

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
April 2, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Getz, Don Turney, Milt Sluder, Ed Rath, Steve Jasper, Larry Nye, Mona Himmelein, Clerk Boehm and Treasurer Hammond

Guests Present: Rick Ast, Dan Nitz, David Ott

Council Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Getz. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. Audience Comments – none
- II. Reports
 - A. Village Engineer - none
 - B. Economic Development - none
 - C. Committees
 - 1. Park – The last of the old plaques are off all the benches. When it gets warmer we will go down and install the new plaques.
 - 2. Finance – Final year end amendments – Clerk Boehm presented the amendments as prepared by Treasurer Hammond. A motion was made by Trustee Jasper, seconded by Trustee Sluder to approve the year end amendments as presented. All ayes motion carried.
 - D. Planning Commission – did not have a quorum at the March meeting. No report.
 - E. DDA – no report
- III. Unfinished Business
- IV. New Business
 - A. Service Contracts – We have three contracts to approve. First is the Fire Department for the use of the Industrial Park. This year we have a new situation with most of the lots being sold. We normally rent the park out to the FD for parking, however we no longer own most of it.

Clerk Boehm stated she would reach out to the owners of the lots and ask them how they feel about allowing the FD to use their lots again this year. The contract will be tabled until next month after we hear back from the property owners.

 - a. Next is the service contract for BABA for the Party on the Pavers. A motion was made by Trustee Himmelein to approve the \$1,000 sponsorship, seconded by Trustee Nye. All ayes, motion carried.
 - b. Last is the contract for the Miss Baroda Blossomtime Committee for \$400.00. A motion was made by Trustee Himmelein, supported by Trustee Jasper to approve the sponsorship. All ayes, motion carried.
 - B. Resolution for Chill Hill LL – President Getz presented a request for a resolution for a small wine makers liquor license. A motion was made by Trustee Nye, seconded by Trustee Sluder to approve the resolution for the small wine maker’s liquor license. A roll call vote was taken:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bob Getz	X		
Mona Himmelein	X		
Steve Jasper	X		
Larry Nye	X		
Ed Rath	X		
Milt Sluder	X		
Don Turney	X		

Motion Carried.

- C. Amendment to Compensation of Officers Ordinance – Trustee Turney presented an amendment to the compensation of Officers Ordinance. The Personnel Committee met to discuss several issues. One of which was the President’s wages. He currently receives \$6,000/year. Since Mr. Getz has retired, he has been putting in quite a few hours weekly and the committee feels it is more than fair to increase his wages to match that of the Treasurer’s wages. It is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to increase his wages to \$16,000 annually. A motion was made by Trustee Turney to pass the amendment. A second was made by Trustee Himmelein. A roll call vote was taken:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bob Getz	X		
Mona Himmelein	X		
Steve Jasper	X		
Larry Nye	X		
Ed Rath	X		
Milt Sluder	X		
Don Turney	X		

Motion Carried.

- D. Treasurer resignation – President Getz read the resignation from Treasurer Hammond that was submitted on March 15, 2018. She gave a two-week notice. A motion was made by Trustee Turney, seconded by Trustee Jasper to accept her letter of resignation. All ayes, motion carried.
- E. DPW Supervisor wage increase – Trustee Turney stated that Tony Cochran was offered a position with a neighboring committee as Water Superintendent. He brought it to President Getz who relayed that to the Personnel Committee. In order to retain his employment with the Village, we would need to increase his wage. He presented his request to which the Village countered and met his price half way. He accepted the rate of \$22.11/hr. In exchange he agreed to sign the two-year contract for tuition reimbursement. A motion was made by Trustee Jasper, seconded by Trustee Rath to approve his wage increase. A roll call vote was taken:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bob Getz	X		
Mona Himmelein	X		

Steve Jasper	X
Larry Nye	X
Ed Rath	X
Milt Sluder	X
Don Turney	X

Motion Carried.

- F. Offering Jim Oleson Treasurer Position – The Personnel Committee met with Jim Oleson, the only qualified candidate that submitted his resume for the position of treasurer. They felt he was very qualified and also has experience in auditing. They would like to recommend the Council accept a proposal to hire him for \$16.00/hr. He is available to start immediately. A motion was made by Trustee Jasper, seconded by Trustee Turney to hire Jim Oleson as the Treasurer. A roll call vote was taken:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Bob Getz	X		
Mona Himmelein	X		
Steve Jasper	X		
Larry Nye	X		
Ed Rath	X		
Milt Sluder	X		
Don Turney	X		

Motion Carried.

- G. Chain Saw, Leaf Blower, Tree Trimmer – DPW Supervisor Cochran stated that they are in great need of a new chain saw and blower. He has been using his personal equipment. He submitted three quotes to the Council.

Also, Roger Zilke also had said he would be happy to continue to trim the trees on First Street but needs a power tree trimmer that extends as they are getting too tall to trim. Trustee Nye presented two options. One of them extends 7 ft., the other 11 ft. and comes with a 2-year warranty. A motion was made by Trustee Nye, seconded by Trustee Jasper to purchase the 11 ft pole saw for \$649.95. All ayes, motion carried.

- a. Clerk Boehm stated that DPW Supervisor Cochran had asked if the Council could approve up to \$1,000 for the chain saw and leaf blower and let him decide which brand and which store to get them from. The Council stated they would like him to buy from either Hollywood Small Engine or Mid-County Lawn and Garden. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Turney, seconded by Trustee Jasper. All ayes, motion carried.

- H. Water Asset Management Plan & Level of Service Statement – Clerk Boehm presented a water asset management plan and level of service statement that DPW Cochran and John Holland from MRWA worked on. This was a requirement from the DEQ that needed to be completed and is behind schedule. It needs to be adopted by the Council. After much discussion, the Council asked if John would be willing to come to the Council meeting next month to go over it with us. Clerk Boehm will contact him.

- I. 5k run/walk – Clerk Boehm met with a representative from SWM Racers to discuss having a 5k run/walk on the day of Party on the Pavers on July 28th. There is a nonprofit that is looking to hold an event, the Foster Closet of Michigan which just

- opened a new chapter in Galien. The race coordinator handles everything associated with it, they just need a location and an event. Clerk Boehm would like the ok from the Council to allow the race to be held that Saturday morning from 9-10 a.m. Some streets may be closed if need be, otherwise they will just have police presence and volunteers helping to stop traffic temporarily. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Himmelein, seconded by Trustee Nye to allow Clerk Boehm to move forward with coordinating the run. All ayes, motion carried.
- V. Consent Agenda - Motion by Trustee Rath, seconded by Trustee Jasper, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. No nays, motion carried.
 - A. Council Minutes – March 5, 2018
 - B. Treasurer’s Report
 - C. Paying of Bills and Transfers – \$4,471.38
 - D. Correspondence
 - VI. Council Comments
 - A. President Comments – President Getz thanked the Council for the increase in pay. He also stated that we will be getting an additional \$6,791.28 from the State to help with the streets.
 - B. Council Member’s Comments – Clerk Boehm stated that the new treasurer will start Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Recorded by:

Tina Boehm
Village Clerk