

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
August 7, 2017
6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Milt Sluder

Guests Present: Rick Ast, Leonard Krone, Brad Mattner, Jodi Mattner, Jacob Mattner, Joshua Mattner, Krystin Buist, Walt Hodge, Caroll Brinkley, Judy Hayes, Pat Mattner, Ken Mattner, Anthony Cochran, Doreen Schultz, Jerry Leash, John Zelvis, Neal Zech

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

- I. Audience Comments – President Getz presented certificates to the Eagle Scouts, Joshua and Jacob Mattner, for their project (volunteer) work done at the Baroda Village Park. They removed all of the cedar siding on the pavilion and painted it, made five handicap picnic tables, and installed new mulch around the gazebo and trees.

- President Getz also introduced our new DPW worker, Neal Zech. He will begin working on Wednesday, October 16th.

- II. Reports

- A. Village Engineer - none
- B. Economic Development - none
- C. Committees

1. Park – Larry stated the new plaques are finished and donated by Tigmaster. Waiting for price for tennis court repair from Arnt Asphalt. We will also be putting up a plaque for the eagle scouts (Brad Mattner is making one for the pavilion). Larry will spray weeds/get weed kill by gazebo. He would also like to power wash the rest of the benches.
2. Finance – Treasurer Hammond presented the 2018-19 tax agreement with Berrien County. We do not know what the rate increase will be yet, but believes it may be about 1.009% increase. A motion was made by Trustee Rath, supported by Trustee Jasper to have Treasurer Hammond sign the tax agreement. All ayes, motion carried.

- D. Planning Commission – President Getz introduced John Zelvis to the Council. John is a realtor and also a new resident to the Village. President Getz then appointed John Zelvis to the planning commission.

- E. DDA – None

- III. New Business

- A. Lagoons and Equipment (Tony Cochran)- Lagoon numbers still high but improving. Equipment – The grass hopper mower needs to be replaced. It has approx. 2600 hours on it, leaks every fluid, always need to change parts. DPW Cochran got quote from HFS Tractor for \$14,363.00 for a new one. He would like to keep the front mount deck and there are no other dealers in the area.

The trade in value for the old one will be between \$2000-\$2500. Clerk Boehm asked if he can get the warranty info. A motion was made by Trustee Nye, supported by Trustee Turney to support the resolution having Tony Cochran to purchase the grasshopper mower from HFS. Motion carried.

- B. SAW Update – There will be a meeting with the team from Wightman on Monday, August 28th at 10:00 a.m. to review the work that has been done. There will be a presentation at our September council meeting. Clerk Boehm stated that we did get our necessary computers and technology for the SAW grant work.
- C. Boys Basketball Fundraising - Lakeshore boys JV/Varsity would like to do the fundraising at the corner of Lemon Creek and First Street for 5 hours; 9am-1pm on Sept 9th. A motion was made by Trustee Turney, supported by Trustee Jasper to approve the team to approve the fundraiser. All ayes, motion carried.
- D. Park Cameras – The cameras have still not been replaced since the vandalism in the park last year. We also had approved an additional camera to be installed for more coverage. Clerk Boehm had spoken with The Tech and requested an estimate from them to do the wiring and installation themselves. He had given an approximation of \$300-\$1000.

We wanted to move the camera location from the pavilion to the power pole along the fence line by the playground. The second one will go by the basketball court. Clerk Boehm had asked him to go to the park to give us a firm price, but he had not been able to get there before our meeting.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Turney, supported by Trustee Himmelein to have Vinny the Tech do the wiring and installation of the cameras with a cap of \$1,000. All ayes, motion carried.

- E. Website estimates - Clerk Boehm presented three estimates for the new website design: Holt-Bosse at \$8,800, SSP at \$1,455, and Two Piers Interactive at \$5,696. After much discussion and preview of their work, the council decided they want Holt Bosse and Two Piers Interactive to come and present their ideas and answer questions Council may have at September's meeting. Clerk Boehm will contact them.

IV. Consent Agenda - Motion by Trustee Rath, seconded by Trustee Jasper, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

- A. Council Minutes – July 10, July 13, July 24, and July 31, 2017
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Paying of Bills and Transfers – (\$11,481.50)
- D. Correspondence

V. Council Comments

- A. President Comments – We have new residents moving in to the Village and the question came up about second meters for sprinkling and if we will apply the new O&M charge on those second meters. After some discussion, it was decided that we would continue to bill strictly for water usage on the sprinkler meters. A motion was made by Trustee Turney, supported by Trustee Jasper not to charge O&M on sprinkler meters. Motion carried.

- President Getz thanked the Eagle Scouts for their time and work, also thanked Clerk Boehm for being there to help organize everything. He also thanked her for organizing POP.
- We have updated the ordinance officer job description and will be posting it this week on Indeed.com.

- B. Council Member's Comments –Clerk Boehm gave an update on POP. It was a great turnout, she thanked Tony and Duane on all their help moving the barricades and being on hand in case things came up.
- Clerk Boehm also mention that Music in the Park is coming up August 27. Trustee Turney and President Getz both stated they will be there to help.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Recorded by:

Tina Boehm
Village Clerk