

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

Members Present: Michael Price, Leonard Krone, Kathryn Strefling, Jodi Mattner, Jack Lewis, Mel Tollas, and Clerk Denton

Members Absent: Treasurer Hurst

Guests Present: Doreen Shults, Jeff Gaul, Chelsie Nitz, Christina Price, Tim Noonan, Rob Feickert, and Baroda Queens/Court.

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

I. Reports

- A. Ms. Baroda and Court- Krystal Wolf brought the Queen and court in to be introduced and give a rundown of this year's goals and events. The Girls did request Saturday July 30th 11am to 3pm as a fund raiser day in Baroda and discussed a need for their float to be stored for future events if any person is interested in helping. Business cards were left at the village, Trustee Mattner filed a motion to allow the Baroda Queens to fund raise Saturday July 30th, and Trustee Strefling second with a roll call vote all ayes motion carries. The Queens were also told they will need to wear a protective vest for safety.
- B. Economic Development- No Report
- C. Committees-
 - 1. Park- The Council had a discussion over park toys and if the older spring toys should be replaced with up-to-date current alternative park toys. After some discussion between council members the best answer is to fix the broken parts, repaint, and remount the older spring toys. Clerk Denton will investigate costs of woodchips or a base option that is public park approved. The council would like to have some options in a few new toys as well. A topic of park grants was raised, and Trustee Tollas answered a few questions on what she had been looking into. A park committee is the next option to start a process to apply for grants.
 - 2. Finance- Kruggel Lawton Audit Firm-President Price reported that Kruggel Lawton has talked to the village to become the new Audit Firm for next 3 years and charge by the audit not by hours worked. A motion made by Trustee Tollas to hire Kruggel Lawton, and second by Trustee Lewis. A roll call votes all ayes motion carries.
 - 3. Clerks Info- Clerk Denton wanted a discussion for volunteers to help pick up the field July 4th the morning after fireworks. The Village and Township used the county cleanup crew from the jail years past, and this year Covid is still causing the county to have no work crews. After some discussion we will see what volunteers, we can get and the start time of cleanup is between 9 and 10 am.

D. Planning Commission- A Firework permit application was presented and reviewed by the Planning Commission for use in planning for the fireworks. The village council needs to review the application and decide on any fees or changes that may need to be amended. There was discussion of the changes happening for the Fireworks this year and what needs to happen by next year. The Village permit is to cover the event on the village side for legalities and to follow the Village ordinances. This paperwork is not to stop or slow any progress to the Fireworks or Committee in charge. The Village permit is for the Firework company launching them off and their insurances to protect the Village on liabilities. The Planning Commission also recommends the Village update their fee schedules for future permits done thru council conversation and voting. The Planning Commission also recommends the Village may want to look over the mass gathering ordinance and look at amending the way it is written.

II. New Business –

- A. American Legion Event Packet- The Legion filled out one of the Villages new Special Event Application. April and the Legion are planning a street dance and would like to close First Street for an event of all ages. The road would close 1 pm and reopened by 1 am after the event. There was conversation of concrete barriers to close the road the village will move into place; Trustee Strefling filed a motion to allow the closure if all the paperwork from the state is current and insurances are current. Trustee Tollas second the motion, President Price abstained from voting on legion topic. A vote of all ayes except President Price motion carries.
- B. Industrial Lot for Sale – Tim Noonan owner of Mead and White Electric from Bridgman joined us to discuss buying the last parcel from the Village in the Industrial Park. Tim presented a couple of ideas for the property and discussed options available in a build to suite mentality for the Village. Tim presented a written offer to the Village for the parcel and is willing to listen and see what the opinions are. Trustee Krone opinion is a building needs to be proposed and started within 2 years to show a positive move in the industrial park. There was a discussion on options and Trustee Tollas made a motion to accept Tim Noonan offer to buy the Parcel of land after Clerk Denton has legal approval. Trustee Strefling second the motion. A roll call vote five ayes and one no by President Price Motion carries.
- C. Plumbing/Mechanical inspector- Clerk Denton was informed that the Village was on a part time status with the State of Michigan for a Plumbing and Mechanical inspector. After some research Clerk Denton talked with Ken Jewell an Inspector from Benton Harbor willing to take on the village role. After little

discussion Trustee Mattner made a motion to hire Ken Jewell, and Trustee Krone second the motion. A roll call votes all ayes motion carries.

- D. Music in the park- Clerk Denton looking for volunteers for the music in the park a discussion of bands and needs of the volunteers. B.A.B.A. sent the village a letter read aloud by Trustee Tollas on a donation of \$600 to help one event of the three with special request at the concert. Trustee Mattner made a motion to except BABA donation and Trustee Tollas second the motion a roll call votes all ayes motion carries.
- E. CWX Carvings on July 3rd Fireworks- Chadwick Walden owner of CWX carvings would like to carve some wood statues during the Fireworks. The council had a discussion if this would work out and where he could set up. Council at this point does not feel a vote is necessary as this will not work on Firework night.
- F. Flower Planters in Town- The Village of Baroda council feels the steel grates where the trees were planted will do for this year and beginning of spring Trustee Krone will see how the roots are rotting under the grates for further options next spring.

III. Consent Agenda- A motion made by Trustee Mattner, and second by Trustee Strefling to approve the consent agenda. A roll call vote followed with all ayes motion carries.

- A. Council Minutes – May 2022
- B. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$38415.13
- C. Correspondence-

IV. Council Comments

- A. President Comments- Doreen Shults did a wonderful job planting flowers in the Village. The Clerk and Treasurer are due for their year review, and the council had a discussion of raises and budget timing. Doreen feels Trustee Strefling has a conflict of interest with Clerk Denton being her ex-husband so she will not be a part of Clerk Denton review.
- B. Council Member's Comments – Trustee Krone wants fourth street homeowner who planted trees on road write away notified to remove or move away from the road. Trustee Strefling wants playground equipment power washed and Ott building has a dead bird in the window. Trustee Tollas would like to take proper president training for learning purposes. Trustee Mattner made a motion and Trustee Lewis second to allow Trustee Tollas to take the course a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.

- V. Audience Comments -Doreen Shults asked where Clerk Denton would set up food trucks for the third of July next to the maintenance garage. There was discussion of food trucks in the village also Clerk Denton will investigate it.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Denton

Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.