

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building/Zoom Meeting
April 5, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Nye, Michael Price, Jodi Mattner, Leonard Krone, Toni Gaul, Katie Strefling, Clerk Martin

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Christina Price, Doreen Schultz, Jeff Gaul, Luke Rogers, Karlee Forker, Rachel & Wade Plank, Michael Denton, Ric Hoffman

Council Meeting called to order at 6:28 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Nye

- I. Reports
 - A. Village Engineer
 - B. Economic Development
 - C. Committees
 1. Park
 2. Finance
 - D. Planning Commission
 - E. DDA
- II. New Business - Clerk Martin introduced Mike Denton as new clerk and Rachel Plank as new treasurer; today was their first day of employment with the Village.
 - A. Park Rental - President Pro-Tem Nye opened discussion of raising the park rental rates. Rates have not changed for many years. After some discussion, a motion to increase rates was made by Trustee Strefling, supported by Trustee Mattner. The increases are as follows: From \$25 to \$50 for village residents, \$50 to \$75 for township residents; and groups of 50 or more, will increase from \$75 to \$100.

Next, the key deposit as discussed. A motion was made by Trustee Strefling and supported by Trustee Gaul, to increase the key deposit from \$20 to \$50; This will offset the cost of a key to be replaced, if necessary. Renters also have the option of donating the key deposit to the park fund. All ayes, motion carries.
 - B. Music in Park – Clerk Martin was inquiring if we wanted to restart Music In The Park this year. She stated that the event is a Council-sponsored event and it is necessary for two council members to be at every concert. The concerts are the 4th Sunday of June, July and August. After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Mattner and Supported by Trustee Krone to hold the event this year. All ayes, motion carries.
 - C. Hanging Baskets – Clerk Martin stated that she requested and received a donation from BABA \$400 for the hanging baskets. She has contacted Barbott’s Farms and Greenhouse and ordered the baskets. They will be ready to be put up by Memorial Day weekend. DPW Supervisor Hoffman will be dealing with Barbotts.
 - D. MDOT Resolution - President Pro-Tem Nye presented a resolution to have Menser Drive added to our Local Streets so we can start receiving Act 51 dollars. He filed

a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-2022 #2, Resolution For Street Add Certification; motion supported by Trustee Mattner. All ayes, motion carries.

- E. Park Cameras - President Pro-Tem Nye presented the existing estimate for updating the camera system in park. We have had many issues with the current system and we would like to have someone else install the new system. Mike Strudis from Nine to Five computers submitted a verbal estimate and match the quote from the original installer. Trustee Gaul asked about recommendations for customers of Nine To Five. A new camera system was put in the budget last year. Trustee Strefling filed a motion to move forward with Nine To Five Computers doing the install, and trustee Gaul supported. All ayes motion carries
 - F. Loader Repair – The CAT loader needs major repair work. The estimate received from Michigan CAT from last year was presented. Trustee Krone wants to inspect and look at repairing loader before moving ahead with this. He stated he can get it fixed for a lot less. Trustee Krone was given one month to get the loader repaired. President Pro-Tem Nye agreed to give him until next month. If it is not taken care of by then, DPW Supervisor Hoffman will go ahead with Michigan CAT. It has been over a year since we started the discussion.
 - G. Baroda Township – President Pro-Tem Nye presented a Service Agreement from the Township for sharing our Comcast internet service. A motion was made by Trustee Strefling, supported by Trustee Krone to approve the agreement as presented. All ayes, motion carries.
 - H. Equipment Rental Agreement – An indemnification agreement was presented by Baroda Township for use of our equipment during the time that DPW Supervisor Hoffman will be out for medical leave. Hoffman will train the two maintenance employees of the Township on how to operate the loader for digging graves. This will cover any liability and/or damage to equipment, property or employee and be sure the Village is protected. Motion filled by Trustee Strefling and supported by Trustee Mattner. All ayes, motion carries.
 - I. Appoint President Pro Tem – The Council is in charge of appointing a President Pro-Tem every year. After much discussion and agreement by Larry Nye, the Council appointed Larry Nye as President Pro-Tem. The village will still actively look for a new President.

Clerk Martin then asked about some sort of additional compensation for Trustee Nye to act as Interim President. After much discussion, it was decided a pay rate of \$350 per month would be acceptable. He will get paid along with regular payroll on a bi-weekly basis. Trustee Strefling made a motion, supported by Trustee Mattner. All ayes, motion carries.
- III. Consent Agenda – Clerk Martin noted a couple of corrections to the consent agenda, the corrections will be made and updated. Trustee Krone made a motion to approve the consent agenda, supported by Trustee Strefling. All ayes, motion carries.
- A. Council Minutes – April 1, 2021
 - B. Treasurer’s Report
 - C. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$5067.82
 - D. Correspondence
- IV. Council Comments
- A. President Comments

- B. Council Member's Comments - Trustee Strefling asked about any grants available for ADA Compliant playground equipment. Trustee Gaul Stated the Baroda Lions club would consider a donation towards new park equipment. Clerk Martin stated she has resources for grant opportunities.
 - a. Trustee Gaul stated concern about potholes on Church Street. DPW Supervisor Hoffman stated he will be taking care of this week.
 - b. Trustee Krone asked about fixing the end of Church Street, by Tigmaster. Clerk Martin stated it is in the budget to be done and we have an estimate from Kalin Construction. He also stated he is concerned about the trees and grates on First Street.
- V. Audience Comments – Doreen Shultz had questions about the President's position.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Denton, Clerk