

VILLAGE OF BARODA MEETING MINUTES
Berrien County, Michigan
Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2025

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,
Steve Hillhouse Absent: Julie Elliott.

Employees Present: Debbie Wishart, Paula Bryan, Grant Bly, Nick Skorupa, Andrew Spitzke, Tony Cochran.

There were five guests signed in.

Audience Comment: None

1. Approved March 3, 2025, Agenda adding public budget hearing and Dixon Engineering. Change Tony to Andrew under personnel committee reviews. Bob Feickert made motion 2nd by Jack Lewis, all ayes, motion carried.
2. Approved February 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes with corrections. Motion made by Bob Feickert and 2nd by Katie Zordell, all ayes, motion carried.
3. Approved paying bills- \$48,828.32. Motion made by Jack Lewis 2nd by Michael Price. Roll call vote: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott Absent. All ayes motion carried.
4. Approved payroll \$ 14,308.00. Motion made by Jack Lewis 2nd by Katie Zordell. Roll call vote: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott Absent All ayes motion carried.

Reports

1. Treasurer's Report: None
2. Clerk's Report: Water increase March 1st will be on the Agenda in April to vote on rate increase. DPW training has been arranged for sensor and meter installation or changes.
3. DPW Report:
Sod from roadsides needs to be shaved down to reduce water pooling.
Red Dump truck needs to be replaced
Yellow dump truck needs springs.

New Business:

1. Resignation letter – Treasurer will be leaving in 12 weeks. Motion to accept treasurer resignation was made by Michael Price and 2nd by Katie Zordell. All ayes motion carried.
2. Music in the Park volunteers
Steve Hillhouse – June
Katie Zordell - July
Jack Lewis –August
3. Website updates – The website platform is no longer available through our current website developer. Quote from current developer was given to migrate our current

website to another. The board wants more quotes to develop a new website from scratch.

Regular meeting was closed, and a public hearing was opened for questions on the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. No changes were made during the public hearing to the purposed budget. The Public Hearing was then closed, and the regular meeting was reponed to vote on the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

1. 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget amendments were approved motioned by Bob Feickert and 2nd by Jack Lewis. Roll call vote: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott Absent. All ayes motion carried.
2. General Appropriation Act- Bob Feickert made a motion to approve with changes given. Jack Lewis 2nd the motion. All ayes motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Dixon Engineering- Tim Kading sent photos and inspection reports to review and report back with repair schedule as required.

Committees:

1. Finance Committee – NO
2. Personnel Committee- Reviews completed, except Andrew Spitzke s and his review will be completed at a later date, hourly pay increases were proposed on completed performance reviews as follows:
 - a. Grant Bly \$1.00 raise- Katie Zordell made motion 2nd by Michael Price -Roll call vote: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott Absent. All ayes motion carried.
 - b. Paula Bryan \$1.50 raise Bob Feickert made the motion 2nd by Nikki Andrews Roll call vote: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott Absent. All ayes motion carried. motion carried
 - c. Nick Skorupa \$1.00 raise, Katie Zordell made the motion 2nd by Bob Feickert - Roll call vote: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott Absent. All ayes motion carried.
 - d. Tony Cochran \$1.00 raise Bob Feickert made motion 2nd by Jack Lewis -Roll call vote: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott Absent. All ayes motion carried.
 - e. Debbie Wishart \$1.00 raise Katie Zordell made the motion 2nd by Nikki Andrews Roll call vote: Bob Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Jack Lewis, Nikki Andrews, Steve Hillhouse, Julie Elliott Absent. All ayes motion carried.
3. Planning Committee- Meeting in February was cancelled no updates.
4. Policy & Procedure: Council Comments- Nothing

Comments:

Bob Feickert – Thank Paula
Nikki Andrews - Thank Paula

Julie Elliott - ABSENT

Katie Zordell – Thank Paula

Steve Hillhouse- Thank Paula.

Jack Lewis - Thank Paula. It has been suggested that trees be planted in the village on the main streets.

President's – None

Audience Comments:

Music in the Park suggesting possible food vendors, Questions asked on what we will do with dump truck. Thanking Paula for her time at the Village.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:00 PM

Debbie Wishart, Clerk

Michael Price, President