

VILLAGE OF BARODA
Council Meeting Minutes
Baroda Municipal Building/Zoom Meeting
May 3, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Nye, Michael Price, Jodi Mattner, Leonard Krone, Toni Gaul, Katie Strefling, and Clerk Denton

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Christina Price, Doreen Schultz, Jeff Gaul, Ric Hoffman, Dan (Portia) Nitz, Audra Johnson, Mike Wood

Council Meeting called to order at 6:28 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Nye

- I. Reports
 - A. Village Engineer
 - B. Economic Development
 - C. Committees
 1. Park- The Basketball Backboards are bent, and damaged. Council Ok Replacement under park repairs clerk Denton is looking into new equipment.
 2. Finance
 - D. Planning Commission
 - E. DDA
- II. New Business –
 - A. Duane Miller - New Enforcement officer of the village. Introduced by Trustee Strefling, Duane brings many years' experience from the Berrien County Sheriffs department as an officer and Official. Duane replaced Bill Tucker former Officer, Trustee Gaul was asking about a case from previous enforcement, Clerk Denton stated he will investigate past cases. Duane will be in contact with Clerk Denton to set up a new system moving forward as the Village of Baroda Officer.
 - B. Jamie Hurst – The Hiring committee consist of Trustee's Strefling, Mattner, and Krone. Tonight, they introduced Jamie Hurst as the best candidate for the new treasurer position. A motion was made by Trustee Strefling to hire Jamie as the Treasurer for 16 to 20 hours a week to work next to the Clerk Denton in day-to-day operations for the Village. Trustee Mattner second this motion, votes all ayes motion carries.
 - C. Chill Hill – Dan Nitz from Chill Hill, they are looking for approval for their location in Baroda. Chill Hill looking for permission to sell a variety of new products manufactured at their new Oronoko Township site. These products will be prepackaged and only for sale at chill hill location. Beer, Rum, Whiskey, Vodka, and Brandy. With a few premixed cocktails as well. Trustee Strefling filed

a motion to allow, and Trustee Krone second the idea. The vote is all ayes motion carries.

- D. EGLE - DPW Ric Hoffman brought to the Council information on EGLE cross connection program. The program consists of inspecting properties for certain back flow issues. In the past this was only done on specific properties, now moving forward all residential homes can be inspected. Ric showed the council a pamphlet that the city of Niles uses to inform owners of what will be inspected. This was for informative measures as of right now will be looking for additional information later.
- E. Road Repairs - President Pro-Tem Nye presented road repairs project, First street, Center street, and the Alley way. On First street the road will be ground down and repaved with 4in base to keep a good strong road for future. Center street will also be crushed and shaped with new and restored top. Alley way needs dip near Ott insurance repaired and repaved by storm drain, Also help any drainage. The project was already budgeted so Trustee Strefling filed the motion, and Trustee Gaul second this motion. The vote was all ayes motion carries.
- F. Park Cameras – The park system was an option between an 8 channel DVR and a 16-channel set up for future cameras. The council looked at both quotes for install. The decision to stay at an 8-camera system was determined for cost and dependability. Clerk Denton will research a cost for conduit and burial, with allotment of \$3500 on top of the camera quotes. Total install staying close to budget amount. Clerk Denton recommends a second meeting to measure and walk off entire install. The Council did two motions first filed by Trustee Strefling and second by Trustee Mattner to purchase the Camera system. Second motion filed for spending up to \$4000 on conduit and burial. Trustee Krone filed the motion and Trustee Price second. All ayes for cameras in the park.
- G. Park Playground Equipment – The park needs some new updated equipment, First and most important is a replacement slide for the tall metal one that was removed for safety reasons. The council wants to investigate some ADA equipment for kids in the village with special needs. Swings to playsets for wheelchaired youths, also keeping in mind every safety and fun. President Pro Tem Nye stated the budget is spent but the village can move some funds to create a better park. \$10000 will be put into a park fund. Trustee Strefling motion and Trustee Krone second support of research new equipment up to amount stated. All ayes motion carries.
- H. New Park Sign– The village at Baroda park sign was damaged beyond repair over winter. Roger Schermer owner of Woodcraft designed and made the Village a new sign. Costs were low and looks great from the road. Special thanks to Roger and to DPW Ric for job well done. Sign is cemented into planter and weather proofed for year-round.

- I. Caterpillar Repair – The Council wants more information on what needs to be repaired. Also, much discussion over costs in delivery fees. At this time, the Council will not file a motion to fix but will investigate other options to fix issues. This decision goes against recommended maintenance by Michigan Cat, they are the only Cat dealer in our area. We will keep informed as to the nature of fixes done and by who. Any major issues will be presented to the board
- J. Lakeshore Football Boosters- The Council was asked by Angie Dehaven (Lakeshore football Booster) if the players can fund raise at two locations in the village. The players will wear proper PPE, including a mask for covid and a Brightly colored safety vest. The players will be at crossroads of Lemoncreek and first street, Shawnee and Cleveland. Trustee Strefling filed a motion and Trustee Mattner second All ayes motion supported.
- K. Master Meter Failing on water system. DPW Ric showed concern of the village master meter being outdated and non-fixable. Ric will meet with couple different people to discuss proper procedure and replacement of any parts necessary to bring back to new. Clerk Denton will keep the council informed.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Council Minutes – April 1, 2021
- B. Treasurer’s Report
- C. Paying of Bills and Transfers - \$5067.82
- D. Correspondence

IV. Council Comments

- A. President Comments
- B. Council Member’s Comments - Trustee Strefling asked about any grants available for ADA Compliant playground equipment. Trustee Gaul Stated the Baroda Lions club would consider a donation towards new park equipment. Clerk Denton is researching into costs of equipment still.

V. Audience Comments – Council and Audience agree to take fine print off meeting notice, everyone is happy with a more positive and free standing meeting. Allowing more 2-sided conversation on topics between the council and general public

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mike Denton, Clerk