

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Workshop Agenda
Baroda Municipal Building
February 17, 2018
9:00 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Ed Rath, Mona Himmelein

Workshop Council Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

I. Roads

- Second St. – will cost an estimated \$100k
- Pheasant Run – will cost an estimated \$250k
- Sonoma Ct. – will cost an estimated \$250k
- Lemon Creek resurfacing - \$300k
- Alley - \$85k
- Church St. - \$850k

We need to make a plan as to which streets we can work on this year. After much discussion, it was decided that we will pursue options with the County for Sonoma Ct., Center St. and Second St. Milt will meet with someone and go through the projects with them.

We would like to get on a rotating maintenance schedule that would allow us to keep up on the streets better after we repair them so that we don't lose them all at once.

- II. Road Millage – It was discussed whether or not to put a millage on the ballot this year for road repairs. It was decided that the timing would not be good this year because of the school millage on the ballot, and also the township putting a millage on for a new fire department. We will revisit at the next election time.
- III. Park – bank improvements – will be about \$100k. The creek bank is eroding and needs to be repaired. We obviously do not have the funds for it. It was mentioned that we could call the County Drain Commission and ask if there is any assistance that they could provide. Clerk Boehm will contact them.
- IV. Intergovernmental agreement – David Wolf from the Township is still pursuing the intergovernmental agreement with the Village re: water hookups. After much discussion, it was decided that if they wanted to continue with it, they will do so themselves. The Village will no longer incur any expense for it.
- V. Backhoe – The City of Bridgman has their backhoe for sale. Tony contacted John Gast and they had the backhoe inspected and appraised. It appraised for \$22,679 and they would be willing to sell it between \$22-25k. After much discussion, it was agreed to make an offer of \$22,000. The Council will vote at the March council meeting.
- VI. Surcharge for Round Barn – We need to get some more water samples completed before we can have enough data to use to meet with Wightman to talk about a surcharge. Will review after we can get more samples.

- VII. Plowing at fire department/office – clearing of walkways – There have been multiple issues with the sidewalks not being clear for us to get to the door in the mornings. The Township doesn't clear them until 8:30 or so. There have been large icicles hanging down in front of the doorway, as well as ice on the sidewalks, making it very dangerous if anyone were to come in for Village business. We also discussed how much time it takes for our DPW guys to clear the fire department and our office building.

The original agreement was that the Township would take care of the summer yard maintenance and the Village would handle the winter maintenance. However, the summer maintenance has not been handled very well. The weeds are horrible, and all the Township does is mow once a week in the front yard, which takes minimal time.

It was agreed that we would draft an agreement to propose to the Township that we handle all of the yard and snow maintenance and bill the Township for it. Clerk Boehm will work with the DPW staff and Treasurer Hammond to get accurate costs to put in the agreement before presenting to Council.

- VIII. High Speed Internet – President Getz wanted to pass along that we will be having a meeting with the USDA to discuss the possibility of getting a grant/loan for the Industrial Park infrastructure. This would include broadband. The USDA stated there is a less expensive option for us. We can just install the conduit and when the cable company is ready to run fiber optic, it is ready for them.

Additional business: The township is obtaining estimates for a new roof. The one estimate they received was for a tin roof and it came in at \$43,000. We discussed that we should obtain another estimate for a tin roof as well as a shingle roof. Clerk Boehm will call Trustee Sluder's brother who does roofs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Recorded by:

Tina Boehm
Village Clerk