

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
March 6, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Michael Price, Kathryn Strefling, Mel Tollas, Jack Lewis, Bob Feickert and Clerk Denton

Members Absent: Jodi Mattner

Guests Present: Carol Jakubs, Jen Stryzkowski, Donnie Johnson II, Kelly Clark, Teri Freeling, Christina Price, and Nikki Andrews

Council Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Price, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

I. New Business

- A. James McGovern- The Village Lawyer James McGovern attending the meeting to educate the council and introduce James “Grant” Semonin, a new lawyer to Michigan who will be handling some of the Villages legal issues. James McGovern explained the workings of the village and lawyer communication.
- B. Treasurer Covington Resignation letter- Treasurer Covington read her resignation letter to the council. Trustee Strefling asked if Treasurer Covington would be willing to stay on as deputy Treasurer and help hire/train a new Treasurer. The hiring committee just did a 90-day review with the recommendation of a two dollar an hour raise. Trustee Feickert made a motion to except the resignation letter and increase Treasurer Covington wage as Deputy Treasurer to twenty an hour, Trustee Tollas seconded with a roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.
- C. Capcon Conference- Training for President Price to attend. Trustee Strefling made a motion for President Price to attend the training, supported by President Price. A roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.
- D. Michigan Gas Utilities Updated Contract-A Motion made by Trustee Strefling to except the new contract by Michigan gas, supported by Trustee Lewis a roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.
- E. Baroda Village Closed Days/Office Hours 2023- A motion made by Trustee Tollas to except the new office hours/days closed and supported by Trustee Lewis. A roll call votes all ayes motion carries.
- F. Water Rate Increase- Lake Township raised their bill 5 percent last year and 5 percent this year. Clerk Denton asked to raise 10 percent on water to catch up with the township. Trustee Strefling filed a motion to increase the water billing Ten percent to match the raise, and Trustee Tollas second the motion. A roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.
- G. Merrs Retirement Packages- A resolution will be typed up for future meeting for the village match and package choices for retirement and insurance.

H. Scott Part Time (Township Employee) After discussion the council does not support hiring another part time employee.

II. Reports

A. Treasurer Update

1. Budget Amendments-Trustee Strefling filed a motion to amend the Baroda Village 2023-2024 budget, supported by Trustee Tollas, a roll call vote of all ayes motion carries.
2. New Bank Cards are set up, Clerk Denton cancelled old Credit Card with help from Grandville Nye the original signer of account.

B. Committees-

1. Park-Trustee Strefling asked to investigate ordering park equipment of some sort to update the park.
2. Finance-
3. Clerks Info- Clerk Denton put together a cost for training in a packet. Trustee Feickert made a motion to authorize Clerk Denton to attend his training with the expenses outlined, supported by Trustee Lewis. A roll call votes all ayes motion carries.

C. Planning Commission-

1. 1643 Lemon Creek Nikki Andrews Dog Grooming- Trustee Tollas made a Motion to accept Nikki Andrews Dog Grooming Special use permit with all Requirements met, supported by President Price a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.
2. Approve Donna Ryan on P.C. Council- President Price made a motion to put Donna Ryan on the Planning Commission, Supported by Trustee Tollas. A roll Call vote motion carries.
3. Review Master plan Pathway- Trustee Tollas made a motion to go with option 4 And separate the master plan, and do a joint park plan if the same company is used and if not the same company option 5 and separate both plans from the township. Seconded by Trustee Strefling a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.

III. Consent Agenda- President Price made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the amendments supported by Trustee Strefling. A roll call votes all ayes motion carries.

- A. Council Minutes – February 6, 2023
 - B. Paying of Bills and Transfers -29,704.38
 - C. Correspondence-
- IV. Comments
- A. President Comments-
 - B. Council Member’s Comments- Questions and answers from council
 - C. Audience Comments-

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mike Denton