

VILLAGE OF BARODA MEETING MINUTES  
Berrien County, Michigan  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
December 2, 2024

President, Michael Price called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Michael Price, Katie Zordell, Bob Feickert, Jack Lewis Nikki Andrews, Julie Elliott, Steve Hillhouse

Employees Present: Debbie Wishart, Paula Bryan, Grant Bly, Andrew Spitzke

There were 4 members in the audience.

Audience Comment: The fire Hydrants have not all been marked.

Consent Agenda :

1. Approve/Amend Agenda for December 2,2024: Motion to approve was made by Bob Feickert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Lewis All ayes and the motion carried.
2. Approved November 4<sup>th</sup> minutes. Motion to approve was made by Bob Feickert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Lewis, All ayes, motion carried
3. Approving paying bills- \$117,982.85 Motion approving the paying of the bills was made by Bob Feickert and Jack Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Julie Elliott, Steve Hillhouse All ayes motion carried.
4. Approving payroll \$ 21,036.37 Motion to approve payroll was made by Bob Feickert and Katie Zordell 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Julie Elliott, Steve Hillhouse All ayes motion carried.

Reports

- 1) Treasurer's Report – Provided Revenue and Expense Budget Report through 10/31/2024.
- 2) Clerk's Report – None

New Business:

- 1) Chill Hill Special Events requests for 2024 Motion to approve 2024 event request was made by Katie Zordell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Lewis, all ayes motion was carried.
- 2) Fire Board appointment for the Township- postponed due to no one volunteering
- 3) Surf Air -Michael Price discussed the contract.
- 4) MERS Defined Contribution Plan 457- Request for MERS to attend a meeting providing detail. Have representative attend December meeting. This was Postponed.
- 5) 2025 Office Closings- Remove the day before Thanksgiving and all Fridays on the list as we are closed. Motion to approve office closings with changes was made by Bob Feickert and Jack Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> all ayes motion was carried.
- 6) 2025 Regular Meetings Schedule Motion to approve with date errors was made by Bob Feickert and Jack Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> all ayes motion was carried.
- 7) Christmas bonus – No Christmas bonuses will be allowed moving forward. They are considered unlawful per out attorney. All gifts are unlawful with taxpayer dollars.

- 8) President Pro Tempore – Katie Zordell was appointed by President Michael Price all ayes and motion was carried.
- 9) Meetings Rules 2024- Motion was made to accept with correction of resolution number by Bob Feickert and Michael Price 2<sup>nd</sup> all ayes motion carried
- 10) New Trustee Resources & Training was provided- Village Handbook, Handbook General Law Village Officials, Understanding Roles and responsibilities of elected officials. Group life enrollments forms. In person and web training dates and times can be found at: <https://mml.org/resources-research/newly-elected-officials-resources/>
- 11) Clerk 60-day review – Bob Feickert made a motion to for a \$2.00 an hour increase to the clerk’s hourly wage. Katie Zordell 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll call: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Julie Elliott, Steve Hillhouse All ayes motion carried.

Old Business:

1. President, Employee, Trustee and Committee member Salary and Meeting pay documentation. Motion to approve without changes to existing salary and meeting pay was made by Katie Zordell and Michael Price 2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes motion carried No financial change was made just confirmation
2. Pheasant Run Updates: This has been completed. One resident did say their mailbox was damaged from the construction. This is being addressed.

Committees:

1. Finance Committee -Michael Price, Debbie Wishart, Paula Bryan and Julie Elliott are on the committee Julie Elliott was added. The motion to approve was made by Bob Feickert and Katie Zordell 2<sup>nd</sup>all ayes motion carried.
2. Personnel Committee- No changes to committee Bob Feickert, Jack Lewis, Michael Price and Kaite Zordell as an alternate.
3. Planning Committee: Brad Mattner, Jodi Mattner, Nikki Andrews Katie Zordell, Donnie Johnson II, Barry Gidley, Ron Zordell, and Steve Hillhouse are now making up this committee. Elena Sabat emailed her formal resignation. Motion to approve the resignation of Elana Sabat and appoint new trustees, Nikki Andrews, Steve Hillhouse to the committee was made by Katie Zordell and Bob Feickert 2<sup>nd</sup> all ayes motion carried.
4. Policy & Procedure: The members making up this committee are Bob Feickert and Julie Elliott.

Council Comments:

Bob Feickert - Add a DPW Report to Monthly regular meetings moving forward

Nikki Andrews -

Julie Elliott -

Katie Zordell – Clock needs repair

Steve Hillhouse-

Jack Lewis -

President’s – Work on the budget

Audience -When plowing snow, DPW need to be aware of how far away they are from the side of roads. They leave areas not plowed.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 PM

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Debbie Wishart, Clerk

Michael Price, President