

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
January 3, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Michael Price, Leonard Krone, Kathryn Strefling, Jodi Mattner, and Jamie Hurst

Members Absent: Clerk Mike Denton

Guests Present: Mel Tollas, Dennis Krotzer, Doreen Schultz, Amy Covington, and Jack Lewis

Council Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Price

I. Reports

A. Village Engineer-

B. Economic Development

C. Committees-

1. Park- Dog park discussion under new business

2. Finance-Treasurer Hurst reported she is beginning to move funds over to United Federal Credit Union

3. Clerks Info- Clerk Denton wanted to report on Christmas in the Village but is absent.

D. Planning Commission-

II. New Business –

A. Lakeshore Schools Welding Class – Mike Schmidt the Welding Instructor of lakeshore High School, along with several students brought a presentation to the council for sculptures to be displayed in Baroda. The students would like to complete a total of 4 projects in a 2-year period, the first project would be a Baroda Bull dog to represent the old school, and second a Micrometer to represent the tool and die sector of Baroda. The students also displayed other options and will bring back two other ideas for next year. Mike Schmidt also commented that he will reach out to local businesses for donations to help costs. Motion made by Trustee Strefling to begin the work on those projects, and Trustee Mattner second all ayes motion carries

- B. Toni Gaul Resignation Letter – Toni Gaul submitted a letter of Resignation December 23, 2021. A motion made by Trustee Mattner to except Toni Gauls resignation and supported by Trustee Strefling, all ayes motion carries.
- C. Dog Park – There was discussion and concerns around town about the dog park closing in winter, and an issue of doggie waste bags laying on the ground near the gate. There was a discussion to leave the dog park open and reevaluate the situation if any issues continue. Also, discussion of a sign to clean up after your pet. Trustee Mattner made the motion and second by Trustee Strefling all ayes motion carries.
- D. Meeting Dates- A list of meeting dates for 2022 presented with the decision to move any meetings that fall on a holiday to the next Tuesday. A motion made by Trustee Strefling, supported by Trustee Mattner to approve the 2022 meeting dates. All ayes motion carries.
- E. Sewer and Water rate increase resolutions- Clerk Denton and President Pro-Tem Price worked with the village attorney to follow the proper procedure for an increase in water and sewer rates that passed a vote in December meeting. Two resolutions found discuss, one for the increase in sewer rate, and the other to amend ordinance 191 3-13-2017 rates and charges for water services. Trustee Strefling made a motion to approve the resolution to increase water rates. Supported by Pres Pro-Tem Price. A Roll call vote taken all yes votes motion carries. Trustee Mattner made a motion to approve the resolution to increase the sewer rates and supported by Trustee Strefling. A roll call vote held with all yes votes motion carries.
- F. Sewer Reimbursement- There was a lower sewer lateral on Cornelia Dr that had a broken fitting allowing tree roots to block the drain. The Homeowner called City plumbing on December 23 to clean or clear out his sewer system, during the process the plumbers found the blockage was located under the street in a lower sewer lateral. The homeowner is requesting the village to help with the bill. After some discussion, the village will contact the owner to see if he would split the bill from City plumbing and discuss it further at the next meeting.
- G. Interviews for Trustee positions- Mel Tollas interviewed first, after a discussion with the applicant Trustee Krone mad a motion for the council to Appoint Mel Tollas to fill a vacant seat on the council. The motion supported by Trustee Strefling, a roll call vote was taken all yes motion carries. The second interview was Jack Lewis and after a discussion a motion made by Trustee Mattner to fill a second vacant seat and supported by Trustee Strefling. A roll call vote was all yes motion carries.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Council Minutes – December 6th Minutes approved after correction.
- B. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Hurst presented a budget she has been working on. The discussion is to review the budget and have a budget meeting later.
- C. Paying of Bills and Transfers -
- D. Correspondence- President Pro-Tem Price made a motion to approve the consent agenda, supported by Trustee Strefling. All ayes motion carries.

IV. Council Comments.

- A. President Comments- President Pro Tem Price stated there is a virtual MML class he would like to take. After a discussion it was decided to allow any of the council to take the class including the two new members. A motion made by Trustee Strefling and supported by Trustee Krone to approve the training classes. All ayes motion carries.

- B. Council Member’s Comments – Trustee Krone informed the Council on multiple sewer issues we had and are continuing to have with one of the lift stations. Trustee Krone will contact other companies to try and help narrow down what they think may be the issues. Trustee Krone also is still looking into the main water meter replacement and talking to other municipalities close in the area to see about using the same equipment to help each other if needed. Trustee Krone feels Christmas in the Village doesn’t need to be hosted by the village any longer. A motion made by Trustee Mattner to approve a purchase up to \$6,000.00 for a new meter and supported by Trustee Krone. The muskrats at the ponds have been removed and damages will be assessed. Trustee Strefling asked if the Ordinance officer has been in contact with the village, and if the broken park equipment has been removed including the concrete pad. Trustee Mattner states her village email is having issues and may need the village computer I T to look at and see if there is an issue, while the new Trustees email is set up.

V. Audience Comments – Doreen Schultz suggested the village ask for donations to pay for new playground equipment for the park

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Price (President Pro-Tem)
Copied and revised by
Mike Denton (Village Clerk)

