

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building
May 2, 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: Carol Jakubs, Greta E Hurst, Christine Price, Teri Freehling, Doreen Schults, Amy Covington, and William Wood.

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

I. Reports

- A. Treasurers Report- Clerk Denton reported on the funds from the O and M operating costs in the bank from a direct question asked by William Wood at last meeting.
- B. Economic Development- Clerk Denton reported the USDA reports show the Village is now current with audit information and all reports are done. The USDA is satisfied for submitting all late and current reports that were tied to the grant received for the Industrial Park.
- C. Committees-
 1. Park- Trustee Strefling asked for dirt to be added under the swings, Clerk Denton wanted to see any other ideas, such as wood chips or pea gravel. Trustee Krone ok with adding more dirt save costs was the council idea. Doreen Shultz also volunteered to plant flowers on her expense at the Flagpole, and planter next to Nye's after much discussion the village will not use perennials in the drainage off 3rd St.
 2. Finance- Clerk Denton discussed ideas on making the village some extra money without being too intrusive. Miss Dig will pay to paint their logo on the water tower and pay a monthly premium to the Village. Also looking at renting spots to food trucks in front of the Village maintenance Garage. Clerk Denton will investigate the legalities of both ideas.
 3. Clerks Info- Clerk Denton wanted a discussion on Music in the Park and if the Village was still considering on keeping this event. The council feels its good to have for the residents and Clerk Denton will order more signs and advertise the bands. There was a discussion on costs of the signs and booking of the bands. A \$600 dollar cap on bands, and order a few more signs was the discussion. Trustee Mattner filed a motion to cap the bands, and second by Trustee Strefling. All ayes motion carries.
- 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. The Village of Baroda Planning commission recommends a

fee schedule set up to make easier for future events. 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 the Village ordinances. This paperwork is not to stop or slow any progress to the Firework or Committee in charge. The Village permit mainly for use for the Firework company launching them off and their insurances to cover 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. Firework Permit Application/Permit Application fee – The Council had discussion of what the fee needs to be for the paperwork, and that the packet is a larger permit use for the Village. Trustee Mattner made a motion to accept the Firework application as presented by the planning commission, and Trustee Tollas second motion carries. After a lite discussion of fees Trustee Mattner made a motion to accept the 200-dollar fee for 2022 with chance to review fee within the next few years, second by Trustee Tollas. The Council had a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.
- B. Tennis/Basketball courts Maintenance – Clerk Denton presented an updated quote from Arnt to resurface the Basketball courts, crack seal Tennis courts, and paint all new lines on the parking lot. The quote added painting the parking lot line Trustee Strefling filed a motion to accept the extra work on the quote, and Trustee Tollas second the motion. Council had a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.
- C. M-Dot Resolution- Clerk Denton needs board approval for Wightman to go further into the Bid process for the Lemon creek/Stevensville-Baroda Road. The project needs bidding to see if we are within the guidelines of money for the scope of the project. Trustee Mattner made a motion to allow MDOT to start the biding process and Trustee Strefling second the motion. Council had a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.
- D. Lemon Creek 8” water meter replacement- The village 8” water meter on the main line needs replaced and Trustee Krone has presented a meter he feels will work the best. Lake Township, and the State of Michigan want the meter replaced as soon as possible. Trustee Krone did report the cost is only the meter as of now and costs of installing are still looming. Wightman was looking into building a new pit and installing all new equipment and the cost would be over \$20,000 to finish. Trustee Mattner made a motion to order the meter from Metron Farnier and add a \$6,000

dollar cap on installation. President-Pro Tem Price second the motion. Council had a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.

- E. BABA/Village streetscape idea- Trustee Tollas and BABA presented Three ideas for flower planters on main street to replace the cut down tree location. The ideas range from trees in 4 pots to different Grasses, Flowers, and or ornamentals. The costs range in plaque and size of planters. The costs can be off set by donation from businesses and BABA is willing to reach out and see if local businesses are willing to donate for a plaque to pay for all the planter costs. The village would need to water and keep the plants/flowers for the businesses. After much discussion of options presented and costs the council decided to pick one choice to start with Trustee Tollas filed a motion to look more into planter number 1 and approach businesses, Trustee Lewis second it. Council had a roll call vote Trustee Krone no and the rest of council all ayes motion carries.
- F. Hach Chlorine water tester-The meter used to test chlorine levels in the water dept has broken, will not power up or work correctly. Trustee Strefling filed a motion to accept replacement of the chlorine monitor and Trustee Tollas second the motion. There was a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.
- G. Health/Dental insurance- Clerk Denton needs approval to renew Buursma agency to continue the Insurance for the village health insurance. Clerk Denton is adding the employees needed and removing who we need to on average hours work and position. Trustee Mattner filed a motion to accept renewal of Village health insurance, and Trustee Strefling second the motion. Council had a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.
- H. Vacant land Appraisal- Clerk Denton reported the vacant land left to sell in the Industrial Park has been appraised as vacant land not industrial. The appraisal was done just to help figure out costs and land value to sell the lot. There was discussion of the land cut and gas line ran in middle of the property. Selling of the property is the discussion moving forward with ideas from the council on what we have for options. The council will table the discussion till next meeting on selling the property.
- I. Lemon Creek LS Pumps 3 Quotes- The council at last meeting only had one quote to replace the pumps at the lemon creek lift station. Clerk Denton found two more quotes to show Kelko enterprise was the best price and discuss ordering options. Trustee Tollas filed a motion to accept the bid from Kelko to replace the Village pumps, and Trustee Lewis second the motion. Council had a roll call vote all ayes motion carries.

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

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B. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$45,085.21

a. Correspondence- Seventh Day Adventist Church sent the village a letter saying they will be going to residents' home to discuss their religion.

IV. Council Comments

A. President Comments- President Pro Tem Price volunteered to become President of the Village until November election. A roll call vote of all ayes motion carries. Trustee Tollas was appointed the Village Pro Tem right after the vote and Trustee Mattner filed the motion to accept and second by Trustee Krone.

B. Council Member's Comments – Trustee Tollas reported having updated information to take to the Legion on Home Time Heroes Banners and costs. Trustee Krone recommends getting Wightman involved in front of Patrones sidewalk. Trustee Mattner filed a motion to have Wightman involved, and Trustee Streffling second it. A roll call vote of all ayes motion carries. Trustee Mattner asked for one conversation during a meeting to help her on hearing all the discussion. Doreen Schultz is volunteering her time and money to plant flowers at the Flagpole in town and planter by Nyes garage.

V. Audience Comments -None

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Denton

Meeting adjourned 9:25 p.m.