

Village of Baroda Council Meeting Minutes
Berrien County, Michigan
December 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Michael Price at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Price, President, Katie Zordell, Robert “Bob” Feickert, Julie Elliott, Steven Hillhouse and Nikki Andrews. John “Jack” Lewis was absent.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Gloria Payne, Clerk
Anthony Cochran, Department of Public Works (DPW)

AUDIENCE

Three visitors were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Doyen reported she reached out and received no answer as to when the drainage ditch on Hills Road is to be cleaned out.

APPROVAL/AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

It was moved by Michael Price, seconded by Katie Zordell to approve the agenda. Six ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

After reviewing the minutes and making changes, a motion was made by Robert “Bob” Feickert, seconded by Julie Elliott to approve the November 3, 2025, meeting minutes with amendments. Six ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Robert “Bob” Feickert seconded by Julie Elliott to approve the bills in the amount of \$44,514.06. Roll Call Vote: Six Yes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Motion by Julie Elliott seconded by Katie Zordell to approve payroll in the amount of \$17,668.29. Roll Call Vote: Six Yes, motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

In the absence of a Baroda Village Treasurer, Clerk Gloria Payne directed council members' attention to the Treasurer's report.

Clerk Report

Clerk Gloria Payne reported she is learning the method of operations, as Clerk of the Village of Baroda.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Report

Anthony Cochran reported that in his opinion, fix the issues with the backhoe and save money for a dump truck or a bucket truck.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pro Tem

President Price reported each year the President Pro Tem appointment is necessary. Robert “Bob” Fickert nominated Katie Zordell as the President Pro Tem. It was moved by Katie Zordell, seconded by Julie Elliott to appoint Katie Zordell as the Baroda Village President Pro Tem. Six ayes, motion carried.

Ravitron – Park Security Cameras

President Price directed council members attention to quotes from Ravitron for Phase I – Replace Existing Cameras and NVR in the amount of \$10,577.05 and Phase II – Add Light Poles and Cameras for Parking Lot in the amount of \$15,946.22. No action was taken. It was the consensus of the council members that more information is needed and to investigate a cheaper option.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Baroda Legion

President Michael Price directed council members attention to the letter sent by the Baroda Legion asking for manpower that is needed to run their “Christmas with Heros” event scheduled for December 6, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Need to begin work on 2026 Village of Baroda budget.

Personnel Committee

Nine applications have been received for Village of Baroda Treasurer. Interviews will be scheduled. Julie Elliott asked to be on the Committee to interview the prospective candidates.

Planning Commission

No meeting was held on November 18, 2025. The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2025. There are ordinance changes that might need to be considered.

Policy and Procedure Committee

None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Robert “Bob” Feickert reported he looked at the work that was done by Rose Concrete. He commented that it was awesome. He asked whether all concrete work had been completed. Both the bridge and Menser have been completed.

He further commented that the 10% increase in the sewer rates is not going to be enough. A thorough search of the sewer fund is needed to understand the financials.

The office hours and facsimile telephone number need to be updated on the Baroda Village website.

Julie Elliott would like to see a more detailed Treasurer's Report, the present report is vague. Possibly an Income Statement or Profit and Loss Statement. As well as a fund balance report. She concurred that an investigation of the Sewer account is in order.

Nikki Andrews thanked President Price for the pictures and inventory of Baroda Village's equipment. She also thanked the DPW for their report.

Katie Zordell – Thanked President Price for the pictures and inventory of Baroda Village's equipment.

Steven Hillhouse – None.

President Michael Price thanked the DPW workers for the snow plowing.


PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Doyen requested ordinances be adopted for culverts and ditches and their maintenance.

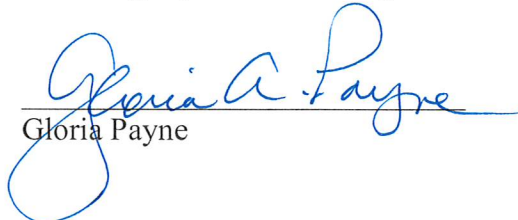
Doreen Schultz wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further comment and no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Michael Price



Gloria Payne