

VILLAGE OF BARODA MEETING MINUTES

Berrien County, Michigan
Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Meeting
September 2, 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, Robert Feickert, Nikki Andrews, Julie Elliott, Steve Hillhouse, Jack Lewis.

Employees Present: Debbie Wishart, Gloria Payne, Grant Bly, Tony Cochran.

There were guests signed in.

Audience Comment: Audience comments were heard.

1. Approved September 2, 2025, Agenda with updates. Michael Price made a motion to approve 2nd by Jack Lewis, all ayes, motion carried.
2. Approved August 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes as amended. Katie Zordell made a motion to approve 2nd by Julie Elliott, all ayes, motion carried.
3. Approved paying bills- \$31,200.78. Motion made by Julie Elliott 2nd by Jack Lewis. Roll Call Vote: Robert Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Steve Hillhouse, Nikki Andrews, Julie Elliott, Jack Lewis, All Ayes motion carried.
4. Approved payroll \$19,025.64. Motion made by Julie Elliott 2nd by Katie Zordell. Roll Call Vote: Robert Feickert, Katie Zordell, Michael Price, Steve Hillhouse, Nikki Andrews, Julie Elliott, Jack Lewis. All ayes motion carried.

Reports

1. Wightman – Steve Carlise came to report on Hills Rd. drain due to complaints of ditch not draining. He will further assess the drain to see if blocked and to make sure it is draining properly. He will report back when assessment is completed.
2. Treasurer's Report – Fund balances were provided. Council requested sewer fund balance history.
3. Clerk's Report – No comments heard.
4. DPW Report- Slide was repaired.

New Business:

1. No new business was discussed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bridge/Sidewalk repair- Quotes were provided for the Bridge repair and sidewalk repairs in the village. Council requested more detailed quotes for both invoices before moving forward.

Committees:

1. Finance Committee – Nothing Heard
2. CGA Committee- The committee is meeting to decide on how they will promote local businesses and move forward addressing the areas of growth and opportunity with Bob Jones, the newly hired CGA employee responsible for promoting growth and opportunity in the Village of Baroda. The Committee will report back at monthly council meetings as information is available.

3. Personnel Committee- President will send the finalized Baroda Village DPW Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Policy for legal approval. Personnel committee will meet to discuss supervisor position and structuring of the DPW. Motion was made by Robert Feickert and seconded by Jack Lewis to limit part-time DPW hours to 32 hours per week unless there is an emergency in the Village that warrants more hours. Council vote was taken, all ayes motion carried.
4. Planning Committee- Committee will be considering lowering the number of members on the committee. Katie Zordell will provide updates when given.
5. Policy & Procedure: Nothing reported

Council Comments:

Robert Feickert – Thanked Julie Elliott and Bill Hurst for the CGA updates. Request the sewer fund balance information. Inquiry was made about the basketball court repairs that have not been completed to date. Michael suggested that only the cracks be filled this fall to stop water from causing further damage and do full repairs in the spring due to the project not being completed this late into the year.

Nikki Andrews -Fire Board update on movie night. It was success and will be adding more such events.

Julie Elliott – Asked for more information or legal counsel about dissolution of the Village.

Katie Zordell –Asked for updates on the park sign, Michael said Tigmaster was given names and should be done within a month.

Steve Hillhouse –Has concerns along with others that the DPW needs a supervisor.

Jack Lewis – questioned if we had anyone qualified to be a Supervisor in the Village.

President's – EGLE inspection on the water tower was performed., asked if we wanted to have music in the park next year. Council agreed to continue hosting music in the park. Michael asked if the council would be the interested in organizing Christmas in the Village as the Legon will not be doing it this year. The tower controls need to be replaced. He was not interested in supervising the DPW when asked by council.

Audience Comments were taken

Meeting adjourned at: 8:18 PM

Debbie Wishart, Clerk

Michael Price, President