately 9 ½ ft. tall and is secured by a 2x3 ft cement slab that was leveled in the ground by Fence Masters LLC.

The sculpture will reside in front of the municipal building until December 1, 2017, when the original owner of the pipes (Jerry Kohn) will take it back to be permanently on display at Corvette Central.

The Baroda Area Business Association has been brainstorming on the public art initiative for the past couple of years and is very excited to see it come to fruition. They have reached out to several other local artists to keep the momentum going. However, if you are interested in becoming part of this exciting endeavor, feel free to reach out to them for more information regarding this public art initiative in the Village of Baroda at www.ilovebaroda.com.

(photo caption: Artist Jim Small and sculpture "Exhausted")

